

35 Years
of Multi-Faith
Compassionate Care



**Sojourn
Chaplaincy**
at Zuckerberg
San Francisco General
Hospital & Trauma Center

Sojourn Chaplaincy is the multi-faith spiritual care program serving patients at the city's only safety net hospital. Sojourn is committed to serving some of San Francisco's most marginalized residents. Since its inception, Sojourn has practiced the mission described in its name: "to stay with for a time". Chaplains bring compassion and understanding to patients, loved ones and staff at the hospital; where a nonjudgmental presence characterized by active listening is a gift in an environment where stressful situations and circumstances are all too common. Chaplains sit without an agenda, listening to the needs of the patients, observing the changing needs of the hospital environment and bringing their unique skills to witness, name and create space for hope, health and healing.

Since the early 80s, Sojourn has been providing two distinct and necessary services within the hospital setting. The first is providing a non-judgmental "ministry of presence" to patients, families, friends and staff, no matter what their religious or spiritual tradition or practice. Chaplains provide care and compassion for hospital and clinic patients who are often facing some of the greatest challenges in their lives. The second service we provide is chaplaincy training and educational opportunities for college and seminary students, and community volunteers from a variety of religious and spiritual communities. Over the last few decades, Sojourn has trained hundreds of religious leaders here in the bay area and even more throughout the country. The patients here at SFGH are some of the greatest teachers for these religious leaders and a Sojourn internship is a unique opportunity to learn spiritual care.

In 2017, Sojourn launched its Transgender Spiritual Care Initiative to develop curriculum and training for chaplains and spiritual care providers. This training is aimed towards improving care for Transgender and Gender Variant people, some of the most marginalized people in our healthcare system. 2017 also marked Sojourn's second training for local Spanish speaking volunteers from several neighborhood Roman Catholic congregations. In 2018 we look forward to continued chaplaincy training for local seminarians and community members as well as further development of our TSCI curriculum. We gratefully ground all this work in service to the patients, families and staff of the SF General Hospital and Trauma center.

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