

MULTNOMAH COUNTY INTERFAITH INITIATIVE

Overview of Faith-based Community Landscape

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Collaboration among communities of faith, social service providers, community organizations, and the County to promote:

SOCIAL JUSTICE: Equity and dignity for those disenfranchised from our community.

PEACE & NONVIOLENCE: Opportunities to end all types of abuse and violence.

STEWARDSHIP & SUSTAINABILITY: Actions to support the environment and champion community health and wellness.

PLURALISM: Respect for diversity of beliefs, and community integration without the expectation of assimilation

DEMOGRAPHICS OF BELIEF

- In 2010, 64% of residents in the Portland Metro Area consider themselves religious or spiritual.

25% identify as religious

39% identify as spiritual

17% identify as agnostic

10% identify as atheist

8% say they are confused

- In 1985, the Oregonian reported that 96% of Portland residents said they believed in God, a universal spirit, or both.
- 33% of adults age 18 to 34 consider themselves “religious”

ATTITUDE TOWARD RELIGION LOCALLY

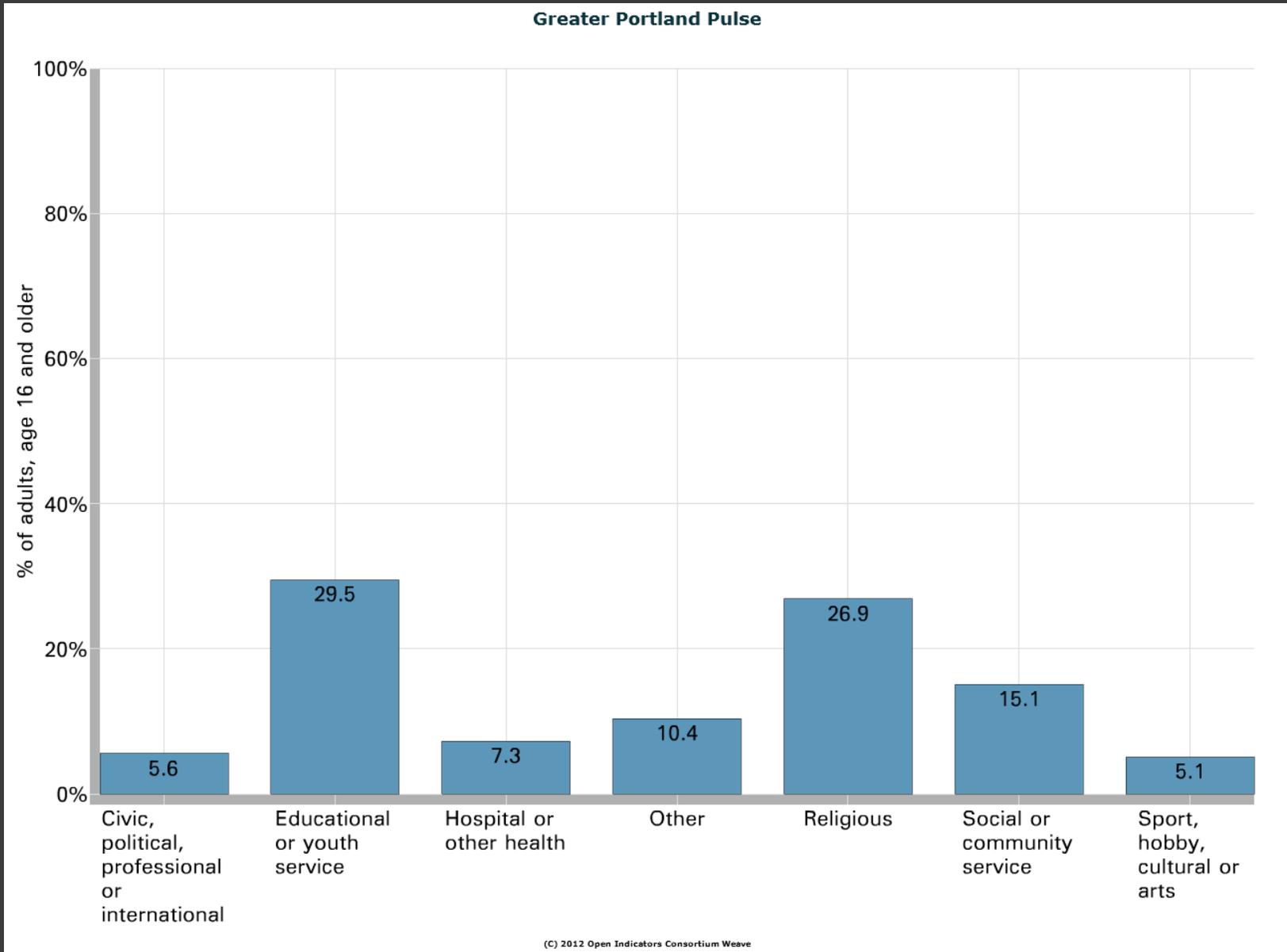
When asked about religion:

- 18% believe it is generally a negative force in society
- 47% believe it is equally good and bad in its impact on society
- 35% believe it is generally a positive force in society

Religious Participation

- 3% Daily
- 20% Weekly
- 26% For Major Religious Holidays
- 51% Never

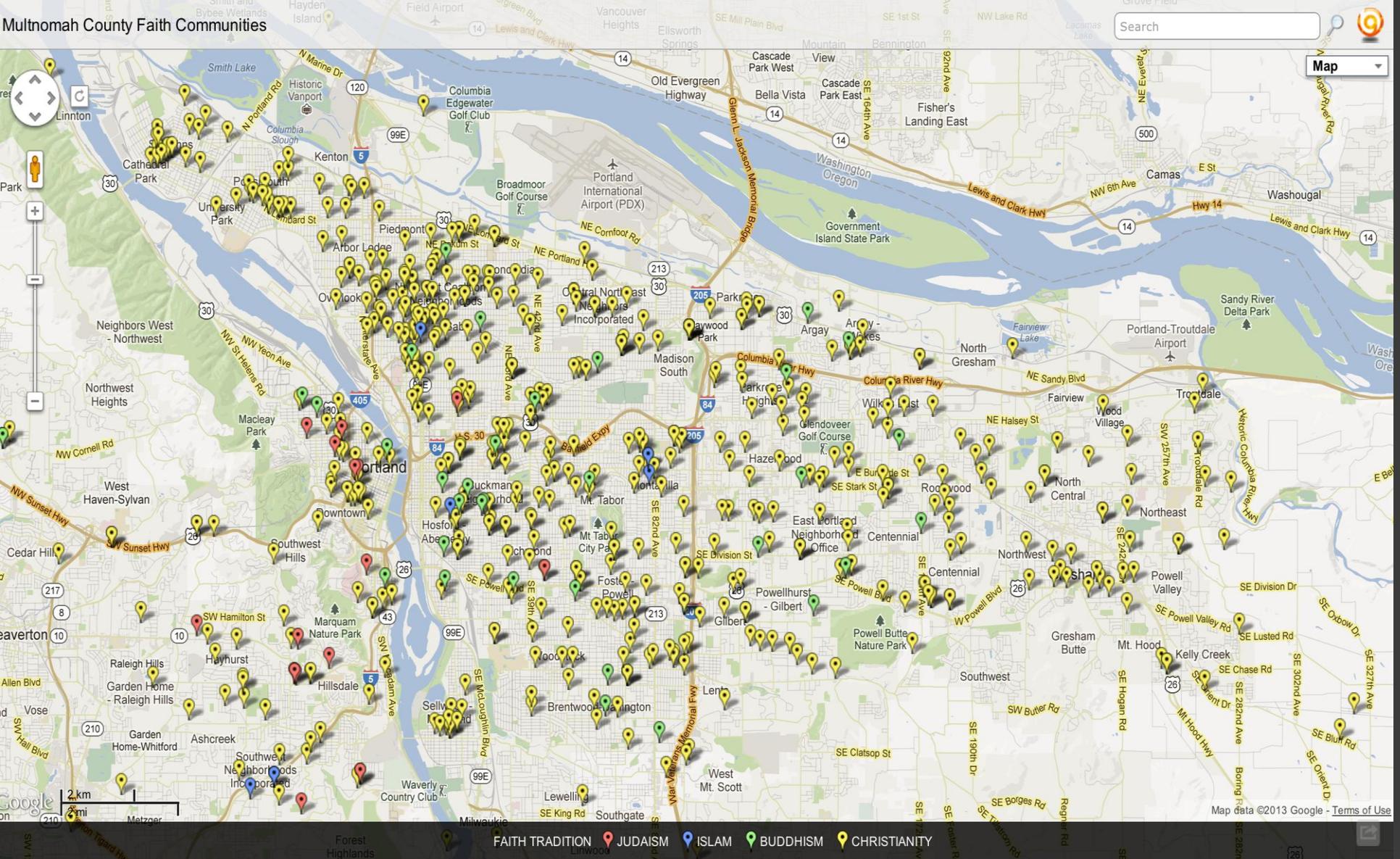
% of individuals age 16 and older volunteering by organization type, 2010



