



The Spiritual Profile of Greater Anchorage

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Human occupation of the Cook Inlet area has been traced as far back as 3000 B.C.E. The Eskimo people that originally settled the area were displaced by the Athabaskan Dena'ina people before contact with Europeans first occurred in the 18th century. Although Russians were established in Southern Alaska by 1784, the English explorer Captain John Cook first described the Cook Inlet in 1778. The Russians never fully colonized Alaska. They settled along the coastline avoiding the vast interior. The United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867.

Located on the shoreline of the Cook Inlet in south-central Alaska, the municipality of Anchorage extends beyond its metropolitan area from Eklutna in the north to Portage in the south. Anchorage emerged from a "Tent City" that sprang up in 1915 at the mouth of Ship Creek soon after President Woodrow Wilson authorized funds to construct the Alaska Railroad. Highlights of the history of Anchorage may be found by consulting www.ci.anchorage.ak.us/History/history.html.

The 2003 estimated population of Anchorage is 270,000. This represents over 40% of the total population of the State of Alaska. According to the 2000 census, the population of Anchorage was 260,283. Of these, 72% were European Americans. Each of these other groups was 5% to 7% of the population: Alaskan Natives or American Indians, African Americans, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian. Less than 0.1% were Pacific Islanders. In addition, 2% identified themselves by some other race, and 6% identified themselves by two or more races.

Changes in the United States' immigration laws in 1965 had no impact on Alaska. At that point in time, Anchorage was recovering from an earthquake that struck on Good Friday, March 27, 1964 and measured 8.6 on the Richter scale. However, in 1971 after the Alaska Native Land Claims Act (ANLCA) authorized the construction of the trans-Alaskan pipeline, the oil industry changed the face of Alaska, including Anchorage. These changes included the religious landscape.

Construction jobs on the pipeline attracted a large number of "outsiders"; immigrants as well as transplants from the "Lower 48" came to the Last Frontier to work. Since the oil companies situated corporate headquarters in Anchorage, pipeline money enabled unprecedented development and fostered an explosion of economic and cultural growth. At the same time, ANLCA effected a notable resurgence among Alaskan Native peoples and has been recognized by some as having catalyzed a revitalization of the indigenous traditions.

This study profiles the current religious diversity in Anchorage. While the profiles are primarily from the municipal district, some are from other parts of the metropolitan area. This preliminary report is designed to identify what has been accomplished and will be followed with updates that seek to give more attention to outlying areas of the metropolis.

In some instances, this report extends even beyond metropolitan Anchorage. It includes profiles of all the Buddhist communities in Alaska and provides profiles of some religions in a few rural communities from different parts of the state. [1] At this point in time, the only Hindu and Islamic communities in Alaska are in Anchorage, and so this report is already a statewide summary of these religions. When future updates include profiles of Jewish communities outside the Anchorage area, this report will provide a complete picture of the major communities of non-Christian religions throughout Alaska.

B. Religion in Anchorage

Although Christianity, in all its diverse branches and denominations, is the predominant religion in Anchorage and throughout Alaska, other religions have active communities in Anchorage. Buddhism constitutes the second largest religion in Anchorage presently with ten to twelve independent groups in the city. There are two Jewish congregations, two Islamic communities, and a Hindu Temple. The Baha'i have a "National Office" as well as an active community in Anchorage. There are some Native traditions pertaining to healing practiced at the Native Hospital in Anchorage, however most indigenous traditions that survive have been incorporated into the worship rituals of various Christians. [2] Anchorage is home to various communities one would classify with the new religious movements, as well as to a number of neo-pagan solitaries active in the area. At one time a small Sikh community met regularly in Anchorage, but in so far as we are aware, Sikhs no longer form a community in this city. Won Buddhist tried to establish communities in Anchorage in the past, but the community has dissolved.

On the one hand, religion is well represented in Anchorage. On the other hand, most "transplants" from the "Lower 48" from every era have been either "unchurched," or have rejected or neglected Christianity. Many people come to Alaska to escape the institutions of society, and church is one of the institutions from which they have sought to break away. Thus it is interesting that a study of Jews in Alaska concludes that the percentage of those who are observant, to some degree, is higher in Alaska than in the "Lower 48". Nevertheless, there are over 600 Christian churches (listed in phonebook) in Anchorage, and the city serves as the statewide administration center for:

- The Diocese of Alaska of the Orthodox Church of America (Russian Orthodox),
- The Alaska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America,
- The Alaska District Council of the Assemblies of God,
- The Alaska Methodist Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church,
- The Alaska District of the Church of the Nazarene,
- The Alaska Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist.

