

Top 50 Recipients of Foundation Grants for Religion, circa 2008

Recipient Organization	State/Country	Dollar Amount	No. of Grants
1 Avi Chai	Israel	\$22,786,640	1
2 Confederation of Independent States Ministries	Russia	11,992,836	1
3 Bar-Ilan University in Israel	NY	11,500,000	1
4 Papal Foundation	PA	10,000,000	1
5 Indianapolis Center for Congregations	IN	9,587,525	1
6 Christ the Light Cathedral Corporation	CA	9,500,000	2
7 Wabash College	IN	8,149,856	1
8 Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	KY	8,000,000	1
9 Dawat-E-Hadiyah	CA	7,584,000	1
10 Educational Broadcasting Corporation	NY	7,250,000	2
11 Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia	TN	7,142,377	2
12 Fund for Theological Education	GA	6,354,450	1
13 Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada	PA	6,076,950	3
14 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	UT	5,532,178	14
15 Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles	CA	4,840,000	9
16 Emory University	GA	4,659,500	2
17 Open Doors Asia	Philippines	4,617,053	1
18 Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science	PA	4,603,198	9
19 TellAsia Ministries	CO	4,249,529	1
20 Archdiocese of Los Angeles	CA	4,101,315	12
21 Open Doors Holland	Netherlands	4,005,372	1
22 Indiana Area Foundation of the United Methodist Church	IN	3,900,000	1
23 Beit Avi Chai	Israel	3,900,000	1
24 Duke University	NC	3,719,380	4
25 Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life	DC	3,048,981	29
26 Chevra Lomdei Torah	NJ	2,862,519	3
27 American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee	NY	2,771,959	2
28 Federation Combined Jewish Appeal	Canada	2,709,062	1
29 Alban Institute	VA	2,657,457	2
30 Chaldean Catholic Church of the United States of America	MI	2,600,000	1
31 Watermark Community Church	TX	2,416,000	8
32 Open Doors Sub-Saharan Africa	South Africa	2,359,122	1
33 Upaya Chapter of the Tiep Hien Order	NM	2,192,077	5
34 Wycliffe Bible Translators	FL	2,168,200	5
35 University of Virginia	VA	2,113,551	1
36 American Friends of Brothers Aid	NY	2,044,000	3
37 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	CA	2,000,000	1
38 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	IL	1,897,800	3
39 Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church	FL	1,760,000	1
40 Open Doors Gulf	CA	1,725,772	1
41 Mesorah Heritage Foundation	NY	1,696,308	3
42 Oxford University	England	1,681,684	6
43 Mosaic Law Congregation	CA	1,668,632	1
44 Maranatha Volunteers International	CA	1,615,000	4
45 Saint Johns Abbey	MN	1,561,452	1
46 Open Doors Southeast Asia	Philippines	1,557,982	1
47 Myers Park Presbyterian Church	NC	1,541,943	2
48 Second Presbyterian Church	TN	1,523,482	43
49 First Church of Christ Scientist	NY	1,500,000	1
50 Israel Education Resource Center	GA	1,500,000	1
Total		\$227,225,142	203

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Based on all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a national sample of 1,490 larger U.S. foundations (including 800 of the 1,000 largest ranked by total giving). For community foundations, only discretionary grants are included. Grants to individuals are not included in the file. The search set includes all grants to recipient organizations classified in this topic area and grants to other recipient types for activities classified in this topic area. Grants may therefore be included in more than one topic table, e.g., a grant to a university for its arts program is included in Education, Higher Education, and Arts.

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