

Why Volunteer?

By their presence and empathy, volunteer chaplains are a powerful reminder of the healing, sustaining, guiding, and reconciling power of faith.

Reaching across faith-group boundaries without proselytizing, they show the love and grace which can deeply encourage and support others as they experience spiritual distress related to their health.

As a volunteer chaplain, you will be privileged to meet and provide spiritual support for people from a wide variety of backgrounds. You will become a vital part of an interdisciplinary healthcare team.

You will find yourself reaching out in love to strangers, hearing their stories, and sharing in their journeys. Your heart will be stirred, your beliefs will be challenged, and you will grow in your own spiritual journey and in your capacity to show grace to others.

Is this for you?

Do you have room in your heart for the spiritual needs of others?

Do you sense the call to reach out in love to patients, families, and employees of Mid Coast Hospital?

Then this program is for you!

For more information or for an application, contact

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Two opportunities to explore your calling

Volunteer Visiting Chaplains

Providing ongoing spiritual care for the patients, families, and employees of Mid Coast Hospital

This program seeks to provide ongoing spiritual care for the patients, families, and employees of Mid Coast Hospital.

Volunteer chaplains, trained in pastoral care, visit patients and families during daytime hours in the hospital setting.

Trained volunteers respond to referrals throughout the hospital, and also make chaplain visits within assigned units.

They provide a ministry of pastoral presence which can afford comfort to persons experiencing the stress of hospitalization.

Training for this program is offered right here at Mid Coast Hospital twice a year. This program affords both ordained and lay persons the opportunity to develop and use their gifts in providing nonsectarian, ecumenical pastoral care within the hospital environment.

Those who have experienced this kind of spiritual support, or who desire to share support with others, will find this a very rewarding program.

Volunteer TODAY!

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Volunteer On-Call Chaplains

Providing spiritual support in times of crisis or when immediate care is needed

This program draws upon area residents who have taken a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (or its equivalent), and are able to provide spiritual support for patients, families, and employees in times of crisis or when immediate pastoral care is needed.

Volunteer on-call chaplains take week-long rotations, responding to requests and referrals which come by way of a pager, in order to provide 24-hour-a-day chaplain's services for Mid Coast Hospital.

While not limited to ordained clergy, volunteer on-call chaplains have the necessary training and experience to address any issue of pastoral care within the hospital environment at any hour, day or night.

The program intends to provide both an on-call chaplain and a backup chaplain to meet spiritual needs identified through request and referral.

This program is for persons who have had more extensive training in pastoral care than can be provided by Mid Coast Hospital and who are able to commit themselves to on-call status.

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About Mid Coast Hospital's

Volunteer Chaplains

Recognizing that spiritual wellbeing is one aspect of total healthcare, the mission of the Volunteer Chaplains Program at Mid Coast Hospital is to provide spiritual support and quality pastoral care to the patients, families, and staff of Mid Coast Hospital, observing the highest standards of compassion and professionalism, and respecting the faith systems of all.

Volunteer chaplains come from a wide variety of religious and spiritual backgrounds. They seek to provide spiritual comfort without imposing their own opinions or judgments upon anyone.

Volunteer chaplains do not proselytize or attempt to change the views of others, but rather they clarify, support, and nourish the values of others so as to promote their spiritual wellbeing.

