

**Multi-Faith Group for
Healthcare Chaplaincy**



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Dear Colleague

Share your knowledge and experience of multi-faith chaplaincy

My predecessors, Revd Christine Pocock and HM Shafique Rahman, wrote to you in 2004 to say that the Multi-Faith Group for Healthcare Chaplaincy was planning to put together a list of resources, examples of good practice and guidelines based on practical experience, so that they could be made available nationally through the Group's website.

They expressed an interest in:

- Ward / department guidance/ handbooks on world faith requirements in respect of ritual, diet etc.
- Examples of worship and prayer involving several world faiths. Examples of joint faith 'events'
- Specifications for sacred spaces, both shared and separate - what works and what does not.
- Protocols for making appointments of world faith chaplains and for calling out faith leaders when there are no world faiths chaplains on the team
- Photographs of chaplains at work
- Good practice in team working involving and integrating all world faith chaplains

....and whatever else you wished to tell them about.....

We established a small working group of members and contacts to look at the material and choose the best ways of making the resource available. The resources they selected are now on the website at www.mfghc.com and have been accessed over 1000 times by people across the world.

The latest of these (from Hong Kong) has suggested that there may be more up-to-date resources available, and that is the purpose of this note - to ask you to send in the latest versions of multi-faith resources which you use within your organisation so that they can be made available to others. The same categories apply unless you have other obvious areas we have missed.

In any event, please send electronic versions of multi-faith resources to Tim Battle at tim.battle16@gmail.com or hard copies to MFGHC, PO Box 2261, Salisbury, SP3 6WE. It would be particularly helpful to have your contributions by the end of October 2010.

We do hope that those with the experience and expertise in multi-faith work will be willing to share this, so that it can be of benefit throughout chaplaincy, especially in those places new to multi-faith working.

Yours sincerely

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