

## Religion and its Impact on the Alma Community in 1905

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I specifically want to look at how religion played a role on campus and how it was used in the community. The main question will be: How did religion impact Alma College and the greater Alma area in the year 1905? I am conducting this research because I want to see how religion played a role in society and how people used it in the city of Alma. I also want to see how it played a role on the campus because I know the college's roots are based on Presbyterian ideology. To conduct this research, I will be using *The Almanian* and *Alma Record* as my primary sources. I will also be using other secondary sources from Alma to research this topic of religion in 1905. In my research this far, I have found that religion has played a role in society and people have reached out to God and started forming other churches in the city at this time. At the college, specifically in 1905, Alma students, faculty, and staff have prayer meetings to pray over the upcoming school year in the first couple weeks of the January semester. The spirit manifested and they felt the presence of God on campus. In *The Almanian*, students during this year were writing about Christianity and the social unity. Having this religious background on campus has helped to unify the college and city community.