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CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES

ACCORDING to the Christian Directory of 1981 published by the Inter-Church Centre, Bombay, we learn that the following 30 Christian Churches & Communities function within the Catholic Archdiocese of Bombay. The following List presents these Christian Churches and Communities, with the number of the Centres of worship, the languages in which their members worship, and the places of worship.

Note:  E — English;  M — Marathi;  H — Hindi;  
Mm — Malayalam;  T — Tamil;  Tl — Telegu;  
G — Gujarati;  K — Kannada;  Kn — Kannarese

CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES

Armenian Church
Number of Centres: 1  Language:  A
Places of Worship: Fort

Assemblies of God
Number of Centres: 17  Language:  E,M,Mm,T,Tl
Places of Worship: Andheri, Bandra, Byculla, Chembur, Dharavi, Kurla, Mulund, Parel, Poinsur, Saki Naka, Thane, Vashi, Vikhroli

Bombay Baptist Church
Number of Centers: 5  Language:  E,M,H,T,Tl
Places of Worship: Ambernath, Colaba, Thane
Bombay Hindustani Covenant Church
Number of Centres: 1  Language:  H
Places of Worship: Byculla

Christian Brethren Assembly
Number of Centres: 14  Language:  E,M,H,T,Mm,Tl
Places of Worship: Dharavi, Fort, Kalyan, Kanjur Marg, Mulund, Parel, Santa Cruz, Sion, Thane, Ulhasnagar, Worli

Christian and Missionary Alliance of India
Number of Centres: 6  Language:  E,M,G
Places of Worship: Dadar, Fort, Malad, Mulund, Vashi

Church of Christ, Bombay
Number of Centres: 1  Languages:  M
Places of Worship: Tilaknagar

Church of Hebron Fellowship
Number of Centres: 1  Language:  H,Tl
Places of Worship: Byculla

Church of North India
Number of Centres: 39  Language:  E,M,T,Mm,G,Tl
Places of Worship: Ambernath, Bandra, Bhandup, Bhiwandi, Byculla, Chembur, Colaba, Dadar, Dahanu, Dharavi, Fort, Girgaum, Goregaon, Grant Road, Kalyan, Kurla, Malabar Hill, Matunga, Mazagaon, Palghar, Parel, Thane, Umerkhadi, Vikhroli, Vile Parle, Wada, Worli

Church of the Nazarene
Number of Centres: 1  Language:  M
Places of Worship: Vikhroli

Emmanuel Congregation Church
Number of Centres: 1  Language:  M
Places of Worship: Byculla

Hume Memorial Congregational Church
Number of Centres: 1  Language:  M
Places of Worship: Byculla
India Evangelical Lutheran Church
Number of Centres: 7 Language: E, M, H, Mm, T
Places of Worship: Dharavi, Malad, Mulund, Santa Cruz

Karnatak Church Bombay
Number of Centres: 1 Language: Kn
Places of Worship: Byculla

Living Word Fellowship
Number of Centres: 1 Language: E
Places of Worship: Khar

Malad Christian Fellowship
Number of Centres: 1 Language: E
Places of Worship: Malad

Methodist Church In India
Number of Centres: 24 Language: E, M, H, Mm, T, G, TI, Kn
Places of Worship: Ambernath, Ambivli, Bhandup, Bhiwandi, Borivli, Byculla, Dahisar, Dharavi, Fort, Grant Road, Jogeshwari, Kalyan, Khopoli, Kurla, Malad, Matunga, Palit, Thane, Ulhasnagar, Vile Parle, Worli

New Life Fellowship
Number of Centres: 1 Language: E
Places of Worship: Byculla

Open Bible Fellowship
Number of Centres: 1 Language: E, M
Places of Worship: Andheri

Orthodox Syrian Church
Number of Centres: 11 Language: Mm, E
Places of Worship: Ambernath, Andheri, Borivli, Chembur, Dadar, Goregaon, Kalyan, Mulund, Santa Cruz, Thane, Vasai

Philadelphia Church
Number of Centres: 1 Language: M, H, T
Places of Worship: Palit

Resurrection Baptist Church
Number of Centres: 1 Language: TI
Places of Worship: Byculla

Revival and Healing Centre
Number of Centres: 1 Language: H
Places of Worship: Goregaon

Salvation Army
Number of Centres: 5 Language: E,M,T
Places of Worship: Byculla, Matunga, Worli

Seventh Day Adventist Church in Bombay
Number of Centres: 3 Language: E,M,Mm
Places of Worship: Bombay Central, Vikhroli

St. Andrew and St. Columba Church
Number of Centres: 1 Language: E
Places of Worship: Fort

St. Thomas Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church
Number of Centres: 1 Language: Mm
Places of Worship: Umerkhadi

