

World Fellowship of Buddhists

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The **World Fellowship of Buddhists** (WFB) is an international [Buddhist](#) organization. Initiated by [Gunapala Piyasena Malalasekera](#), it was founded in 1950^[1] in [Colombo](#), [Ceylon](#) by representatives from 27 nations.^[2] Although [Theravada](#) Buddhists are most influential in the organization, (its headquarters are in [Thailand](#) and all of its presidents have been from Sri Lanka or southeast Asia), members of all Buddhist schools are active in the WFB. It now has regional centers in 35 countries, including India, the United States, Australia, and several nations of Africa and Europe, in addition to traditional Buddhist countries.^[3]

The aims and objectives of the World Fellowship of Buddhists are:^[2]

1. To promote among the members strict observance and practice of the teachings of the Buddha
2. To secure unity, solidarity, and brotherhood amongst Buddhists
3. To propagate the sublime doctrine of the Buddha
4. To organize and carry on activities in the field of social, educational, cultural and other humanitarian services
5. To work for happiness, harmony and peace on earth and to collaborate with other organizations working for the same ends.

The current president is [Phan Wannamethee](#) of Thailand serving since 1999, while Venerable [Hsing Yun](#) of the [Republic of China](#) serves as honorary president.

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- [Buddhist Discussion Centre \(Upwey\)](#)
- [Buddhist Council of New South Wales](#)
- [The Buddhist Foundation](#)

Austria

- [Osterreichische Buddhistische Union \(Austrian Buddhist Union\)](#)

Bangladesh

- [Bangladesh Buddhist Federation](#)
- [Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha](#)
- [Bangladesh Buddhist Association](#)
- [Agrasara Memorial Society of Bangladesh](#)
- [Parbatya Bouddha Sangha, Sakyamuni Bouddha Sangha](#)
- [Anoma Cultural Association](#)
- [Bangladesh Rakhaing-Marma Sangha Council](#)

Belgium

- [Buddhist Study Centre of Belgium](#)

Bhutan

- [Dratshang Lhentshog \(National Council of Sangha Communities\)](#)

Brazil

- [Sociedade Budista do Brasil](#)
- [Federacao das Seitas Buddhists do Brasil](#)

Burma (see Myanmar)

Cambodia

- [Buddhist Association Khmer Republic](#)
- [Buddhism Community for Development of Cambodia](#)

Canada

- [Buddhist Church of Canada](#)
- [Universal Buddhist Temple](#)
- [Vietnamese Buddhist Association of Canada](#)
- [True Faith Buddhism Association of Canada Inc.](#)
- [International Buddhist Friends Association \(IBFA\)](#)

China

- [Buddhist Association of China](#)

Czechoslovakia

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Finland

- [Buddhismin Ystavat](#)

France

- [French Regional Centre of WFB](#)
- [World Linh-Son Buddhist Congregation](#)
- [French-Vietnamese Buddhist Association](#)
- [Association Zen International \(AZI\)](#)
- [Association Cultuelle Bouddhique De Marseille \(Vallondes Tuves\)](#)

Germany

- [Deutsche Buddhistische Union \(DBU\)](#)
- [Order Arya Maitreya Mandala \(AMM\)](#)
- [European Buddhist Union](#)

Ghana

- [The Maha Bodhi Society of Ghana](#)

Great Britain

- [The Buddhist Society](#)
- [Amaravati Buddhist Centre](#)

Hong Kong

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- [Hong Kong Buddhist Sangha Association](#)
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India

- [Tripura Rajya Buddhist Association](#)
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- [Kalimpong Dharmodaya Sabha](#)
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- [Shri Dadasaheb Gawai Charitable Trust, Amravati, "Kamal Pushpa"](#)
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Indonesia

- [Gabungan Tridharma Indonesia \(GTI\)](#)
- [Jakarta Dhammacakka Jaya Foundation](#)
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Japan

- [Japan Buddhist Federation](#)

South Korea

- [WFB Korea Regional Centre](#)
- [The Korea Fellowship of Buddhists](#)
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- [The Chittagong Buddhist Association](#)
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Thailand

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United States

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