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CHAPLAINCY ESSENTIALS

BEYOND ESSENTIALS

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Beyond Essentials

Chaplaincy Essentials is only an introduction and it is important to go on growing in our ministry as chaplains. There are a number of ways to do this and the suggestions here offer a few starting points for continuing exploration.

Join the network:

To keep in touch with what is happening in chaplaincy (including news of gatherings, training, conferences and resources), sign up for the Chaplaincy Everywhere e-news at www.methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/sign-up-for-e-newsletters.

Share good news:

Share a story from your chaplaincy through the Chaplaincy Everywhere e-news (150 words plus a picture).

Training and courses:

Specialist training courses are available in many of the different areas of chaplaincy work, and a number of these can be found on line. Welcome to Chaplaincy (fbfe/lsc) offers a training programme for chaplains in Further Education Colleges and is particularly helpful for those working in multi-faith teams. It is available to download free from the fbfe website www.fbfe.org.uk.

For further training in pastoral care and listening skills the Encircled in Care training resource is available from Methodist Publishing www.methodistpublishing.org.uk/.

Chaplaincy Essentials is part of a Learning Pathway for chaplains being developed by the Methodist Church. More resources and links to a wide range of training and courses will become available through the Methodist Church website as the Pathway takes shape.

Review your chaplaincy:

Mug of Tea Stories is a way of evaluating and reviewing your chaplaincy through gathering stories and asking "what is the most significant change in this story". The Pack guides you through the whole process stage by stage. Download the Pack at: www.opensourcechaplaincy.org.uk/stories/mot/.

Websites:

Information and supporting documents for Methodist chaplaincy are currently available at two websites:

The chaplaincy pages on the Methodist Church in Britain website offer information on the main areas of chaplaincy work and free downloads including the Chaplaincy Everywhere and Chaplaincy Essentials courses. www.methodist.org.uk/mission/chaplaincy

Open Source Chaplaincy is a more interactive site where chaplains can post comments and find a flexible range of resources aimed at helping new chaplaincies develop and supporting existing ones. www.opensourcechaplaincy.org.uk/

At the time of writing it is planned to move all resources into the main Methodist Church website.

Short reading list

General Introductions to chaplaincy:

Epworth Review (December 2010) *Chaplaincy Special Edition Vol. 37 No. 4*, Peterborough, Methodist Publishing

Available free online at: www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/theology/the-epworth-review/epworth-review-december-2010

(This special chaplaincy edition of the Methodist journal *Epworth Review* has ten short articles written by chaplains working in different areas. It is an excellent starting place for further reading about chaplaincy.)

Legood G, (1999) *Chaplaincy: the Church's Sector Ministries* London, Cassell

Threfall-Holmes M, & Newitt, M, eds. (2011) *Being a Chaplain*, London, SPCK

(Both these books contain several chapters written from different perspectives by chaplains, together with editorial sections offering a theology of chaplaincy.)

Ryan B, (2015) *A Very Modern Ministry: Chaplaincy in the UK*, London, Theos

(A report from the Theos think tank available on line at: www.theosthinktank.co.uk)

Chaplains, pastoral care and practice:

(A short selection of books on the pastoral practice of chaplains in different areas of work.)

McClelland K, (2014) *Call the Chaplain*, Norwich, Canterbury Press (healthcare chaplaincy)

Robinson S, (2004) *Ministry Among Students: A Pastoral Theology and Handbook for Practice*, Norwich, Canterbury Press.

Tregale D, (2011) *Fresh Experiences of School Chaplaincy*, Cambridge, Grove Booklets.

Chaplaincy history:

Torry M, (2010) *Bridgebuilders: Workplace Chaplaincy – a History*, Norwich, Canterbury Press

(Malcolm Torry describes the history of chaplaincy in the workplace in the UK – one of very few books on the history of chaplaincy.)