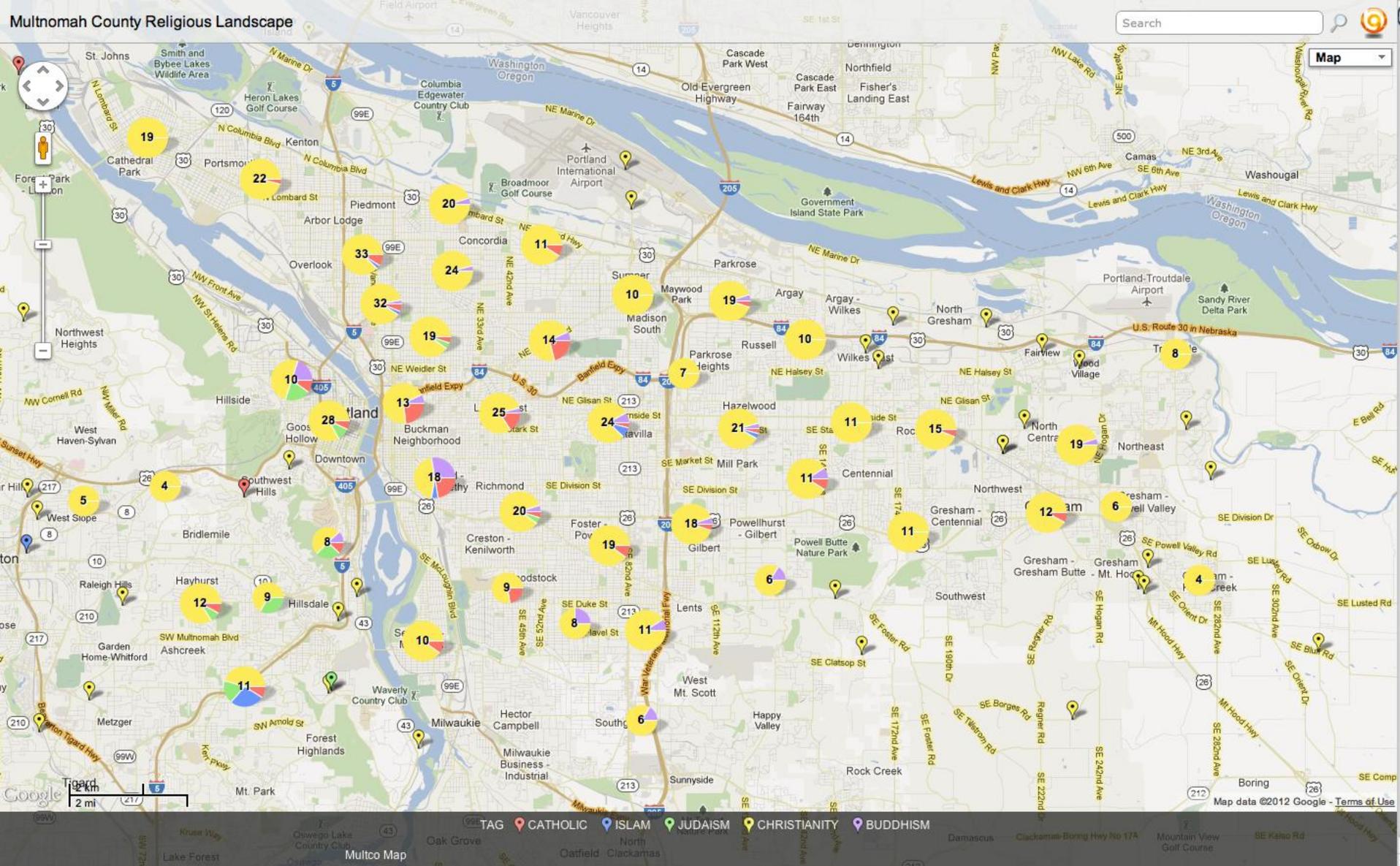
Source: Civic Life in America; Current Population Survey Civic Supplement
Administered by the U.S. Census Bureau

FRAMING FAITH COMMUNITIES

- Even from the very beginning, this country has been religiously **diverse and pluralistic**.
- Faith communities are **voluntary** associations.
- Historically, traditions of **social action** have been rooted in religion.
- **Ethnic and cultural identity** are the enduring elements of religion in a secular society.



Multnomah County Faith Community Landscape



Multnomah County Cluster Map by Faith Tradition

POLITY AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

Faith traditions generally have organizational divisions with internal hierarchies or systems of administration.