Some branches of Christianity have more than administrative centers in Alaska. Catholic Archdiocese of Anchorage is one of three Catholic Dioceses and the Presbytery of Yukon in Anchorage is one of two Presbyteries. The chancery of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska is located in Fairbanks. Many of the various Christian "denominations" are administered outside the state. For example, St. Nicholas Myra in Anchorage and its satellite Blessed Theodore Romzha Mission in Wasilla is part of the Catholic Eastern Rite Eparchy of Van Nuys with the chancery in Phoenix, Arizona. The three stakes of the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Anchorage are under the oversight of the Area President of the whole Pacific Northwest. Anchorage has an Interfaith Council:

Interfaith Council of Anchorage <http://interfaithanchorage.org/Welcome.html>
3705 Arctic Blvd.
Box 2587
Anchorage, AK 99503

We are in the process of completing the editing of individual profiles of many of the communities listed below. These will be added with pictures as soon as our work has been completed. In this listing we are including links to some communities that have established web sites.

I. Classification of groups according to religion and branch

The following is a list of the religions followed by the name and address of their individual communities in the Greater Anchorage Area. Those that have been profiled will be listed in bold and will be accessible by clicking on the name. Since the purpose of this study is to highlight the new religious diversity that emerged in the second half of the 20th century, Christianity is listed after all other religions.

Baha'i www.akbahai.org

Baha'i Center
1207 E. 74th Street
Anchorage, AK

Baha'i National Office www.akbahai.org
130501 Brayton Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

Some Baha'i groups outside Anchorage:

Baha'i Faith Center
P. O. Box 17
Barrow, AK 99723

Kotzebue Assembly
P.O. Box 315
Kotzebue, AK

Buddhism [3] www.manjushri.com/TEMPLES/alaska.htm

Alaska Buddhist Society
12810 Mission Circle
Anchorage, AK 99501

Anchorage Zen Community www.alaska-zen.org/Site/Welcome.html
PO Box 92616
Anchorage, AK 99509-2616
meeting at Uto-an 359 E 24th Ave.
Anchorage, AK
Founded 1984
Tradition: Soto Zen (Mahayana)

Chagdud Gonpa Tromge Ling
2250 Denali Street Suite 1301,
Anchorage AK 99503
Founded 1995
Tradition: Nyingma (Tibetan)

International Association for Spiritual Consciousness and the Mahayana Center for Tibetan
Buddhism
401 W. International Road #17
Anchorage, AK 99508-1112

Soka Gakkai International-USA (SGI)
2802 Gambell Ave,
Anchorage AK 99500
Tradition: Nichiren offshoot (Mahayana)

Wat Alaska Yanna Vararam Buddhist Temple and Meditation Center of Alaska
2309 D Street,
Anchorage Alaska, 99503
Founded 1996 (replaced predecessors first established in 1979)
Tradition: Thai Theravada)

Wat Buddharatanatrai Buddhist Temple
1700 Beaver Place
Anchorage, AK 99801
Tradition: Thai Theravada

Wat Dhamma Bhavana Buddhist Center
738 West 72nd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99508
Tradition: Thai Theravada (Maya Nikaya)

Myoko-in (White Lotus Center for Shin Buddhism) www.akshin.net
Anchorage, AK
Founded: 1998
Tradition: Japanese Pure Land (Mahayana)

Some Buddhist groups outside Anchorage:

Alaska Buddhist Peace Fellowship
P.O. Box 1313
Valdez, AK 99686

Cold Mountain Zen Center
5110 Aeronca Ave.,
Fairbanks, AK 99709
Founded: 1999
Tradition: Korean Chogye

Juneau Shambhala Center www.shambhala.org/center/juneau
P. O. Box 35353,
Juneau, AK 99803
Tradition: Tibetan Kagyu lineage