St. Thomas Mar Thoma Syrian Church
Number of Centres: 11 Language: Mm
Places of Worship: Borivli, Colaba, Dadar, Goregaon, Govandi, Kalyan, Pantnagar, Santa Cruz, Thane, Vasai, Vikhroli

United Basel Mission Church
Number of Centres: 5 Language: E,K
Places of Worship: Ambernath, Byculla, Kurla, Tilaknagar, Vikhroli

Universal Concern in India (Baptist)
Number of Centres: 6 Language: M,Tl
Places of Worship: Andheri, Goregaon, Kurla, Malad, Vikhroli

No figures are available with regard to the total membership of each of the above Christian Churches and Communities. It would appear that the largest Churches in terms of membership are: The Orthodox Syrian Church (30,000 plus), The St. Thomas Mar Thoma Syrian Church (25,000 plus), The Methodist Church in India (14,000 plus), and the Church of North India (11,000 plus).
DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES ACCORDING TO THE THREE CIVIL UNITS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOMBAY

I GREATER BOMBAY

(A) BOMBAY CITY

BOMBAY CENTRAL

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 16 Maratha Mandir Marg.
Seventh Day Adventist Church, 11 YMCA Road.

BYCULLA

Assembly of God, Neighbourhood House, Nagpada
Bombay Hindustani Covenant Church, Victoria Garden
Church of Hebron Fellowship, Hume High School
Christ Church, (CNI), Clare Road
Hume Memorial Church (CNI)
St. Andrew Church, 3 Souter St., Agripada
St. Paul Church (CNI), c/o Christ Church
Emmanuel Congregation Church, Nagpada
Hume Memorial Congregational Church, Nagpada
Karnatak Church, Victoria Garden Church
Robinson Memorial Methodist Church, Sankli Street
Taylor Memorial Methodist Church, Clare Road
New Life Fellowship, Hume High School
Resurrection Baptist Church, YMCA, Club Back Road
The Salvation Army, Jubilee Hall Compound, Sankli Street
Sushanti Church (United Basel Mission), Station Road, Byculla West

COLABA

Bombay Baptist Church, 175 Colaba Road
Afghan Church (CNI)
Mar Thoma Church, at Afghan Church
Bombay Baptist Church, Geetha Nagar Colony, Navy Nagar

DADAR

Emmanuel Alliance Church (Christian and Missionary Alliance of
FORT

St. Peter (Armenian) Church, 89 Nagindas Master Rd, Ararat Building.

Christian Brethren Assembly, Queen’s Mansions.

Bombay Bible Fellowship, (Christian and Missionary Alliance of India), Next to Sterling Cinema, II. H. Somani Marg.

Alliance Ministry, 3 Beacon, Madam Cama Road.

St. Thomas Cathedral (CNI).

Bowen Memorial Methodist Church, Lansdowne Road, Apollo Bunder.

St. Andrew and St. Columba Church, Opp. Lion Gate, Rampart Row.

St. Nicholas Chapel (CNI), Nicol Road, Ballard Estate.

GIRGAUM

Ambroli Church (CNI), 35 Dr. Wilson St.

GRANT ROAD

Emmanuel Church (CNI), 57 Proctor Road.

Centenary Methodist Church

Wilson College Chapel (CNI), Chowpatty.

MALABAR HILL

All Saints Church (CNI)

MATUNGA

Holy Nativity Church (CNI), Near Shalimar Industrial Estate.

Methodist Church, at Holy Nativity Church.


St. Paul (CNI) Church, B.I.T. Cottages.
MAZAGAON

All Saints Chapel (CNI), Dockyard Road.
St. Peter’s School Chapel (CNI).

PAREL

Christian Brethren Assembly, Saraswati Sadan, Opp. UKEM.
Hospital
St. Mary the Virgin (CNI), Below Elphinstone Bridge.
Rahator Memorial Methodist Church, Parel Station Road.
The Philadelphia Church, Ibrahim Manzil, Opp. Bharati Cinema.

UMERKHADI

Holy Cross Church (CNI), 57 R. Bhat Marg.
St. Thomas Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Congregation, at Holy Cross Church, Umerkhadi.

WORLI

Christian Brethren Assembly, Opp. BDD Chawl No. 9, Kala Maidan
CNI Church, Ganpat Jadhav Marg.
Union (Methodist) Church, No. 12 Road.
Salvation Army Corps, Municipal Labour Camp.

(B) SUBURBS

ANDHERI

Assembly of God, Progressive Commercial Institute, Near Andheri Railway Station (West).
Open Bible Fellowship, YMCA Boys’ Home, ESIC Nagar, Andheri West.
St. John Orthodox Syrian Church, Andheri.
Universal Concern in India, Andheri Baptist Church.