CHRISTIANITY

Catholic

Orthodox

Protestant

ISLAM

Sunni

Shi'a

JUDAISM

Reform

Reconstructionist

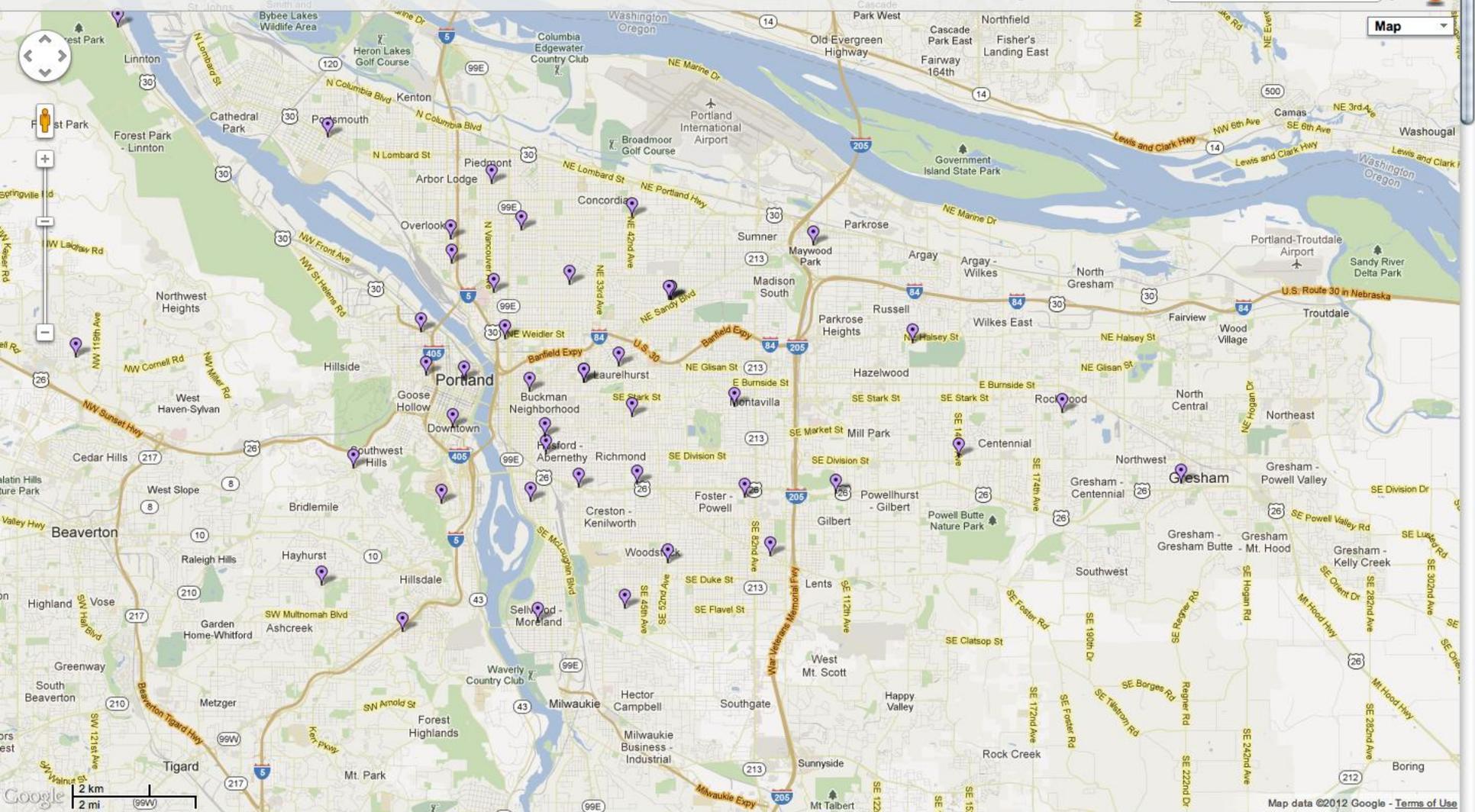
Conservative

Orthodox

BUDDHISM

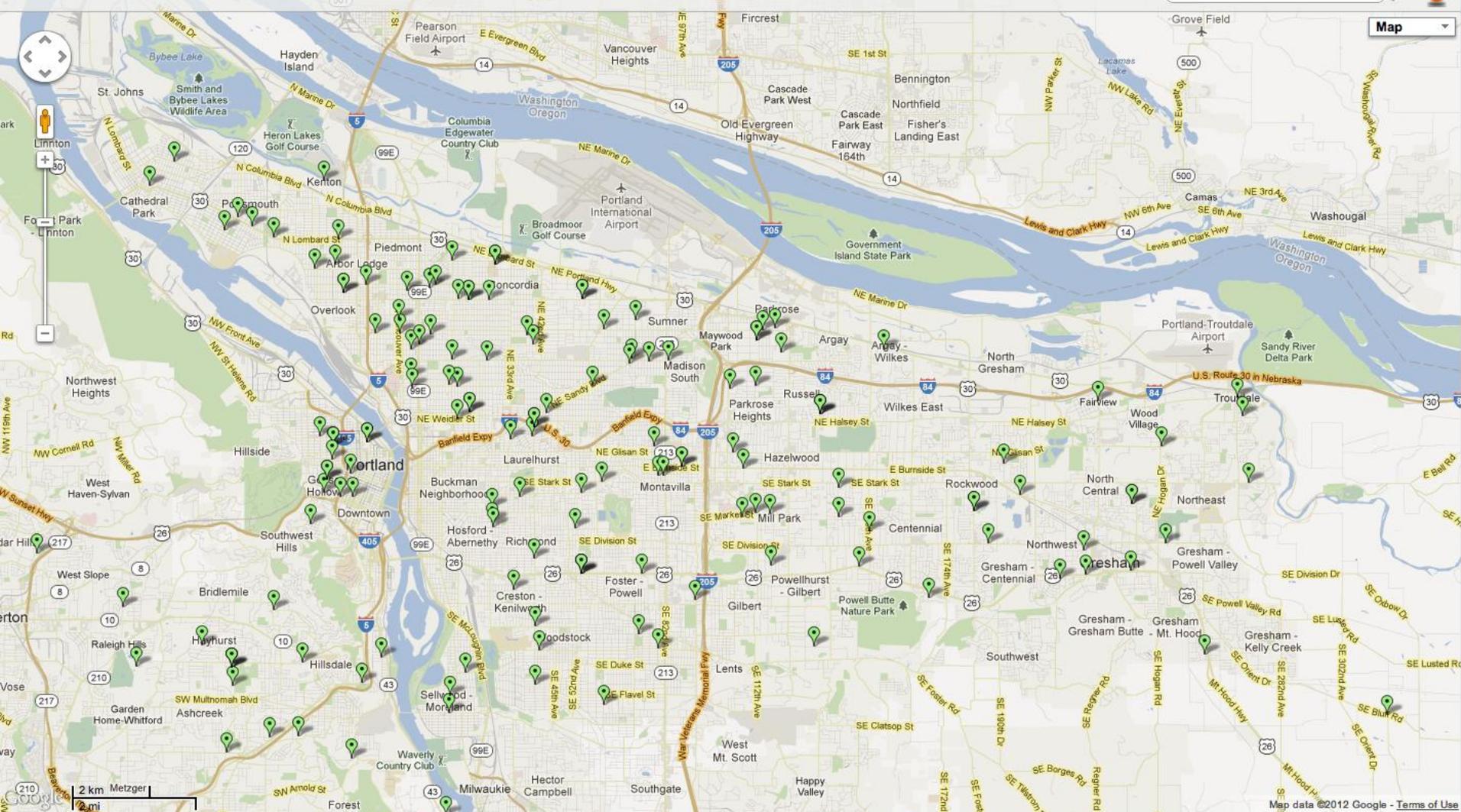
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Mahayana