Khawachen (Snowland) Dharma Center
710 Waddell Street,
Homer, AK 99603
Tradition: Tibetan Buddhism (non-sectarian community)

Mindfulness Center of Southeast Alaska
1401 Fritz Cover
Juneau, AK 99801

Hinduism

The Sri Ganesha Mandir of Alaska
P.O. Box 90107
Anchorage, AK 99509

Islam

Islamic Community Center of Anchorage Alaska www.alaskamasjid.com/masjid.htm
501 W. International Rd., Suite 26
Anchorage, AK 99518

Judaism

Congregation Beth Sholom (Reform) www.frozenchosen.org
7525 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99504

Congregation Shomrei Ohr (Lubavitch)
1210 E 26th Ave.
Anchorage, AK

Christianity

At this time, a selected list of churches is provided only for those with administrative centers in Anchorage. Emphasis is given to those serving ethnic communities. Christian: An incomplete directory of many Christian Churches in Anchorage will be found at www.churchangel.com/WEBAK/anchorag.htm

Assembly of God www.alaskaag.org

Assembly of God Alaska District Council [http://alaskaag.org/
www.thecityofanchorage.com/church/church-assembly-of-god.html](http://alaskaag.org/www.thecityofanchorage.com/church/church-assembly-of-god.html)
1048 W. International Airport Road, Suite 109
Anchorage, AK 99508

All Nations Worship Center Assembly of God
5441 Old Seward Highway
Anchorage, AK

Anchorage Native Assembly of God
916 11th Ave.
Anchorage, AK

Anchorage Samoan Assembly of God
3831 Richmond Ave.
Anchorage, AK

Calvary Church
3800 W. 80th Ave.
Anchorage, AK

Crossroads Assembly of God
3824 DeBarr Road
Anchorage, AK

First Assembly of God <http://www.pacrimoutreach.com/overview.htm>
1540 C Street
Anchorage, AK

First Spanish Assemblies of God
1423 E 9th Ave.
Anchorage, AK

Joy Christian Center
4335 Laurel St.
Anchorage, AK

King's Way Assembly of God
1036 E. Eagle River Loop Rd
Eagle River, AK

Korean Full Gospel Church
1781 Academy Drive
Anchorage, AK

Muldoon Community Assembly <http://mcaonline.org/>
7041 DeBarr Road
Anchorage, AK 99504

North Star Assembly
1318 E 3rd Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501

South Anchorage Assembly of God www.southanchorageassembly.com
12101 Brayton Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

Some Assembly of God groups outside Anchorage:

Ninilchik Full Gospel Assembly of God
P.O. Box 39170
Ninilchik, AK 99639

Catholic (Byzantine Rite)

St Nicholas Myra Byzantine Catholic Church www.ak-byz-cath.org
2200 Arctic Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99503

Catholic (Latin Rite) www.archdioceseofanchorage.org

Catholic Archdiocese of Anchorage www.archdioceseofanchorage.org
225 Cordova St.
Anchorage, AK 99501-2409

Blessed Sacrament Monastery
Sisters of the Perpetual Adoration
2645 E. 72nd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99507

Holy Cross Church www.holycrossalaska.net
2627 Lore Road
Anchorage, AK 99507-3009

Holy Family Cathedral holyfamilycathedral@alaska.com
5th Ave. at H Street
811 W. Sixth Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501-2021

Holy Spirit Center www.holyspiritcenterak.org
10980 Hillside Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507-6146

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church www.olgalaska.org
3900 Wisconsin Street
Anchorage, AK 99517

Our Lady of the Snows
P.O. Box 804
Girdwood, AK 99587

St. Andrew's Church www.aksaintandrews.org
16300 Domain Lane
Eagle River, AK 99577

St. Anthony's Church www.stanthony-alaska.org
825 South Kleven Street
Anchorage AK 99508

Korean Catholic Community
844 South Hoyt Street
Anchorage, AK 99508

St. Benedict Church www.stbenedictsak.com
8110 Jewel Lake Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church www.akseas.net
2901 E. Huffman Road
Anchorage, AK 99516

St. Patrick's Church www.st.patsak.org
2111 Muldoon Road
Anchorage, AK 99504

Catholic (Society of St. Pius X)

