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Preface to the Second Edition

Dear readers,

This is the second edition of the Address Book of Churches, Religious Communities and Religious Groups in Macedonia. This publication is part of the Bridging Religions in Macedonia program, which is implemented by the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCIC) in cooperation with the Macedonian Orthodox Church, the Islamic Religious Community of the Republic of Macedonia, the Catholic Church, the Jewish Community and the United Methodist Church as well as the other registered religious communities. The purpose of the Address Book is to enhance the dissemination of information to the wider public about the churches, religious communities and religious groups in Macedonia, as well as to improve the cooperation among the religious communities.

With the adoption of the new Law on the Legal Status of Churches, Religious Communities and Religious Groups and its enforcement on May 1, 2008, the churches, religious communities and religious groups are registered in the Basic Court Skopje II, in the sole court registry of churches, religious communities and religious groups. The religious communities registered until 1998 will keep their status of legal entity and will be automatically inscribed in the court registry.

At the time of preparing this Address Book, total of 18 churches, religious communities and religious groups were registered in the court registry. The questionnaire was distributed to all of them. Only the religious group Sathya Sai Centre did not respond, as it is currently in a process of re-registration into association of citizens.

The second edition of the Address Book includes basic information of the 17 registered religious communities (contact information, structure, highest clerical titles, type and number of religious facilities, religious ceremonies, religious teachings), as well as photos depicting the seat and the most important religious facilities. The religious communities in the Address Book are presented following the same order as in the first edition of this publication released in 2004.

We hope that this edition will be widely used by the educational institutions with interest in religious issues, as well as the domestic and international civil society organizations interested in human and religious rights.

Macedonian Orthodox Church (MOC)



Македонска православна црква (МПЦ)

Address: Partizanski odredi 12,
1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/323-0697
Fax: 02/323-0685
e-mail: contact@mpc.mk
www.mpc.org.mk

Tax No: 4030998349207
Bank Account: 30000001101374
Clergy: 500
Educational staff: 40 professors and 62
religious teachers
Believers: 2.000.000 including the
believers in the Diaspora

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Head of the Macedonian Orthodox Church,
His Beatitude the Archbishop of Ohrid and
Macedonia Mr. Mr. Stefan

Structure:

Archbishopric Church-Laity Council (ACLC)
Holy Synod of Hierarchs (HSH)

Members of the HSH:

Metropolitan of Polog and Kumanovo Diocese	Mr. Kiril
Metropolitan of Prespa and Pelagonija Diocese and administrator of Australia and New Zealand Diocese	Mr. Petar
Metropolitan of Debar and Kicevo Diocese	Mr. Timotej
Metropolitan of America and Canada Diocese	Mr. Metodij
Metropolitan of Strumica Diocese	Mr. Naum
Metropolitan of Povardarje Diocese	Mr. Agatangel
Metropolitan of Europe Diocese	Mr. Pimen
Metropolitan of Bregalnica Diocese	Mr. Ilarion
Former Metropolitan of Europe Diocese	Mr. Gorazd
Bishop of Heraklea	Mr. Kliment

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: since 1st century
In Macedonia: since 1st century

**Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious
Communities and Religious Groups:** 1943, in
fact 1958

Explanation:

In 1943, Clergy Assembly was held in
v. Izdeglavje, Debarca, while in 1958,
the Second Archbishopric Church-Laity
Council (ACLC) was held in Ohrid, when the
Macedonian Orthodox Church was declared
independent.

Type and number of religious facilities:

1.400 churches, 180 monasteries

More important religious facilities:

Archbishopric Cathedral
"St. Clement of Ohrid"



Address: Partizanski odredi 12,
1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/323-7218
Contact person: Archpriest Vasil Spaškov

Macedonian Orthodox Church (MOC)



Македонска православна црква (МПЦ)

Religious ceremonies:

Liturgy (8.00 or 8.30)
Morning (7.00 or 7.30)
Evening (16.00 or 17.00)

Religious teachings:

Religious instruction provided in the churches

Important Holidays:

January 6, 2009 Day before Christmas
January 7, 2009 Christmas
January 19, 2009 Epiphany
April 17, 2009 Good Friday
April 19, 2009 Easter
June 5, 2009 Friday before Pentecost
August 28, 2009 Assumption of the Blessed Mother of God
December 8, 2009 St. Clement of Ohrid
May 24, 2009 Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Fasting Periods:

Several days (Great Lent, St. Peter's Day fast, Mother of God fast, Christmas fast), one-day fasts (every Wednesday and Friday, Epiphany, Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Holy Cross Day)

Religious Calendar:

Julian calendar

Art:

Fresco and icon painting, spiritual music

Highest Educational institutions:

Macedonian Orthodox Faculty
St. Clement of Ohrid
Number of students: 170



Address: Zagrepska 29, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/308-0722
Fax: 02/308-0722
e-mail: p.bogoslovski@gmail.com
Contact person: Aco Girevski

Macedonian Orthodox Seminary

St. Clement of Ohrid
Number of students: 70
Address: Dračevo bb, 1050 Skopje
Telephone: 02/ 270-1086
Contact person: Prof. Jovan Kumevski

Humanitarian organizations:

Charity and Deaconship
Address: Partizanski odredi 12, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/323-0695
e-mail: alez@mt.net.mk

Publications:

Official Gazette of MOC - magazine - six issues per year
Annual collection of the OFT - scientific publication - once per year
Orthodox Way - thematic - twice per year
Troičnik - educational - four issues per year
Orthodox Light - educational - four issues per year

Islamic Religious Community (IRC of the RM)



Исламска верска заедница (ИБЗ на РМ)

Bashkësi Fetare Islame e Republikës së Maqedonisë (BFI e RM)

Makedonya Cumhuriyeti İslam Dini Birliği (MC İDB)