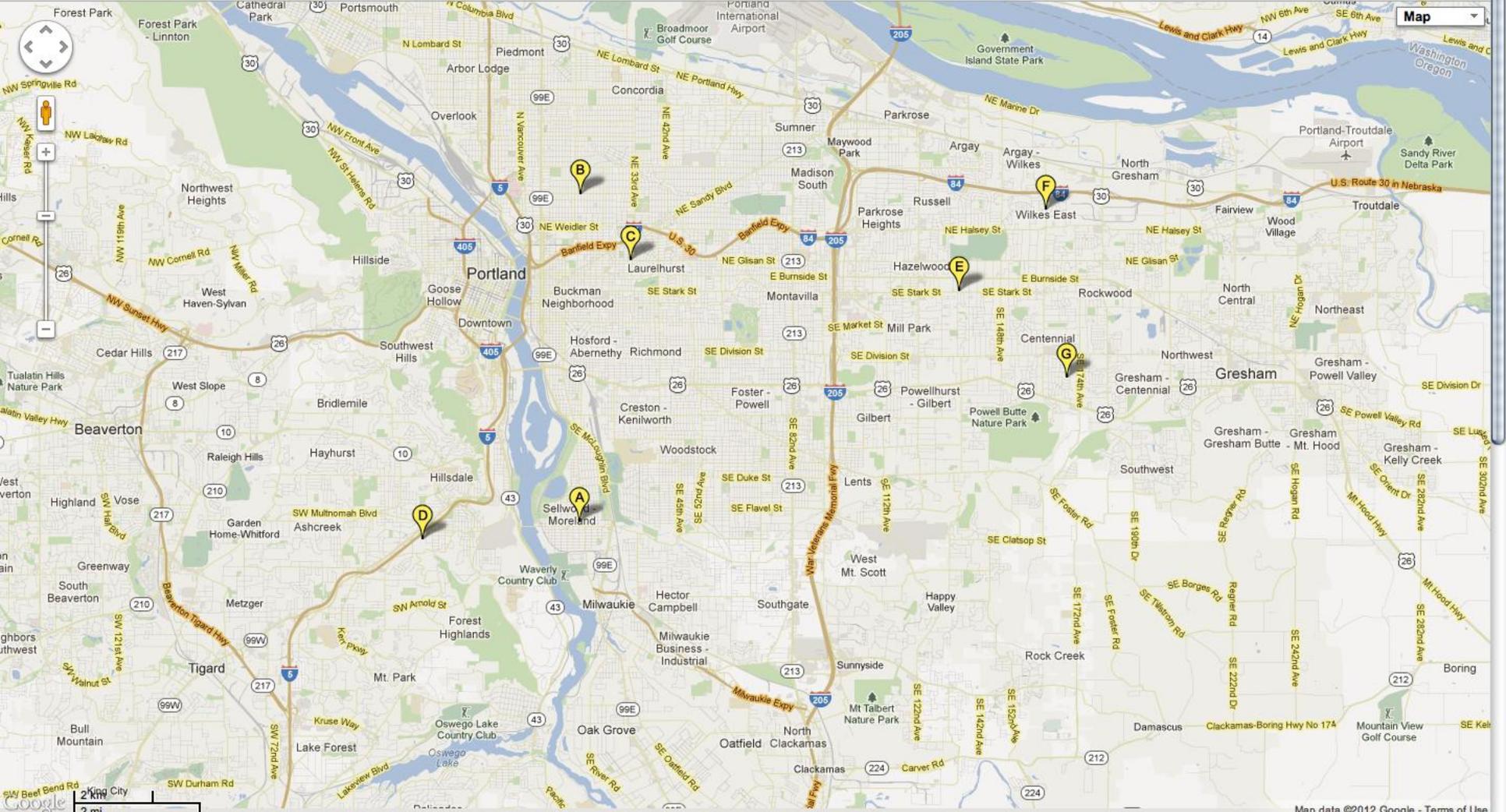


SUBGROUP
 EVANGELICAL/CHARISMATIC
 MAINLINE PROTESTANT
 Orthodox
 CATHOLIC
 Mahayana
 Others

Catholic Churches in Multnomah County



Mainline Protestant Churches in Multnomah County



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Orthodox Christian Churches in Multnomah County