St. Theresa Patron of Alaska Roman Catholic Chapel [4]
11610 Old Seward Highway
Anchorage, AK

Episcopal home.gci.net/~episcopalak

All Saints Episcopal Church www.allsaintsalaska.org
8th and F St.
Anchorage, AK 99510

Christ Church Episcopal www.christchurchanchorage.org
5101 O'Malley Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99511

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church <http://home.gci.net/~holyspirit/>
17545 North Eagle River Loop Rd
Eagle River, AK 99577

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Duben and Oklahoma Streets
Anchorage, AK

St. Mary's Episcopal Church www.godsview.org
2222 East Tudor Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Some Episcopal groups outside Anchorage:

St. George of the Arctic Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 269
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Lutheran ELCA www.elcaalaska.org

Alaska Synod of ECLA
1846 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99517

Alaska Native Lutheran Church <http://home.gci.net/~centluth/>
1420 Cordova St.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church <http://amazinggracealaska.org/>
10830 Elmore Street
Anchorage, AK 99516

Central Lutheran Church <http://home.gci.net/~centluth/>
1420 Cordova St.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church www.coslc.ws
1612 Oceanview Drive
Anchorage, AK 99515

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church www.gloriadelutheran.net
8427 Jewel Lake Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

Joy Lutheran Church www.mtaonline.net/~joyluthn
10111 E Eagle River Loop Rd
Eagle River, AK 99577

Lutheran Church of Hope
1847 W. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK

River of Life Lutheran Church www.riveroflifeinfo.com
P.O. Box 670470
Chugiak, AK 99567

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church www.stmarkalaska.org
3230 Lake Otis Pky
Anchorage, AK 99508

Lutheran - Missouri Synod (LCMS)

Anchorage Lutheran Church (LCMS)
1420 N Street
Anchorage, AK

Beautiful Savior Luthern Church (LCMS) <http://bslc.lutherancenterministries.org/>
8100 Arctic Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99518

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS) www.mtaonline.net/~orlc
18444 Old Glenn Hwy
Chugiak, AK 99567

Zion Lutheran Church www.zionak.org
2100 Boniface Pkwy
Anchorage, AK 99504

Some Lutheran groups outside Anchorage:

St John's Lutheran Church <http://st-john-lutheran.org/>
440 E. Elmwood
Palmer, AK 99564

Lutheran - Wisconsin Synod (WS)

Faith Lutheran Church (WS) www.faithalaska.com
5200 Lake Otis Parkway
Anchorage, AK 99507

Peace Lutheran Church (WS) www.peacelutheranwels.org
11555 Birch Hills Drive
Eagle River, AK 99577

Shepherd of the Hills (WS) www.shepherd-of-the-hills.com
11600 Elmore Road
Anchorage, AK 99516

Methodist (UMC) www.aphids.com/alaska

United Methodist Church
Alaska Missionary Conference www.alaskaumc.com
1660 Patterson Street
Anchorage AK 99504

Anchor Park United Methodist Church www.anchorpark.org
2300 Oak Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99508

East Anchorage United Methodist Church
1660 Patterson St.
Anchorage, AK 99504

First Samoan United Methodist Church
4501 Mountain View Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99508

First United Methodist Church
725 W 9th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Girdwood Chapel <http://chapelnews.squarespace.com/>
Olympic Circle and Arlberg Road
Girdwood, AK 99587

Jewel Lake Parish www.jewellakeparish.org
3833 Strawberry Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502

Korean United Methodist
9440 Carlson Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99507

St. John's United Methodist Church <http://stjohneagle.org/>
1801 O'Malley Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Turnagain United Methodist Church www.turnagainumc.org
3300 W. Northern Lights Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99517

United Methodist Church of Chugiak www.chugiakumc.org
16430 Old Glenn Highway
Chugiak, AK 99567

Some Methodist (UMC) groups outside Anchorage:

Community United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 907
Nome, AK 99762

Mormons - Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints

www.lds.org/portal/site/LDSOrg then select News and Events, Newsroom, Statistical Information, North America, USA-Alaska

Anchorage Alaska Mission Office www.mission.net/~anc/index.php
12350 Industry Way Ste 218
Anchorage, AK 99515-4301