الاتحاد الإسلامي لجمهورية مقدونيا

Address: Cairska 52, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/311-7410 and 02/311-7412

Fax: 02/311-7883

e-mail: bim@bim.org.mk

Web site: www.bim.org.mk

Contact person: Abaz Islami

Telephone: 02/311-7412

Mobile phone: 071/372-164

e-mail: abasislami@hotmail.com

Registration No: 1/08

Identification No: 4069676

Tax No: 4030998340480

Bank Account: 200001156388984

Clergy: 600

Educational staff: 700

Employees: 1.300, **Activists:** 2.100

Believers: 900.000 including the believers in the Diaspora

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Sulejman Rexhepi

Reis-ul-ulema of IRC of the RM

Structure:

Dzemat Board

Mufti in the country and abroad

Mufti Assembly

Riyasat of the Islamic Religious Community

Reis-ul-ulema

Assembly of the Islamic Religious Community

Constitutional Council

The members of the IRC Assembly are elected with a term of office

Members of the highest body in the religious community and their functions:

Head of IRC

Reus ulema

Mufti Office

Mufti

Dean's Office of TIF

Dean

Isa-Bey's Medresa

Director

Type and number of religious facilities:

609 Mosques

22 Teqja

More important religious facilities:

Jahja Pasha, Sultan Murat, Mustafa-Pasha Mosque

Address: Cairska 52, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/311-7410

Contact person: Abaz Islami



Religious ceremonies:

Formal prayer performed five times a day, with an act of bowing and prostration

Friday Congregational Prayer

Fitr Bayram

Kurban Bayram

Teravih

Hajj

Islamic Religious Community (IRC of the RM)



Исламска верска заедница (ИБЗ на РМ)

Bashkësi Fetare Islame e Republikës së Maqedonisë (BFI e RM)

Makedonya Cumhuriyeti İslam Dini Birliği (MC İDB)

الاتحاد الإسلامي لجمهورية مقدونيا

Religious teachings:

Primary schools, Mektebi

Important Holidays:

Islamic Hijrah New Year

Fitr Bayram

Kurban Bayram

Mevlud - Celebrating the Prophet

Mohammed's Birthday

Celebration of Important Holidays:

Special prayers and one month fasting during the holy month of Ramadan

Fasting Periods:

Ramadan (one month)

Religious Calendar:

Lunar (Hijri) calendar

Art:

Calligraphy

Highest Educational Institutions:

Faculty of Islamic Studies –

Number of students: 90

Address: Kondovo, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/205-7270

Fax: 02/205-7271

Contact Person: Shinazi Memedi



Islamic High School "Isa-Bey" Medresa - Skopje

Number of students: 450

Telephone: 02/205-8540

Fax: 02/205-8544

Contact Person: Afrim Aliu

Humanitarian organizations:

"El - Hilal"

Address: "106", 64/2 (Old Bazaar)

1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/321-5338

e-mail: elhilalngo@yahoo.com

Areas of Activity:

Humanitarian, social and cultural work

Publications:

Hena e re - magazine

Koran translated in Albanian language

Koran translated in Macedonian language

Religious literature

Catholic Church (CC)



Католичка црква (КЦ)

Address: Risto Šiskov 31
Telephone: 02/316-4123
Fax: 02/316-4123
e-mail: katbiskupija@t-home.mk
Contact person: father Marjan Ristov
Telephone: 02/316-4123

Registration No: 3/51
Identification No: 4257669
Tax No: 4030998346550
Bank Account: 300000000262324
Believers: 17.391 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Dr. Kiro Stojanov (Bishop)

Structure:

Skopje Bishopric – authorized for the believers of the Roman rite

Apostolic Exarchate in Macedonia – authorized for the believers of the Byzantine rite



Members of the highest body:

Bishop and Apostolic Exarch Dr. Kiro Stojanov

Vicar General monsignor Antun Cirimotić

Chancellor father Marjan Ristov

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 1st century

In Macedonia: 1st century

Type and number of religious facilities:

16 churches, 8 monasteries

Important religious facilities:

For Skopje Bishopric:
Cathedral church „The Most Holy Heart of Jesus”

Address: Petar Pop-Arsov no. 47,
1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/322-9167

Contact person: Don Mata Jaković

Religious ceremonies:

Sunday and holidays 8:30, 10:30 and 18:00

Christmas-Eve and 21:00 and 24:00

Easter-Eve services

Christmas and Easter 8:30, 10:30 and 18:00

Day

Every day 18:00

Religious teachings:

Religious classes are organized twice per week in the accompanying facilities of the churches

Catholic Church (CC)



Католичка црква (КЦ)

Important Holidays:

April 12, 2009 Easter
May 31, 2009 Pentecost
June 19, 2009 The Most Holy Heart of Jesus
August 15, 2009 Assumption of the Blessed Mother of God
November 1, 2009 All Saints
December 25, 2009 Christmas

Celebration:

With holy liturgies and sermons related to the holiday

Fasting Periods:

Christmas, Great Lent

Religious Calendar:

Gregorian calendar

Important religious facilities:

Apostolic Exarchate

Name of the facility:

Cathedral church Assumption of the Blessed Mother of God

Address: Mavrovo 28, 2400 Strumica

Telephone: 037/327-809

Contact person: Father Georgi Trajkov



Important Holidays:

January 7, 2009 Christmas
April 19, 2009 Easter
May 28, 2009 Ascension of Christ
June 7, 2009 Pentecost
August 19, 2009 Transfiguration of Jesus
August 28, 2009 Assumption of the Blessed Mother of God

Celebration:

With holy liturgies and sermons related to the holiday

Fasting Periods:

Christmas, Great Lent, Mother of God and St. Peter's Day fast

Religious Calendar:

Julian calendar

Religious ceremonies:

Sunday and holidays (07:00, 09:30 and 19:00)
Christmas-Eve and Easter-Eve services (23:30)
Christmas and Easter Day (10:00 and 18:00)
Every day (07:00 and 18:00)

Humanitarian organizations:

Macedonian Caritas

Address: Petar Pop-Arsov 43, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/322-4190

Fax: 02/322-0622

e-mail: caritasmacedonia@hotmail.com

Contact person: Monsignor Antun Cirimotić

Publications:

Light, periodical magazine; Calendar, annual

United Methodist Church in Macedonia (UMC)



Евангелско-методистичка црква (ЕМЦ во РМ)

Address: Zagrepska 4, 2400 Strumica
Telephone: 034/322-662
Fax: 034/322-662
e-mail: mcemc@kabelnet-tv.com.mk
Contact person: Mihail Cekov,
Sofija Tajkovska

Registration No: 4715519
Identification No: 4715519
Tax No: 4027998132290
Clergy: 8, **Employees:** 12
Activists: 54
Believers: 5.000 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Mihail Cekov – main preacher for Macedonia

Structure:

Annual Conference
District Conference
Jurisdictional Conference
Local Church

Members of the highest body:

Secretariat of UMC in Macedonia
Bishop
Superintendent
Head (Superintendent Pastor)

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 300 years
In Macedonia: 150 years
Registration: 150 years

Type and number of religious facilities:

12 Churches
4 Church's facilities
1 Social Center

More important religious facilities:

United Methodist Church
Address: Zagrepska 4, 2400 Strumica
Contact person: Mihail Cekov
Telephone: 034/322-662

Religious ceremonies:

Religious service – Sunday
Prayer hour – Tuesday or Wednesday
Women hour – Thursday or Friday
Youth hour – Friday or Saturday
Children's hour – Sunday
The time of the religious ceremonies varies.
The District decides on the time table in
agreement with the Secretariat.

Religious teachings:

Religious classes
Children's Saturday Religious teachings and
English language classes

Publications:

120 years of Protestantism in Strumica -
brochure
History of UMC in Macedonia – brochure
Charisma - magazine (4 issues per year)
The Way of Life - magazine (monthly)
Calendar - book (annual)

Humanitarian organizations:

Deaconship Macedonia
Address: Zagrebacka 4, 2400 Strumica
Telephone: 034/322-662
Fax: 034/322-662
e-mail: mcemc@kabelnet-tv.com.mk

Jewish Community in the Republic of Macedonia



Еврејска заедница во Република Македонија

Address: Borka Taleski 24, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/321-4799
Fax: 02/321-4880
e-mail: ezrm@telekabel.net.mk
Contact persons: Žaklina Mučeva –
Secretary General
Mobile Phone: 070/333-723
e-mail: zanam66@hotmail.com

Registration No: 91.31140491
Identification No: 5128889
Tax No: 4030996364705
Bank account: 210-0512888901-42
Clergy: 1
Employees: 2
Activists: 20
Believers: 250 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking secular post:

Bjanka Subotić (President)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Avi Kozma (Rabin)

Structure:

Assembly of JCRM (President and 3 Members)
Governing Board (President and 6 Members)
Clubs: religious, women, youth and social

Members of the highest body:

Bjanka Subotić	President of GB
Rahamin Mizrahi	Member of GB
Ivan Nikolić	Member of GB
Goran Sadikarijo	Member of GB
Mimoza Veljanovska	Member of GB
L. Gjukić	Member of GB
Jasmina Trajkovski	Member of GB

Type and number of the religious facilities:

1 synagogue

More important religious facilities:

Synagogue “Bet Jaakov”
Address: Borka Taleski 24, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/321-4799
Contact person: Rabin Avi Kozma

Religious ceremonies:

Morning Prayer Shacharit
Afternoon Prayer Minha
Evening Prayer Arvit
Special prayers and service in the Synagogue on the occasion of each holiday (according to the Jewish calendar: Pesach, Shavuot, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Hanukkah, etc.)

Important Holidays:

Shabbat; March 11, 2009 Commemoration of the holocaust of Macedonian Jews

Fasting Periods:

For Yom Kippur – one day fast (24 hours)

Humanitarian organization:

Within the church/religious community:
Jewish humanitarian society “La Benevolencia”
Address: Borka Taleski br 24, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/321-4799; **Fax:** 02/321-4880
Contact person: Lela Sadikarijo

Publications:

Bulletin, annual
Youth paper “You and I”, annual
Publishing books on Jewish topics and by Jewish authors

Christian Adventist Church (Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Republic of Macedonia)

Христијанска адвентистичка црква (Црква на адвентистите на седмиот ден во Република Македонија)

Address: Vlae 42, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/203-0777,
Fax: 02/204-8038
E-mail: tometrajkov@gmail.com,
t.melita@gmail.com,
www.adventisti.org.mk
Contact person: Tome Trajkov
Telephone: 02/203-0777,
Mobile phone: 070/239-072

Registration No: 4709730
Tax No: 4030998545162
Bank Account: 200001121112412
Clergy: 7
Employees: 7
Activists: 100
Believers: 800 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Gjorgji Trajkovski (pastor)

Structure:

Local Church
Mission
Unions
General Conference

Highest-ranking secular post:

Gjorgji Trajkovski (President for Macedonia)

Members of the highest body:

Gjorgji Trajkovski	President
Dehran Hajder	Pastor
Tome Trajkov	Pastor

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 1863
In Macedonia: 1920
Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups: 1993

Explanation:

Christian Adventist Church (Seventh Day Adventist Church) was formally established in 1863 in Battle Creek, Michigan, USA. The

relatively recent date of its establishment does not mean that the beliefs of the Christian Adventists are something new, as they are based on the Bible and the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.