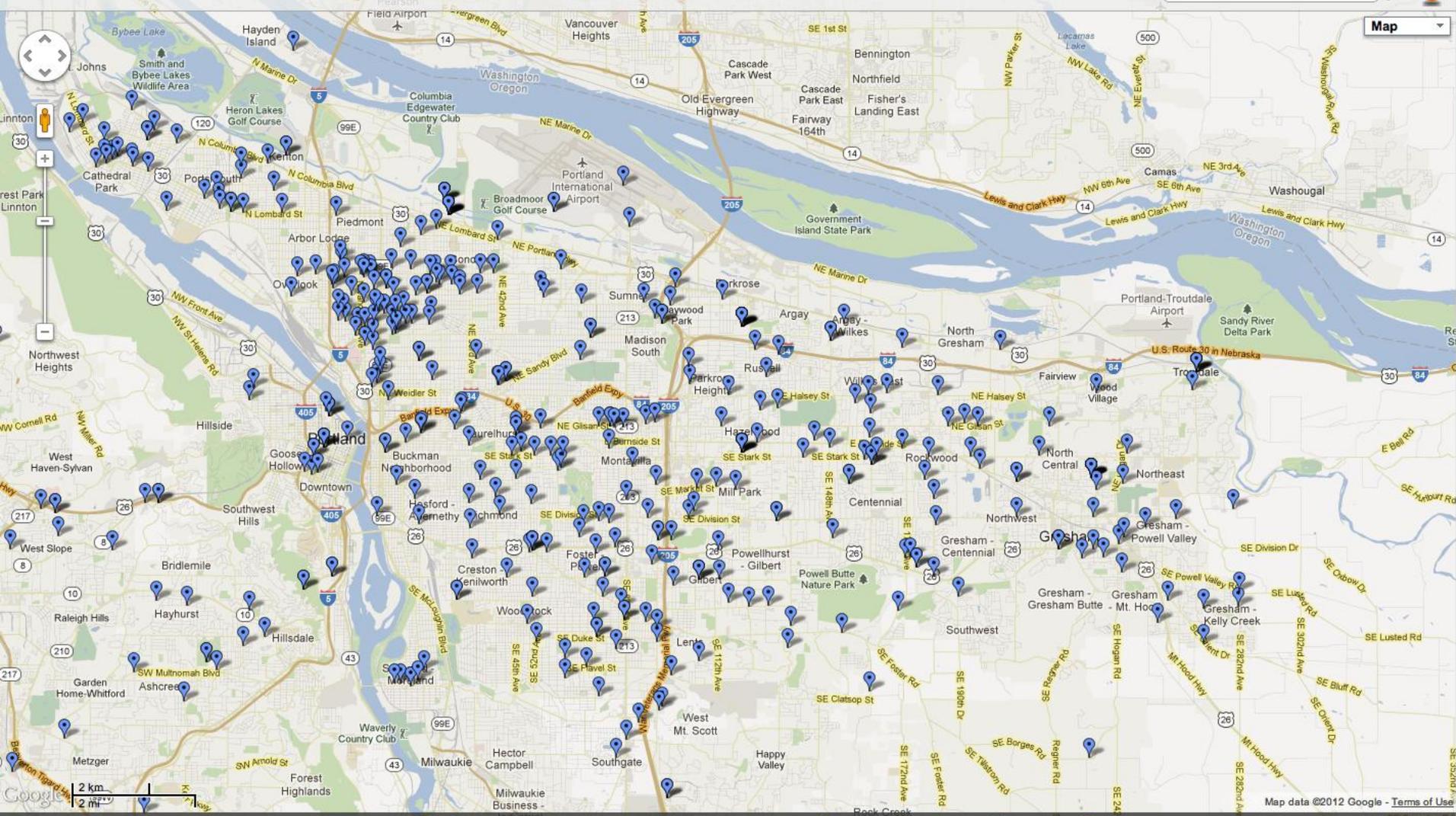
Religious Modes in Christianity

Charismatic

- Ecstatic expression of faith
- Belief in spiritual gifts or abilities

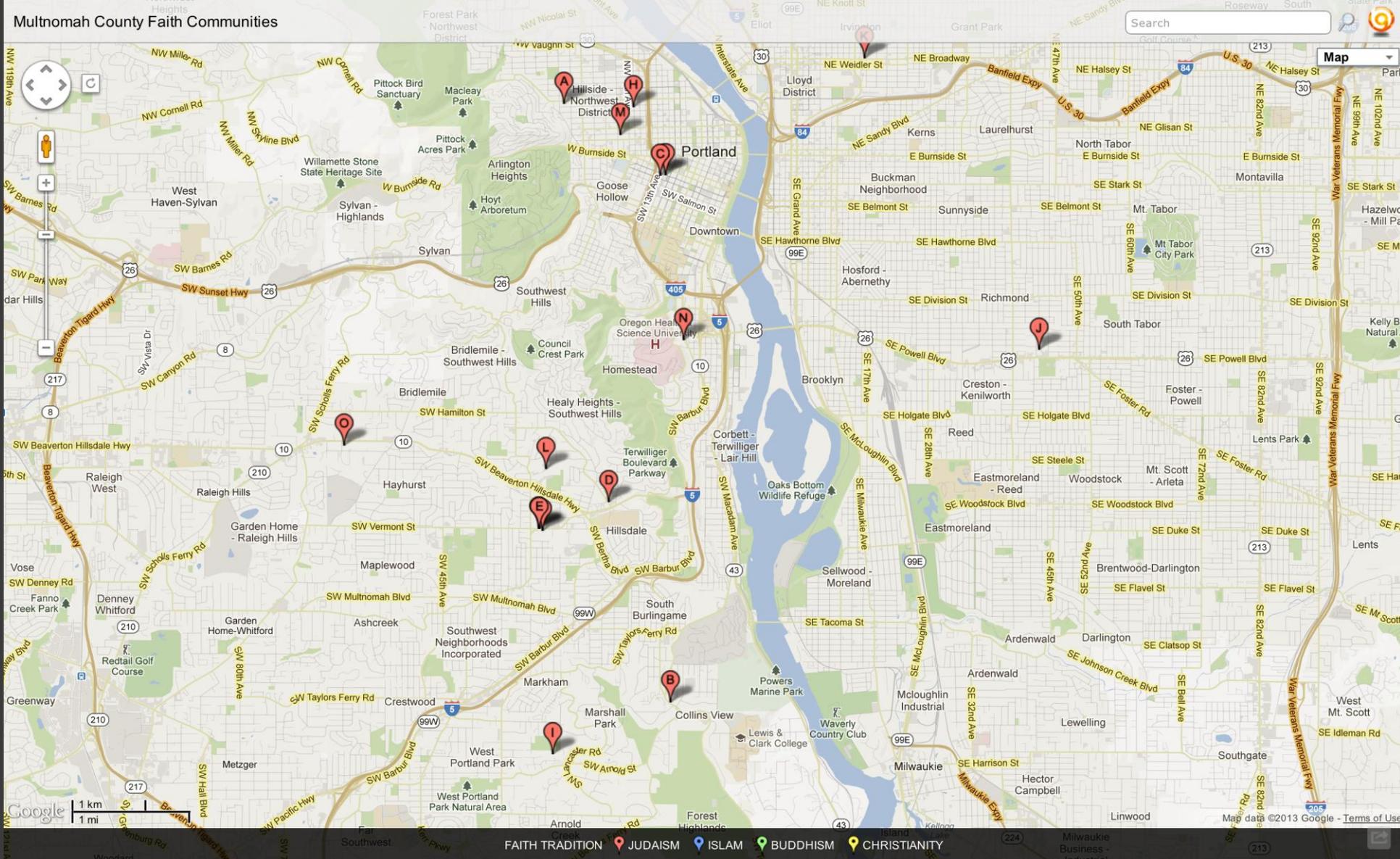
Evangelical

- Emphasis on conversion experience
- Activism as a tenet of faith
- High regard and obedience to the Bible

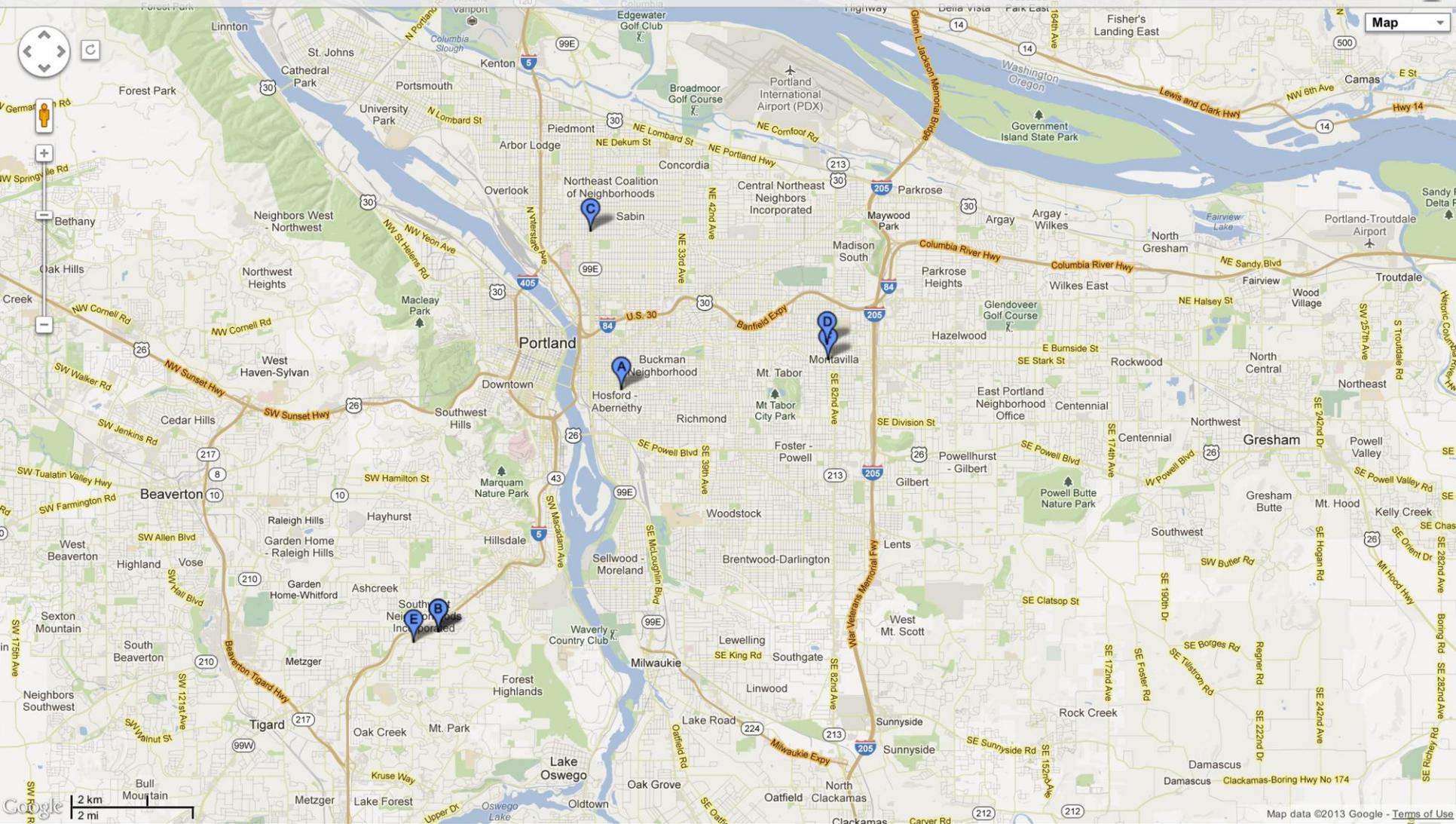


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Evangelical and Charismatic Churches in Multnomah County

