There are currently about 25 active and long-standing religious organizations on campus that are based in Building W31, the Religious Activities Center (http://studentlife.mit.edu/rl). Chaplains representing major faith communities devote all or a large part of their time to on-campus activities, counseling individual students, and advising student religious organizations. In addition, there are para-church groups served by chaplains and interns working on campus during the school year. These groups are all supported by outside funding.

Religious, moral, and ethical convictions are important personal identity markers, and the Institute provides all members of the MIT community the opportunity to freely express their beliefs. The chaplain to the Institute monitors that responsibility and offers support and counsel in times of loss and trauma.