Type and number of religious facilities:

13 Churches

Important religious facilities:

Adventist Church
Address: Vlae 42, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/203-0777
Contact person: Tome Trajkov,
Melita Tomovska



Christian Adventist Church (Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Republic of Macedonia)

Христијанска адвентистичка црква (Црква на адвентистите на седмиот ден во Република Македонија)

Religious ceremonies:

Friday service after sunset
Saturday service from 09.00 to 11:00
Youth service on Saturday afternoon
Youth Prayer Hour on Tuesday at 06:00
Prayer Hour on Wednesday at 06:00
Religious classes on Sunday at 11:00

Religious teachings:

Biblical and health classes for the wider public in rented halls.

Important holidays:

Holiday – Saturday
Ordinance - baptism
Ordinance – Lord's Supper

Fasting:

The church sets the fasting days as necessary. The fast means full abstinence of food from sunset until the sunset of the next day.

Religious calendar:

The believers follow the weekly calendar, observing Saturday as a holy day.

Humanitarian organization:

Within the church/ religious community:
Samaritan Service
Address: Vlae 42, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/203-0777
Fax: 02/204-8038
e-mail: contact@adra.org.mk
Contact person: Vančo Trajkovski

Registered pursuant to the Law on Association of Citizens and Foundations:
Adventist Humanitarian Office - ADRA

Address: Vlae 42, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 070/306-576

Fax: 02/204-8038

e-mail: contact@adra.org.mk

Contact person: Vančo Trajkovski

Areas of Activity:

Provision of food, economic development, primary health care, emergency response and primary education

Publishing activity within the church/religious community:

Adventist Publishing House "The Signs of the Time"

Address: Vlae 42, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/203-0777

Fax: 02/204-8038

e-mail: tometrjakov@gmail.com

Christian Adventist Church in the Republic of Macedonia



Христијанска адвентистичка црква

Address: Petar Pop Arsov 25,
1000 Skopje
Contact person: Danilo Nikolovski
Telephone: 02/322-9942, 02/258-1166
043/361-560
Mobile phone: 070/204-518
e-mail: hacppa@gmail.com

Clergy: 2
Activists: 7
Believers: 400 (an estimation)
Registration number: 5/08
Employees: 3

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Borče Cvetkovski (pastor)
Jani Minčorovski (pastor)

Structure:

Assembly
Church Board (7 Members)
Head

Highest-ranking secular post:

Danilo Nikolovski (President)

Members of the highest body:

Danilo Nikolovski	President
Jani Minčorovski	Pastor
Borče Cvetkovski	Pastor

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 1844
In Macedonia: 1880

Important religious facilities:

Christian Adventist Church
Address: Petar Pop Arsov 25, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/322-9942
Contact person: Zoran Dimitrovski, Danilo Nikolovski

Publishing activity:

Maranatha
Address: Petar Pop Arsov 25, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/322-9942
e-mail: maranatha@mail.net.mk

Publications:

Christian Moderation (book)
Bible Commitment (book)
The Recent Events (book)
Health and Happiness (book)
Mind, Character and Personality (book)
Life and Health Advices (book)
Testimonies for the Church (9 volumes)

Religious ceremonies:

Friday after sunset
Saturday in the morning at 9^h
Saturday in the afternoon at 18^h

Ordinance

Lord's Supper
Baptism
Consecration
Synod

Fasting:

Before the Lord's Supper

Christian Baptist Church “Good News”



Христијанска баптистичка црква „Радосна вест“ (ХБЦ)

Address: Blagoja Davkov 10, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/311-3457
Fax: 02/312-1374
e-mail: administrator@crkva.org.mk
www: www.crkva.org.mk
Contact person: Ivan Grozdanov

Registration No: 8/85
Clergy: 1
Educational staff: 3
Employees: 1
Believers: 100 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Pastor

Highest-ranking secular post:

Ivan Grozdanov (President of the Church Board)

Structure:

Supreme Body
Assembly of All Members
Executive Body
Church Board
Person in charge
President of the Church Board

Estimated existence of the religious community:

Worldwide: 1609, In Macedonia: 1882
Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups: 1991

Explanation:

It was first registered on the territory of the Republic of Macedonia under Ottoman rule in 1884. As a separate denomination, it exists worldwide since 16th and 17th century, but it has continuously appeared throughout the history in different shapes since the Christ's service in the 1st century.

Type and number of religious facilities:

- 1 Christian Center
- 1 Prayer House
- 1 Bookstore
- 1 Educational and Mission Center

Important religious facilities:

Christian Center
Address: Blagoja Davkov 10, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/311-3457
Contact person: Ivan Grozdanov

Religious ceremonies:

Sunday sermon every Sunday (18:00 in winter and 19:00 in summer)
Prayer gathering Wednesday at 18:00
Youth gathering Saturday at 20:00

Religious teachings:

Religious classes for children (Sunday at 18:00 in winter and 19:00 in summer);
Educational courses, debates, instructions, etc.

Important Holidays:

January 7, 2009 Christmas
April 27, 2009 Easter
October 31, 2009 Reformation Day

Cristian Baptist Church “Good News”



Христијанска баптистичка црква „Радосна вест“ (ХБЦ)

Humanitarian organization:

Registered pursuant to the Law on
Association of Citizens and Foundations:
Humanitarian association “Christ-loving”

Address: Blagoja Davkov 10, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/311-3457

Fax: 02/312-1374

Contact person: Simeon Nikolovski

Publications:

New Testament (dynamic translation) book

Faith, Hope and Love book

Psalms book

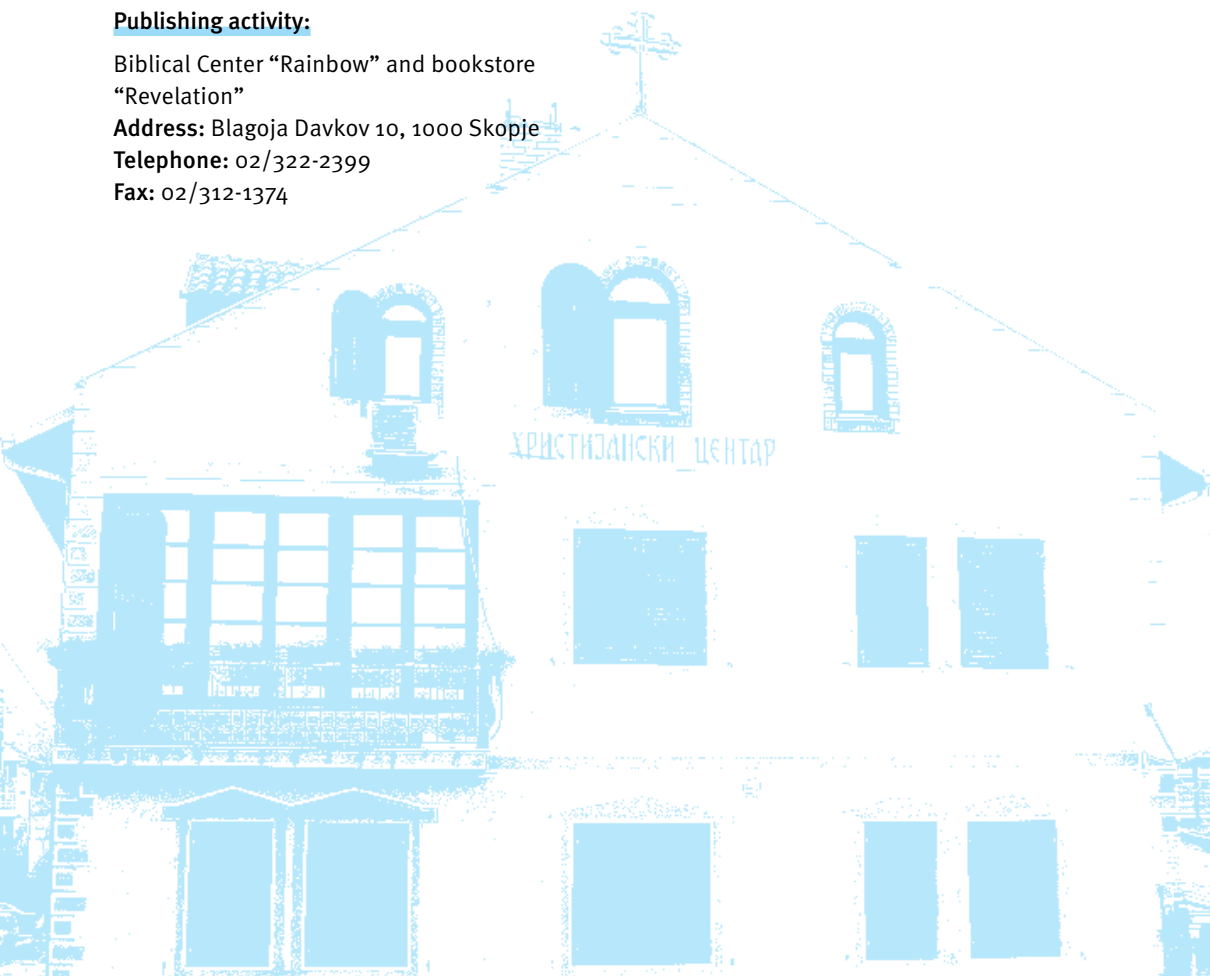
Publishing activity:

Biblical Center “Rainbow” and bookstore
“Revelation”

Address: Blagoja Davkov 10, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/322-2399

Fax: 02/312-1374



Jehovah's Witnesses - Christian Religious Community



Јеховини сведоци – Христијанска верска заедница

Address: Alzirska 36, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/309-0580
Fax: 02/309-0581
e-mail: office@mk.jw.org
www.watchtower.org
Contact person: Dimitrie Carčev
Telephone: 02/309-0580

Registration No: 3/08
Identification No: 4290542
Tax No: 4030993343260
Bank account: 300000000213339
Clergy: 69
Believers: 1.385 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking secular post:

Legal representative of the community

Structure:

Assembly between 20 and 150 believers
Province between 20 and 25 believers
District 10 provinces
Zone several districts

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 1876

In Macedonia: 1930

**Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious
Communities and Religious Groups:** 1930*;
1953; 1993; 2008

Explanation:

It was registered in 1930 pursuant to the Law
on internal administration

Type and number of religious facilities:

1 seat of the religious community
19 Kingdom Halls (places of worship)

Important religious facilities:

Betel (seat of the religious community)
Address: Alzirska 36, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/309-0580
Contact person: Dimitrie Carčev

Religious teaching:

Besides the regular weekly sermons, there
are special schools for additional training:
Gilead – Missionary School, School for
Organizational Skills and schools for
additional responsibilities in the assemblies
and other periodical schools.

Important Holidays:

March 22, 2009 Memorial of Christ's Death

Celebration of the most important holidays:

Once a year, all Jehovah Witnesses gather
together with their relatives, friends and
acquaintances in the halls of worship and
listen to a lecture on the significance and
value of Jesus' death.

The celebration includes circulation among
the audience of unleavened bread and red
wine. Only a few of those who attend the
Memorial take from these symbols.

Religious Calendar:

Gregorian calendar

Jehovah's Witnesses - Christian religious community



Јеховини сведоци - Христијанска верска заедница

Art:

Paintings are being used in the literature of the community, but only for visual representation of information and not for worship.