Anchorage Alaska North Stake Center
2240 Baxter Road
Anchorage, AK 99504-3281

Anchorage Alaska Temple www.ldschurchtemples.com/anchorage
13111 Brayton Drive
Anchorage AK 99515-2779

Anchorage Alaska Stake Center
3250 Strawberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99502-3108

Nazarene www.alaskanazarene.org

Alaska District Church of the Nazarene www.alaskanazarene.org
1220 E Street,
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Chapel of the Cross
12230 Hillside Drive
Anchorage, AK 99511

Church of the Nazarene Hillcrest
2000 Muldoon Rd
Anchorage, AK 99504

First Church of the Nazarene
1220 E Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Church of the Nazarene Jewel Lake
4025 W 88th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99502

Eagle River Nazarene
11050 Cross Drive
Eagle River, AK 99577

Orthodox

Russian Orthodox missionaries opposed the colonial exploitation by the fur-traders of the indigenous populations. Their reports are the main source of information on the violence and abuse of Alaskan natives.

These missionaries promoted indigenous identity, allowing many native traditions to survive. The most visible trace of the Russian colonial period in Alaska today is the nearly 90 Russian Orthodox parishes with a membership of over 20,000, which are almost exclusively indigenous peoples: Athabascan, Yup'ik, Aleut and Koniag. The Tlingit in Juneau adopted Orthodox Christianity after the colonial period. For more information see this website:
www.oca.org/MVorthchristiansamerica.asp?SID=1&Chap=CH1

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

St. John's Orthodox Cathedral www.stjohnalaska.org
18936 Monastery Road
Eagle River, AK

Greek Orthodox

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church www.transfiguration.ak.goarch.org
513 E 24th Ave.
Anchorage, AK

(Russian) Orthodox Church of America

www.oca.org then select Parish/Clergy Directory, Parish search

Orthodox Diocese of Alaska <http://dioceseofalaska.org/index.html>
513 E 24th Ave.
Anchorage, AK

St. Alexis Mission www.acsalaska.net/~boman1/index.html
5801 Arctic Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99518

St. Innocent Orthodox Cathedral www.oca.org/DIRlisting.asp?SID=9&KEY=OCA-AK-ANCSIK
401 Turpin Street
Anchorage, AK 99521-5407

St James the Just Russian Orthodox Church

St. Herman Orthodox Mission
Welch Road
Wasilla, AK

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
Eklutna Historical Park
Eklutna, AK

St. Tikhon of Moscow Mission www.oca.org/DIRlisting.asp?SID=9&KEY=OCA-AK-ANCSTM
829 Shakespeare Cir
Anchorage, AK 99503

Protecting Veil of Theotokos Orthodox Community
www.oca.org/DIRlisting.asp?SID=9&KEY=OCA-AK-ANCPVT
PO Box 211271
Anchorage, AK 99521

Some Russian Orthodox parishes outside Anchorage:

Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord Orthodox Church
P. O. Box 10
Pilot Station, AK 99650

St. Seraphim of Sarov Orthodox Church
P. O. Box 533
Dillingham, AK 99576

Presbyterian Churches (USA)

www.pbyukon.org
www.yukonpresbytery.com
www.yukonpresbytery.com/YukonPresbytery/graph.html

Presbytery of Yukon www.pbyukon.org
616 W 10th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

First Korean Presbyterian Church
3300 Wyoming Drive
Anchorage, AK

First Presbyterian Church www.firstpresanchorage.org
616 W 10th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99501-3494

Immanuel Presbyterian Church www.yukonpresbytery.com/Immanuel
2311 Pembroke St.
Anchorage, AK 99504-3098

Jewel Lake Parish
3833 Strawberry Road
Anchorage, AK

Korean Open Door Presbyterian Church
8220 Briarwood St.
Anchorage, AK

Trinity Presbyterian Church www.trinityalaska.org
12310 Lorraine St.
Anchorage, AK 99516

Some Presbyterian groups outside Anchorage:

Korean Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 293
Barrow, AK 99723

Utgiagvik Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 730
Barrow, AK 99723

Presbyterian Church (Orthodox)

Faith Orthodox Presbyterian Church www.alaskafaith.org
6000 O'Malley Road
Anchorage, AK 99511

Of special interest to this study are the ethnic Christians in Anchorage. Some, such as the Koreans, have established independent parishes in a variety of denominations. Other minorities have become a solid community within parishes. Profiles of many these groups will be included in this report.