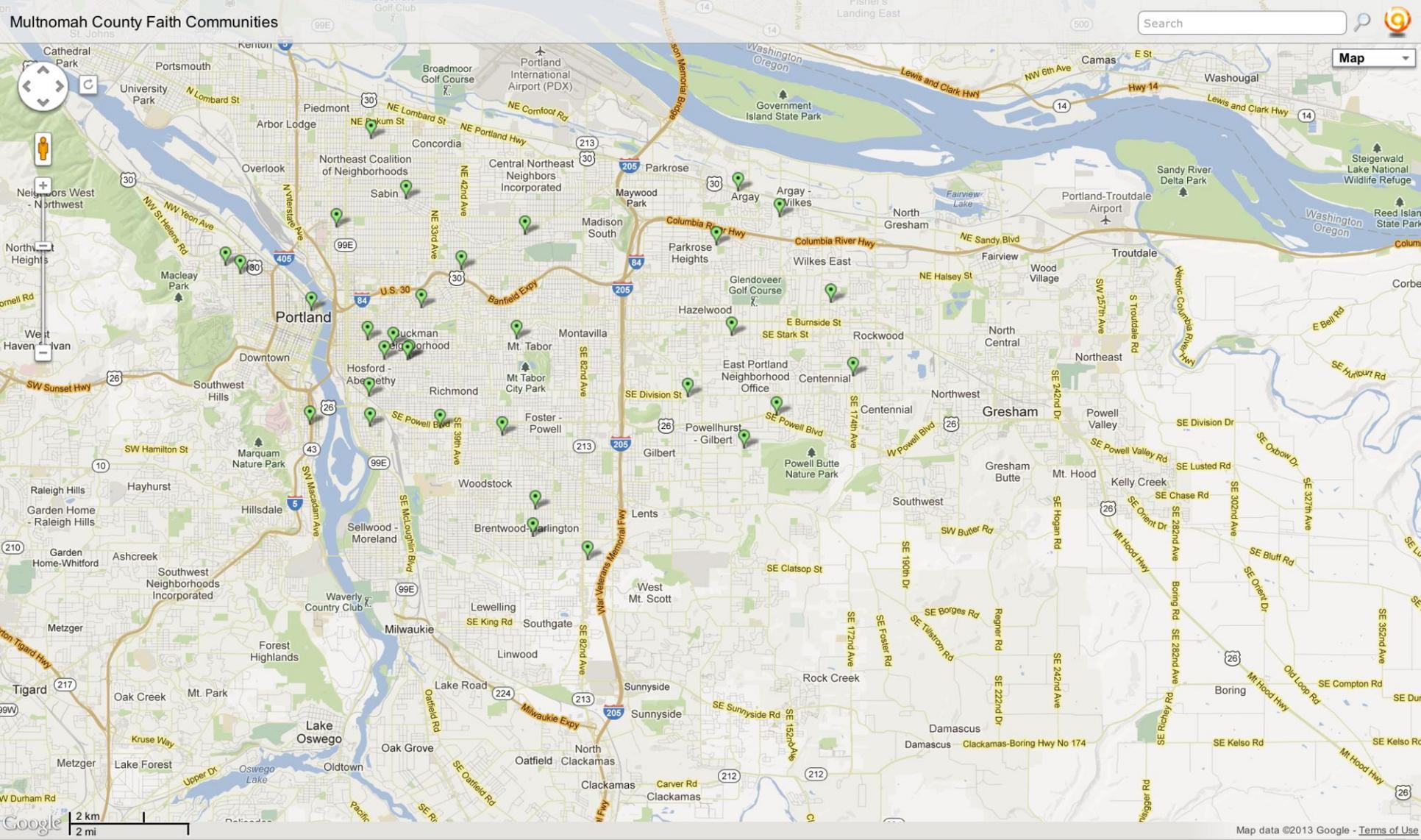


Jewish Communities in Multnomah County



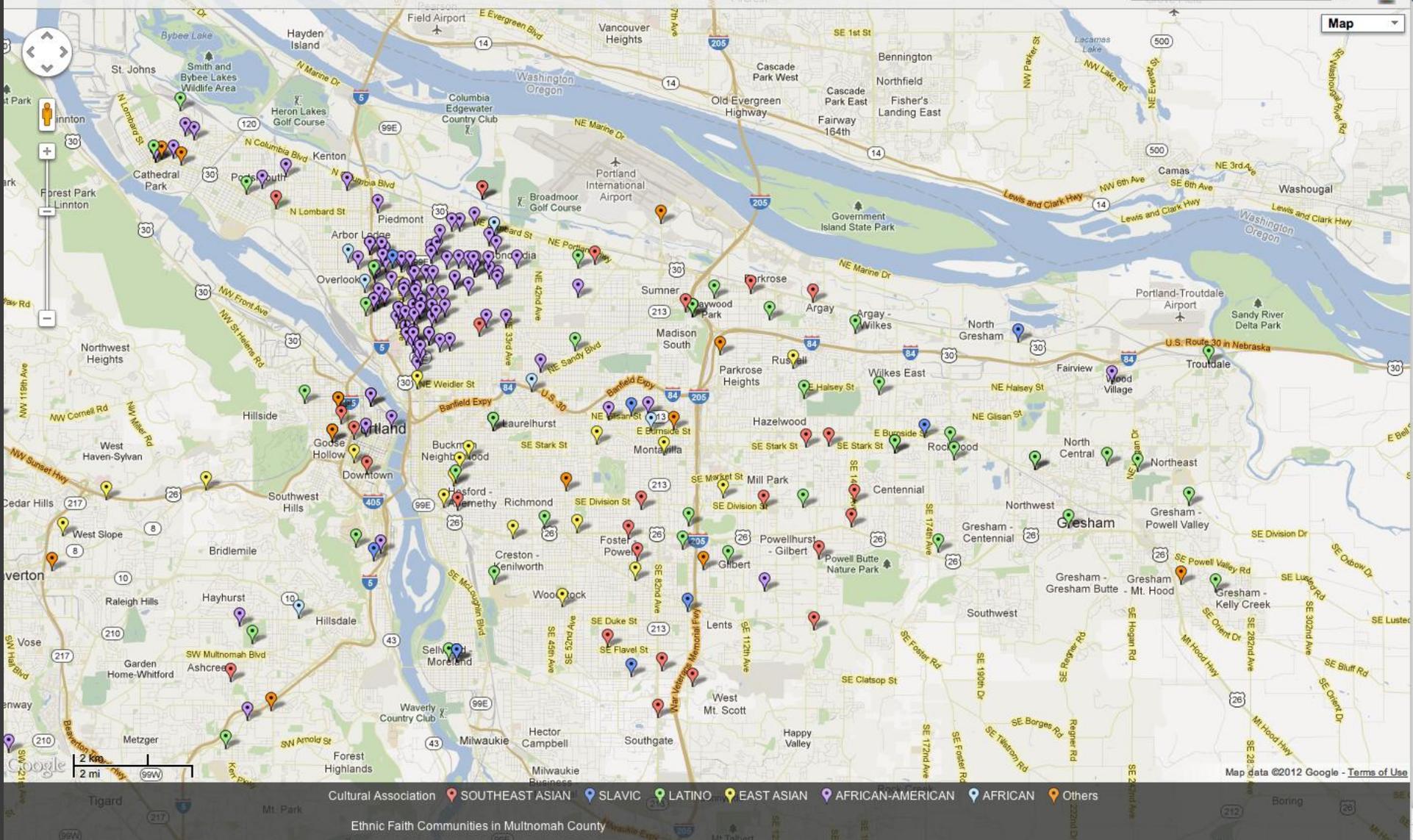
FAITH TRADITION JUDAISM ISLAM BUDDHISM CHRISTIANITY

Muslim Communities in Multnomah County

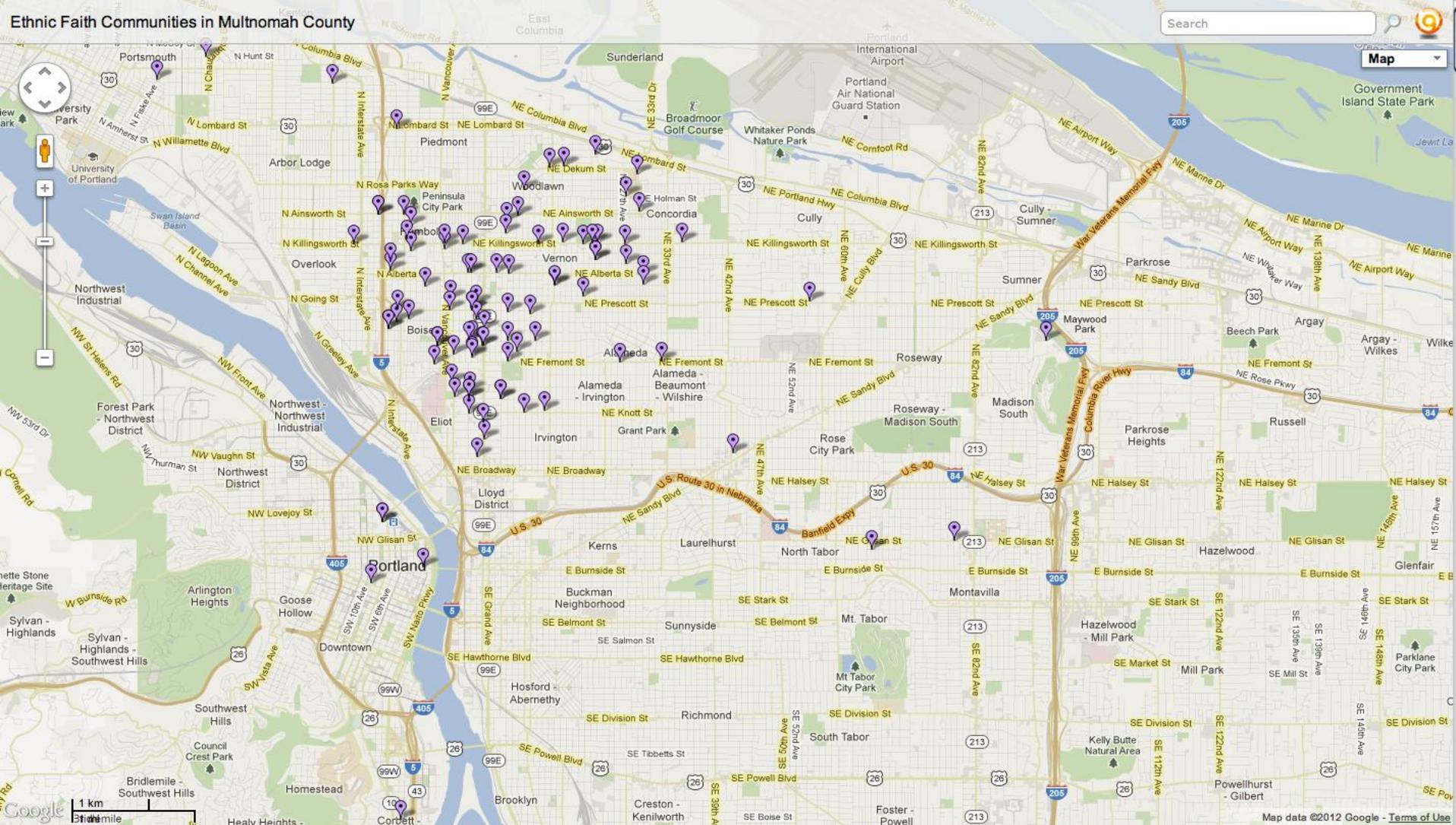


Buddhist Communities in Multnomah County