Publications:

Bible – The New World, translation in Macedonian language, book

Keep Yourselves in God's Love, book

Come Be My Follower, book

Live with Jehovah's Day in Mind, book

Young People Ask, book

Watchtower, magazine (bimonthly)

Wake up, magazine (monthly)



Evangelical Congregational Church (ECC)



Евангелско-конгрешанска црква (ЕКЦ)

Address: Hristo Smirnenski 20, 1000
Skopje
Contact person: Vase Azmanov
Mobile phone: 070/709-098
Telephone: 02/323-3664
Telephone: 02/262-0904
Fax: 02/323-3664
e-mail: avase@t-home.mk

Registration No: 7/08
Tax No: 4030997381026
Bank account: 300000000826088

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Pastor of the Church

Structure:

Church Assembly highest governing body

Clergy seniority executive body
of the Church Assembly

Members of the highest body:

All members of the Church are also members
of the Assembly

Estimated existence:

**Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious
Communities and Religious Groups:**
1990

Humanitarian organization:

Registered pursuant to the Law
on Associations of Citizens and Foundations
“New Life”

Contact person: Vase Azmanov
Address: Stojko Jovanovski 20, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 070/709-098

Type and number of religious facilities:

6 churches

Important religious facilities:

ECC Center

Address: Hristo Smirnenski 20, 1000 Skopje
Contact person: Vase Azmanov
Telephone: 02/323-3664

Religious ceremonies:

Sunday Morning Service from 11.00 to 13:00
Prayer Hour Wednesday from 19.00 to 21:00

Religious teaching:

Young people attend the Faculty of Theology
in Osijek, Croatia

Important Holidays:

Christmas
Easter
Pentecost
Special service is held on these days

Fasting Periods:

The fast is individually set as necessary (no
fixed dates)

“Holy Seat” of the World Sufi Erenlers in Macedonia

„Света столица,, на Суфиските еренлери од светот во Македонија

Address: Vietnamska 14-a,
1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/265-1825
e-mail: svetastolica_na@s.e.s.com
Contact person: Sheikh –ul – ulema, Baba
Ruhidin Serbez II
Telephone: 02/265-1825, 071/829-651
e-mail: svetastolica_na@s.e.s.com

Identification No: 4473213
Tax No: 4030003482503
Bank Account: 401006780000038248
Believers: 8,000 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking secular post:

Baba Ruhidin Serbez II
Sheikh –ul – ulema (Head - BABA)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Sheikh –ul – ulema (Head - BABA)

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: since the very existence of God,
BC, **In Macedonia:** 1992

Explanation:

In Macedonia it was first registered as “Islamic Taricate Religious Community of RM” and then as “Holy Seat and Crown of the Islamic Taricate Religious Community in Macedonia”. Currently, the new name is in use.

Type and number of religious facilities:

Teqja, asitane, dergjahi, semani, zavii, turbe

Important religious facilities:

Janls Baba Teqja
Address: Vietnamska 14-a, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/265-1825
Contact person: Sheikh –ul – ulema,
Baba Ruhidin Serbez II

Religious ceremonies:

Individual or group, indoors or outdoors, worshipping God with masses, rites and religious rituals as well as meditation

Religious teachings:

When necessary for priests

Fasting Periods:

Endless fast

Art:

The creation of God is an art and for the sufi the real art is the disappearance, return to the God’s universal consciousness

Humanitarian organizations:

Within the church/religious community Humanitarian merhamed (mercy) of the “Holy Seat”

Address: Vietnamska 14-a,
1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/265-1825
Contact person: Baba Ruhidin Serbez II

Areas of Activity:

For poor people throughout the Republic of Macedonia

New Apostolic Church in Macedonia (NAC)



Новоапостолска црква во Македонија (НАЦ)

Address: Njegoševa 24,
1000 Skopje
Contact person: Stojan Manevski
Mobile phone: 075/440-960
Telephone: 02/307-6072
Telephone: 02/308-2997
e-mail: mstojan@t-home.mk

Registration No: 8/08
Tax No: 4030998421994
Bank account: 300000000115369
Clergy: 15
Believers: 180 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Wolfgang Bott (Apostle)

Structure:

District Apostles
District Elders
Community Districts
Districts

Members of the highest body:

Wolfgang Bott	Apostle
Georg Kaltschmidt	Bishop
Stojan Manevski	District Elder
Sande Jakimovski	District Evangelist

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 1823

In Macedonia: 1992

Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups: 1992

Type and number of religious facilities:

1 church
3 rented facilities

Important religious facilities:

New Apostolic Church - Skopje
Address: Njegoševa 24, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/307-6072
Contact person: Stojan Manevski

Religious ceremonies:

Religious service:
every Sunday at 10:30
every Wednesday at 19:30

Religious teaching:

Religious classes for children, every Sunday
after the service

Important Holidays:

April 11, 2009 Easter
May 30, 2009 Pentecost
June 10, 2009 Ascension
December 25, 2009 Christmas

Publications:

Our Family magazine, twice a month
Questions and Answers Concerning the New
Apostolic Faith, brochure, yearly

Evangelical Church in the Republic of Macedonia (EC in RM)



Евангелска црква во Република Македонија (ЕЦ во РМ)

Address: Franklin Ruzvelt 16, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/324-5457
Fax: 02/324-5457
e-mail: mmbmirco@t-home.mk
www.macedonianevangelicals.org
Contact person: Mirčo Andreev
Telephone: 02/324-5457
Mobile phone: 070/250-826

Registration No: 14/109
Identification No: 4262522
Tax No: 4030998376824
Bank Account: 300000001097785
Clergy: 36
Educational staff: 70
Employees: 22
Activists: 100
Believers: 2.000 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Mirčo Andreev (Pastor)

Highest-ranking secular post:

Mirčo Andreev (President of the Main Clergy)

Structure:

Assembly
Main Clergy
Pastor of the Local Church

Members of the highest body:

Mirčo Andreev President of the Main Clergy
Venko Nakov Vice-President of the Main Clergy
Toni Barbutov Secretary of the Main Clergy

Estimated existence:

Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups: 1991

Explanation:

The latest registration in the Basic Court Skopje II – Skopje dates from November 11, 2008 under the following registration number: 9/08

Type and number of religious facilities:

11 churches

Important religious facilities:

Address: Franklin Ruzvelt 16, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/324-5457
Contact person: Mirčo Andreev

Religious ceremonies:

Sunday service around 10:00 and 18:00
Prayer service Wednesday or Thursday at 18:00
Youth service every Saturday
Religious classes for children Sunday morning and evening

Important Holidays:

Christmas
Reformation Day
Easter
Pentecost

Fasting Periods:

No special fasting days. The fasting is through abstinence from food and drink and greater commitment to God, through prayers, reading the Holy Scriptures, etc.