BANDRA

Assembly of God, Bandra Gospel Centre, Sarup Sagar, Prof. Almeida Road.
St. Stephen (CNI) Mt. Mary Hill Road

BHANDUP

St. Stephen (CNI)
Methodist Church, Sharad Villa
Methodist Congregation, Kaju Hill

BORIVLI

Methodist Prayer Centre, C/16 Mangal Kunj, Opp. Borivli Railway Station
Mar Thoma Church, at St. Francis Church
St. George Orthodox Syrian Church

CHEMBUR

Assembly of God, 610 Sion-Trombay Road.
St. Anthony (CNI), Anthony Road.
Mar Gregorios Orthodox Syrian Church, C-2, Bright Haven, V. N. Purava Marg.

DAHISAR

Methodist Prayer Centre, Khetipada, Dahisar East.

DHARAVI

Assembly of God, Kamaraj Memorial School, Kamal Nehru Nagar
Christian Believers Assembly, Mukund Nagar B.
Ebenezer Christian Assembly, Khandraria Chawl
Good Shepherd (CNI)
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6 V. K. Wadi
Methodist Church, at Good Shepherd (CNI) Church

GOREGAON

Pandita Ramabai (CNI) Church at Marthoma Centre.
St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Church, Chincholi.
Revival and Healing Centre 209, Rajniketan, S. V. Road
Mar Thoma Centre, Goregaon East
Universal Concern in India, Goregaon Baptist Church.
JOGESHWARI

Methodist Church, Jogeshwari East.

KHAH

Living Word Fellowship, 1-D Bharatiya Bhavan, 17th Khar Road.

KURLA

Assembly of God, Mahila Mandal Girls’ School.
St. Michael and All Angels (CNI), Behind Bharat Cinema.
Methodist Church, New Mill Road.
Christa Kanthi Church, (United Basel Mission), New Hall Marg.
Universal Concern in India, Kurla Baptist Church.

KANJUR MARG

Emmanuel Brethren Assembly, Hebron 11 B/12 Uday Nivas, Indira Gandhi Nagar, K. V. Road, Kanjur Marg East.

MALAD

Bombay Bible Fellowship, (Christian and Missionary Alliance of India), at Lutheran Centre.
(Christ, Hindi, Messiah, Trinity) Lutheran Church, Lutheran Centre, Marve Road.
Malad Christian Fellowship, at Lutheran Centre.
Methodist Congregation, Govind Nagar.
Universal Concern in India, Malad Baptist Church.

MULUND

Assembly of God, Keshav Pada.
Assembly of God, Rammanohar Tabela, Nehru Road.
Assembly of God, 34/21 R. B. II. Ebenezer, (Christian Brethren Assembly), Nahur Road.
Christian and Missionary Alliance of India Church.
Mighty Lutheran Church, Paniker Chawl, 263 B. R. Road.
St. George Orthodox Syrian Church, c/o A/7 Lourdes Villa, Nahur.
PANTNAGAR

Mar Thoma Church, at Infant Jesus (R.C.) Church.

POINSUR

Assembly of God, Noorden Chawl, Poinsur East.

SAKI NAKA

Assembly of God, Theresa High School, Pereirawadi.

SANTA CRUZ

Bethel Christian Assembly, Prabhat Colony, Road, No. 6, Near Electric House, Santa Cruz East.
Saviour Lutheran Church, Karira Nagar, Santa Cruz East.
St. Thomas Church, (Mar Thoma), 6 Chapel Lane.
St. Baselios Orthodox Syrian Church

SION

Hebron Christian Assembly, at OL of Good Counsel (R.C.) Church.
Zion Christian Assembly, People’s Welfare Society High School, Sion East.

TILAKNAGAR

Bombay Christian Centre (Church of Christ), 100 Chedda Nagar.
Christakrupa Church (United Basel Mission), 21 Chedda Nagar.

VIKHROLI

Tabernacle Assembly of God, Chandrakunj Building.
United Basel Mission Prayer Hall, Vijaya House, Station Road.
Vikhroli (CNI) Church, at St. Joseph High School Hall (R.C.) Church of the Nazarene, Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Kannamwar Nagar.
Seventh Day Adventist Church, Elizabeth School, Opp. Bharat Glass Factory, Ghatkopar Road.
Mar Thoma Church, at St. Joseph (R.C.) Church.
Universal Concern in India, Vikhroli Baptist Church.
VILE PARLE

St. Paul (CNI) Church
Methodist Church, Vile Parle East.