Ethnic Faith Communities in Multnomah County



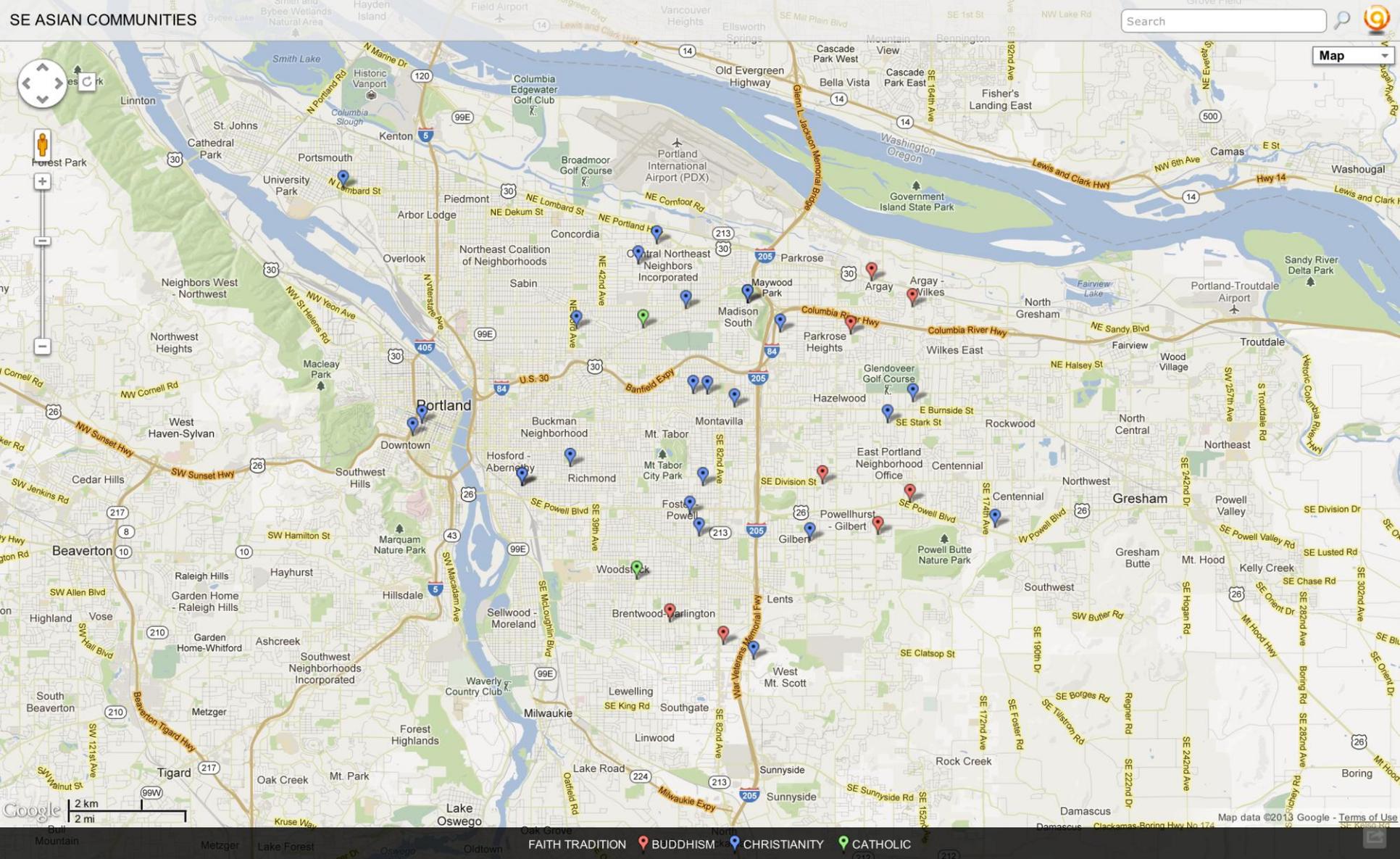
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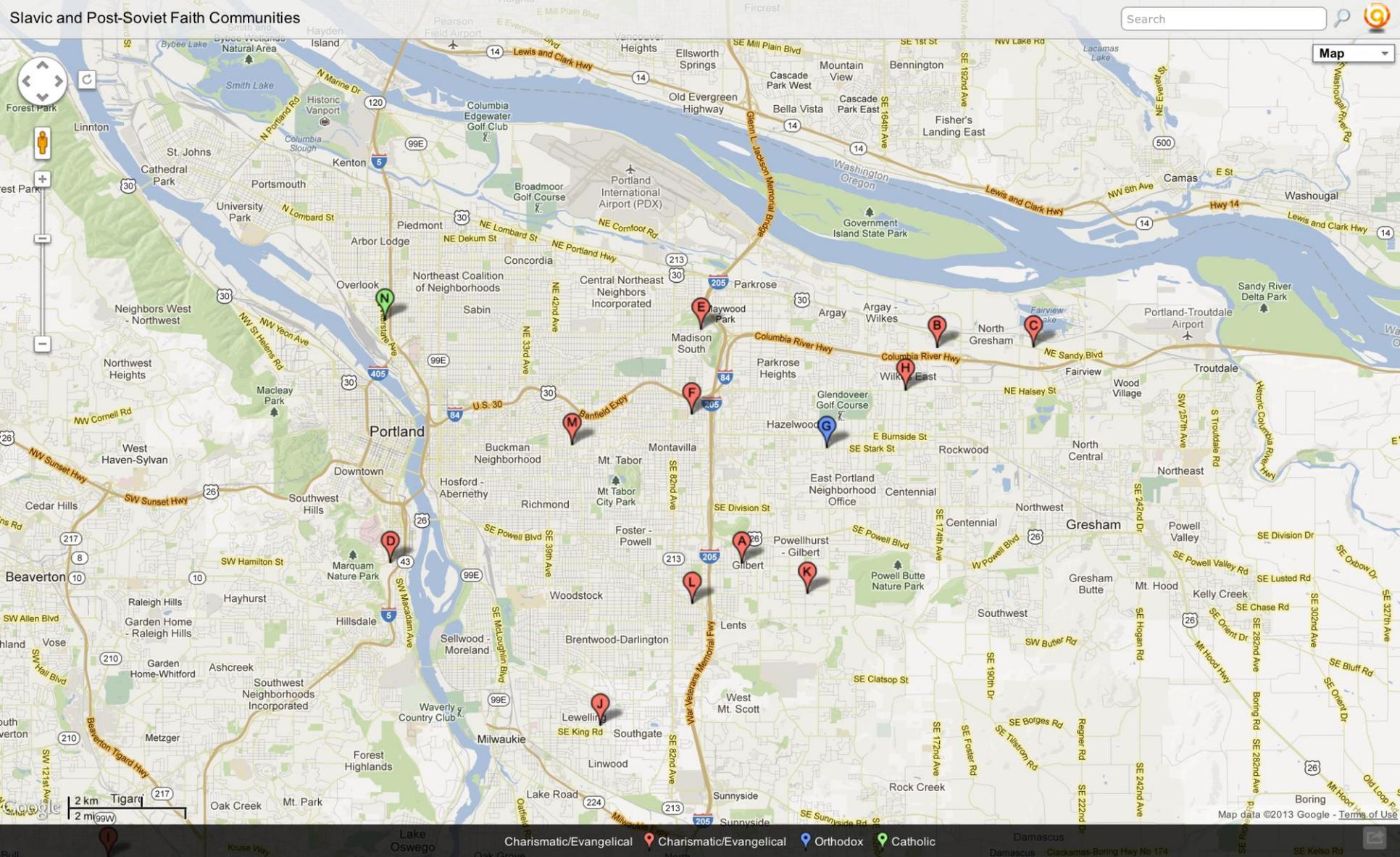
Cultural Association Southeast Asian Slavic Latino East Asian African-American African Others