These Christian Churches do not have central offices in Anchorage. They are listed in alphabetical order by denomination and/or name. Profiles will be provided in the future.

Baptist

Anchorage Baptist Temple www.ancbt.org
6401 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99504

Sand Lake Baptist Church
7434 Jewel Lake Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church www.shilohbaptistchurch.org
855 East 20th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Some Baptist groups outside Anchorage:

Calvary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 924

Barrow, AK 99723

First Baptist Church
331 Shore Ave.
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Brethren

Grace Community Church
2511 Sentry Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Greatland Grace Brethren
315 Robin
Anchorage, AK

Christian Science

First Church of Christ Scientist
1347 L Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

Church of God

First Church of God
4317 Macinnes Street
Anchorage, AK 99508

Congregational

First Congregational Church www.fccak.org
2610 E. Northern Lights
Anchorage, AK 99508

First LMS Samoan Congregational Church
3027 E Tudor Rd
Anchorage, 99522

First Samoan Congregational Christian Church
PO Box 231424
Anchorage, 99523

Christ Congregational Church
118 E International Airport Rd
Anchorage, 99518

Some Congregational groups outside Anchorage:

Congregational Church of Metlakatla
38 Aurial St
Metlakatla, 99926

Friends

Quaker Religious Society of Friends
2610 A Spenard Road
Anchorage, AK 99503

Special Activity :

Alaskans Listening to Alaskans about Subsistence
1783 Morningside Street.
Anchorage, AK 99501

Some Friends groups outside Anchorage:

Friends Church
539 2nd Ave.
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Noorvik Friends Church
Noorvik, AK

Jehovah Witnesses

Foothills and Chester Creek Congregation
2522 E 48th Street
Anchorage, AK 99507

Moravian

Some Moravian groups outside Anchorage:

Bethel Moravian Church
331 3rd Avenue
Bethel, AK 99559

Dillingham Moravian Church
314 1st Avenue
Dillingham, AK 99576

Moravian Church of Kongignanak
Kongignanak, AK 99559

**New Religious
Movements**

Aquarian Foundation
8500 Laviento Drive
Anchorage, AK 99517

Anchorage Center for Spiritual Practices www.aksom.us
929 81st Street
Anchorage, 99508

Unification Church Alaska
9101 Brayton Drive
Anchorage, AK 99507

Non-Denominational

Abbott Loop Community Church www.abbottloop.org
23626 Abbott Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

Believers' Victory Outreach
639 W. International Airport Road

Anchorage, AK 99508

Faith Christian Church
Wisconsin St
Anchorage, AK

New Directions Ministries
639 West Airport Road
Anchorage, 99508

Some Non-Denominational groups outside Anchorage:

Ministries of the Living Stone International, Inc.
32930 Fair Game Street
Sterling, AK

Pentecostal

Some Pentecostal groups outside Anchorage:

United Pentecostal Church
451 Ridgecrest Drive
Bethel, AK 99559

Unitarian/Universalist

Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
www.anchorageuuf.org
3201 Turnagain St.
Anchorage, AK 99517

[1] Alaska Pacific University has a distance education program for residents in rural Alaskan communities. Students from this program, who were enrolled in the World Religions course, have profiled the religions in their own community. These studies will be appended to the study of Anchorage.

[2] Only Russian Orthodoxy has been fully acculturated among many of the Native peoples of Alaska. Although liturgical rites incorporate the Aleut, Yupik and other native languages, Orthodoxy, unlike Catholic and many Protestant denominations, has not introduced native practices into their rituals.

[3] The initial effort to identify Buddhist groups in Anchorage was undertaken by Joe Desrosiers, Aryanna Pinny and Katy Yates in April, 1999. These students began their research with the information provided on a video titled *Buddhism in Anchorage*, written and produced by Lisa Kemmerer in 1997 who then taught at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Copies of this video are owned by Alaska Pacific University and the Resource Center of the University of Alaska Anchorage. A copy has been purchased for the Pluralism Project Office at Harvard University.

[4] Not affiliated with the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Bishops of the Society of St. Pius X were excommunicated from the Catholic Church in 1988.