II THANE DISTRICT

AMBERNATH

Ambernath Baptist Church (Bombay Baptist), WIMCO Nagar.
Christ Church (CNI)
Mar Gregorios Orthodox Syrian Church
Methodist Church
Bethel Church (United Basel Mission), Khoj Kuntaliji, Near Police Station.
St. Thomas (CNI) Church

AMBIVLI

Methodist Preaching Centre

BHIWANDI

Methodist Church
St. Peter (CNI) Church, Near Rubber Factory, Kalyan Road.

DAHANU

Dahanu Road Church (CNI), Mission Hospital Compound.

KALVA

Carmel Christian Assembly, Near CIDCO Bus Stop, Belapur Road.
Bombay Baptist Church, Air-View, Station Road.

KALYAN

Bethesda Believers Assembly, Mahatma Phule Nagar, Mohone.
St. Christopher (CNI) Church, Near C. Rly. Hospital.
Mar Thoma Church, Karnik Road.
Vernon Memorial Methodist Church, Murbad Road.
St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Church
PALGHAR

Palghar (CNI) Church

THANE

Assembly of God, Subhash Nagar, Pokhran Road, No. 2.
“Sharon”. (Christian Brethren Assembly), 27 A. S. Road, Tembi Naka.
Home of Faith (CNI), Subhash Nagar, Pokhran Road, No. 2.
St. James (CNI) Church, Near Head P.O., Bombay-Pune Road.
Mar Thoma Church, at St. James Church.
Methodist Church, at St. James Church.
St. Stephen Orthodox Syrian Church

ULHASNAGAR

Christian Brethren Assembly, Anil Nivas, Station Road.
Methodist Preaching Centre

VASAI

Mar Thoma Chapel, Vasai Road.
St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Church, Vasai Road.

VASHI

Assembly of God, E/1/5/P. U. Sector V.
The New Bombay Alliance Church, E 12/22.

WADA

Wada (CNI) Church

III. RAIGAD DISTRICT

KHOPOLI

Methodist Preaching Centre
ECUMENICAL GROUPS

Bombay Urban Industrial League for Development (BUILD)

11, Sujata Co-operative Housing Society, S. V. Road, Bandra, Bombay-400 050. Tel.: 54 23 42

Sponsoring Churches: Methodist Church in Southern Asia, Church of North India, Mar Thoma Church, Roman Catholic Church.

Activities: BUILD is part of the world-wide movement of the Church known as Urban Industrial/Rural Mission, sponsored and managed locally by the Churches in Bombay. Being a part of this movement, BUILD seeks to understand the implications of the Gospel in the context of its ministry. The corporate struggle of the BUILD Team in this direction is carried on while participating in the struggle of the underprivileged for justice in terms of employment, housing, education and decision-making.

Byculla Ecumenical Group

Chairman: Rev. P. V. Isaac, Taylor Memorial Church. Tel.: 37 70 86
Convenor Secretary: Miss Mary D’Souza, Roman Catholic.
Treasurer: Mr. Cajetan Fernandes, Roman Catholic.
Member Churches: Roman Catholic parishes of St. Anne, Mazagaon and Gloria Church, Byculla, Taylor Memorial, Robinson Memorial, Christ Church (CNI), and Salvation Army Byculla.

Activities: The Group was started in 1960. Meets every second Tuesday of the month at venues selected in rotation. Holds Bible Studies and discussions on political, social and Church topics. Collects funds for the Leprosy Mission of India.

Christian Council of Bombay

Chairman: Bishop Longinus G. Pereira, Roman Catholic.
Tel.: 53 21 52

Vice-Chairman: Bishop Mitchell, Methodist Church in Southern Asia.
Tel.: 37 48 70

Vice-Chairman: Col. Mannam Samuel, Salvation Army.
Tel.: 37 52 10

Vice-Chairman: Bishop S. B. Joshua, Church of North India.
Tel.: 21 21 18
Secretary & Treasurer: Mrs. Dulcinea Rodrigues.
Tel.: 23 05 15/24 53 52
Jt. Secretary: Fr. Aelred Pereira SJ. Tel.: 57 21 62
Member Churches: Roman Catholic, Church of North India,
Methodist Church in Southern Asia, Salvation Army, Orthodox
Syrian, and Mar Thoma.
Activities: Celebration of Unity Octave Week, Common Prayer
Meetings and Seminars, Organizing Christmas Carols on Chow-
patty Beach.

Malad Ecumenical Group

President: Fr. Denis Pereira, Roman Catholic. Tel.: 69.22.05
Convenor/Secretary: Mrs. A. John, Mar Thoma Church.
Treasurer: Mr. Mervyn Pinto, Roman Catholic.
Member Churches: Roman Catholic, Mar Thoma, Lutheran,
Methodist Church in S. Asia.
Activities: The Group was started on January 25, 1982. Meets
every second Tuesday of the month at venues selected in rota-
tion. Holds Prayer Meetings, Bible studies and discussions.