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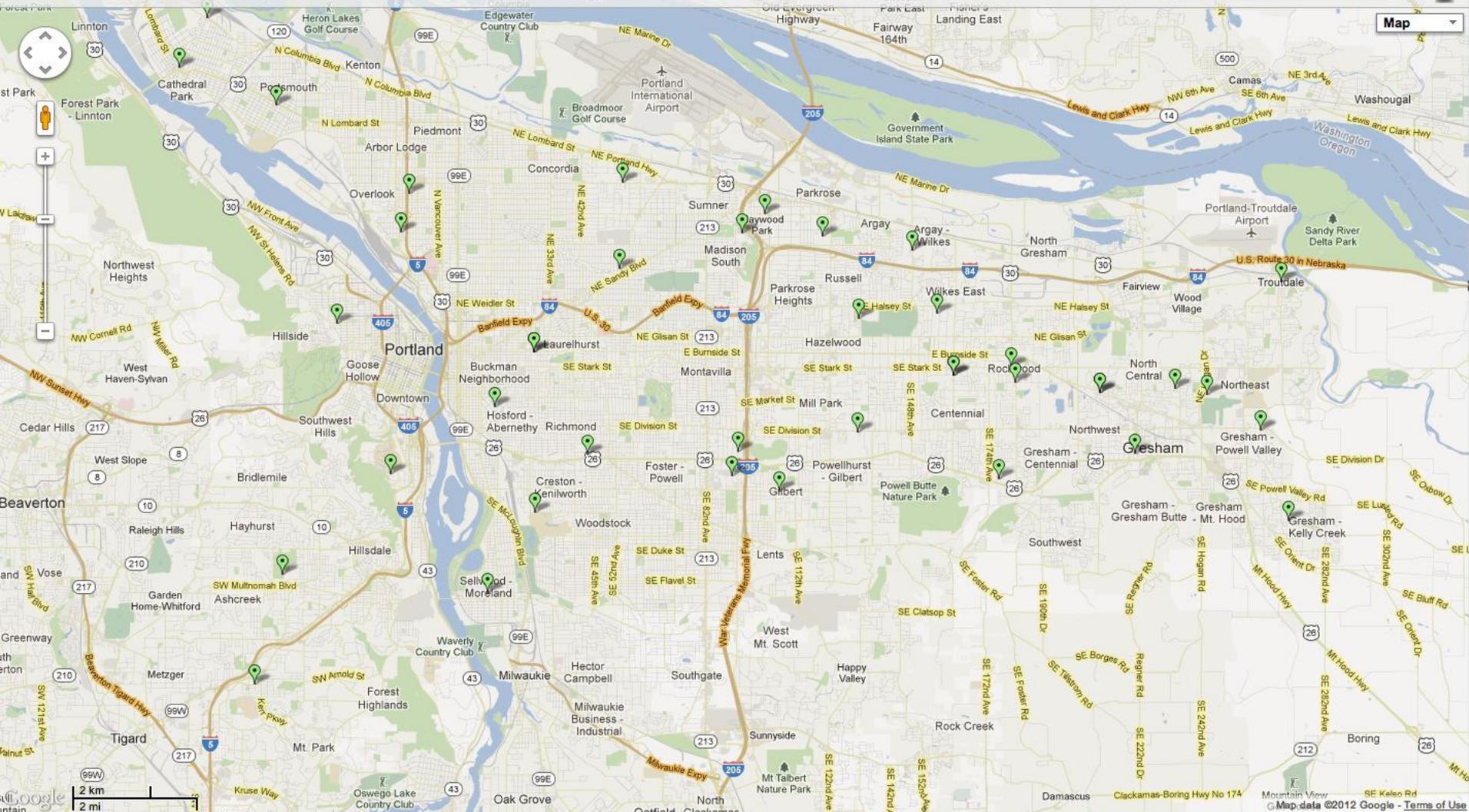
African-American Faith Communities in Multnomah County



Southeast Asian Faith Communities in Multnomah County



Slavic and Post-Soviet Faith Communities in Multnomah County



● Cultural Association
 ● SOUTHEAST ASIAN
 ● SLAVIC
 ● LATINO
 ● EAST ASIAN
 ● AFRICAN-AMERICAN
 ● AFRICAN
 ● Others

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Hispanic Faith Communities in Multnomah County

CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS

- Homeless Families
- Hunger Relief
- SUN Program
- Food Security
- Health Education and Prevention
- Domestic Violence

CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS

- Commercial and Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
- Youth Violence Prevention
- Emergency Management
- Chaplaincy in Jails

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- Quarterly Newsletter
- Training and Development
- ADSD - Seniors
- DCHS Emergency Management
- Veterans
- East County Caring for Our Community