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Humanitarian organizations:

Registered pursuant to the Law on Associations of Citizens and Foundations

AGAPE – Humanitarian Organization – Association for Building Active Friendship and Empathy

Address: Franklin Ruzvelt 16, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/324-5457

Fax: 02/324-5457

e-mail: mmbmirco@t-home.mk

www.macedonianevangels.org

Contact person: Mirčo Andreev

Areas of activity: humanitarian aid to several target groups

Publishing activity:

Evangelistic Church (as a publisher)

Address: Franklin Ruzvelt 16, 1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/324-5457

Contact person: Mirčo Andreev

Biblical League

Telephone: 02/324-5637

Contact person: Stojan Petrovski

Metanoya

Contact person: Kostake Milkov

Publications:

Your New Life, book

Your Bible, book

Re-examination of one's Heart, book

Book about Jesus, book

Biblical Ethics, book

The Church, book

Evangelization Face to Face, book

How to Pray, book

How to Study the Bible, book

Marriage and Family, book

Your Friend Helper, book

The Plan of God – Your Choice, book

Christian Worship, book

Christian Workers, book

The Gospel according to John, book

The Christian in the Community, book

What do Churches Do?, book

We Believe, book

Service for Studying, book

Big Life Questions, book

Calm my Worried Heart, book

Towards the Third God, book

Portraits of Jesus, book

God's Family, book

God's Plan for the Man, book

Meeting God, book

Reports from Doctor Luca, book

Women of the New Testament, book

Building Faith, book

International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)



Ваишнавска верска заедница (BB3)

Address: Borka Taleski 43a, 1000 Skopje
e-mail: vaideha@t-home.mk
web site:
www.hare-krishna-macedonia.co.cc
Contact person: Vladimir Nikolovski
Mobile phone: 070/371-717

Believers: 300 (an estimation)
Educational staff: 10
Activists: 50

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Vladimir Nikolovski President of the temple

Highest-ranking secular post:

Vladimir Nikolovski President of the religious community

Structure:

Temple Council
Assembly of Devotees

Members of the highest body:

Dasa A.C. Bhaktivaibhava Swami Regional secretary, Vladimir Nikolovski President
Petar Spasenovski Vice-President

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 5,000 years ago

In Macedonia: 25 years

Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups: 23 years

Religious facilities:

1 Temple

Important religious facilities:

Hare Krishna Temple

Address: Borka Taleski 43a, 1000 Skopje

Mobile phone: 070/371-717

Contact person: Vladimir Nikolovski

Religious ceremonies:

Morning program every day from 06:00 to 09:00; Evening program every day from 19:00 to 20:30; Weekly program every Sunday from 18:00 to 21:30

Поважни празници:

2/2/2009	Advaita Acharya
2/7/2009	Nityanand Trayodashi
3/10/2009	Gaura Purnima
5/7/2009	Nrisimha Chaturdashi
8/27/2009	Radhashtami
8/14/2009	Janmashtami
8/15/2009	Srila Prabhupada

Celebration:

Ceremonial part: 1) Offering grains in the bon fire; 2) Deity Worship; 3) Bathing of the Deity, 4) Chanting; 5) Tasting Vegetarian Food и 6) Philosophical part

Fasting Periods: On every holiday, plus twice a month for one day

Art:

Music, painting, poetry, theatre, sculpturing

Publications:

Road of Great Separation
Radha Kunda Mahima Madhuri (The Sweet Glories of Radha Kunda)
The Higher Taste Vegetarian Cookbook

Universal Life (Primordial Christians)



Прахристијанска заедница „Универзален живот“
Universelles Leben (UL); Jeta Univerzale (JU)

Address: Crvena opština b.b,
1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/311-1043
e-mail: info@univerzalen-zivot.org.mk
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Mirče Naumovski
Telephone: 02/244-6643, 070/461-902
e-mail: nmirce@yahoo.com

Tax No: 4030998348375
Bank Account: 200000018401377
Believers: between 200 and 500 (an estimation)
Activists: 15

Highest-ranking secular post:

Prof. Dr. Mirče Naumovski President

Structure:

A group of responsible brothers and sisters makes decisions on the meeting points in other cities in every local community

Members of the highest body:

Prof. Dr. Mirče Naumovski President
Ordan Krstev Secretary
Vangel Mičevski Cashier

Estimated existence of the religious community:

Worldwide: 31 years. In Macedonia: 18 years
Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups:
16 years ago

Explanation:

It was first registered in Germany, 31 years ago, but it is deeply rooted in the pre-Christian movements: Bogomil, Cataren, Pataren movements

Type and number of religious facilities:

Meeting premises are rented

Important religious facilities:

Address: Crvena opština b.b, 1000 Skopje
Telephone: 02/311-1043
Contact person: Vangel Mičevski

Religious ceremonies:

Prayer for Healing the World every Tuesday from 19:30 to 20:30, Experience God Without Compulsion every Friday from 19:15 to 20:30
Cosmic Life School every Sunday from 10:00 to 11:00

Religious teachings:

Spiritual teaching "Inner Path to Universal Life"

Important Holidays:

Christmas, Easter, Pentecost

Celebration: Gathering without priests, no rituals and dogmas

Publications:

The Sermon on the Mount: The Path to a Higher Ethics and Morals; The Inner Path; Catalogue of Spiritual Books, every four months; The Path to Cosmic Consciousness; Disasters, Earth Upheavals, Dying; God Gave Warning on Time, brochure; The Bible was Falsified, brochure

Christian Center in RM



Христијански центар во Република Македонија (ХЦ во РМ)

Address: Jane Sandanski 27/39,
1000 Skopje
Contact person: Aleksandar Vuletić
Telephone: 02/520-6096
Fax: 02/520-6096
Telephone: 02/244-6946
Mobile phone: 072/225-482
e-mail: vuletik@gmail.com
e-mail: contact_490@yahoo.com

Identification No: 5033926
Tax No: 4030995361893
Bank Account: 200000018401377
Clergy: 8
Educational staff: 4
Employees: 1
Activists: 30
Believers: 250

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Aleksandar Vuletić (Pastor)

Highest-ranking secular post:

Aleksandar Vuletić, President

Structure:

Board of Elders of CC in RM
Board of Elders in every local community
Local churches with own deaconies
Cell groups with own leaders
Mission stations

Members of the highest body:

Aleksandar Vuletić Pastor
Zoran Spasovski Missionary Pastor
Aleksandar Dukovski Evangelist
Alpin Popnikolov Youth Pastor

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 1906
In Macedonia: 16 years
Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups: 14 years ago

Type and number of religious facilities:

1 Church

Important religious facilities:

Office of the Christian Center in RM
Address: Anastas Mitrev 29/20,
Telephone: 02/520-0096
Contact person: Aleksandar Vuletić

Religious ceremonies:

Sunday service every Sunday
Biblical and theological lectures every Sunday
School of Life lectures for new believers every Sunday
Alpha course every Friday
Cell meetings every Wednesday
Prayer meetings every Monday

Important Holidays:

Christmas, Easter, Pentecost

Celebration:

Appropriate speech and singing festive songs

Christian Center in RM



Христијански центар во Република Македонија (ХЦ во РМ)

Fasting Periods:

Individual fasts

Religious Calendar:

Gregorian calendar

Publications:

The Voice Magazine, every four months;
Tell them I love them, book; Husbands and Fathers, book.

Registered pursuant to the Law on Association of Citizens and Foundations:

Macedonian Association for Humanitarian Support

Address: Anastas Mitrev 29/20,

Telephone: 071/356-120

e-mail: zvonkomichev@gmail.com

Contact person: Zvonko Micev

Areas of activity: poor people and prisons

Humanitarian organizations:

Within the church/religious community:

Charity Service

Address: Jane Sandanski 27/39,
1000 Skopje

Telephone: 02/520-6096

Fax: 02/520-6096

e-mail: contact_490@yahoo.com

Contact person: Aleksandar Vuletić

Areas of activity: disabled persons, Roma,
young married couples

Church of God of Macedonia

Црква божја во РМ (ЦБ во РМ)

Address: Vančo Pitošeski 1a,
6000 Ohrid
Telephone: 046/254-371
Contact person: Pavle Ginoski
Telephone: 046/253-350
Cell phone: 070/261-638
e-mail: pginoski@yahoo.com

Registration No: 11/08
Believers: around 300 (an estimation)

Highest-ranking clerical/religious post:

Pavle Ginoski (Bishop)

Highest-ranking secular post:

Pavle Ginoski (lawyer)

Structure:

Highest Body	Assembly
Executive Bodies	Senior Clergy
Executive Body	Head Clergy

Estimated existence:

Worldwide: 120 years

In Macedonia: 70 years

Registered pursuant to the Law on Religious Communities and Religious Groups: 2008

Explanation:

The Church of God in RM exists since 1930 when our believers and ancestors returned from Uruguay and Argentina. At the beginning they functioned as a domestic church.

It was registered for the first time on the territory of Yugoslavia on April 14, 1968. With Macedonia's independence it was registered in the Interior Affairs Office in Ohrid in 1991. Since 1998 it was registered in the Registry of the Commission for Relations with Religious Communities.

Important religious facilities:

Church building

Address: Vančo Pitošeski 1a, Ohrid

Telephone: 046/253-350

Contact person: Pavle Ginoski

Religious ceremonies:

Regular Service	every Sunday
Prayer	every Tuesday
Teachings	every Thursday

Important Holidays:

Christmas

Easter

Celebration:

Special services devoted to the event and personality of God Jesus Christ

ANNEX 1: Differences in the Number of Believers

In the Address Book, the religious communities have indicated accurate number (for those keeping records of the membership) or an estimated number of believers.

In the cases of the Macedonian Orthodox Church and the Islamic Religious Community in Republic of Macedonia, the estimates also include the number of believers currently not living/residing in Macedonia.

The table below, provides a comparison of the data given in the Address Book with those established during the last Census, conducted in 2002 (in compliance with the responses to the question “Declare your religious affiliation”), provided by the State Statistical Office of Republic of Macedonia.

Religious community	Census	Census (%)	Address Book
Orthodox	1,310,184	64.78	2,000,000
Muslims	674,015	33.33	900,000
Catholics	7,008	0.35	17,391
Christians (no indication of the community)	15,862	0.78	904
Protestants	520	0.03	
Adventists	487	0.02	5,000
Baptists	102	0.01	100
Evangelists	272	0.01	1,000
Evangelist-Methodists	1,303	0.06	5,000
Reformists	28	0.00	
Jehovah Witnesses	1,105	0.05	1,100
Members of the Jewish Community	71	0.00	208
Hare Krishna	40	0.00	200
The religious affiliation is not indicated	433	0.02	
Atheists	3,524	0.17	
Have not declared	1,377	0.07	
Unknown	6,216	0.31	
Total	2,022,547	100.00	2,930,903

