NMH Spiritual Care Mission, Vision and Attributes

Mission
To provide timely and effective multi-faith spiritual care to the hospital community, enriched through inter-professional collaboration, integrating Clinical Pastoral Education and research to continually improve excellence in clinical practice. In addition, we provide innovative, research-based staff support initiatives to increase staff resilience and wellbeing which enhances patient care.

Vision
To be a premier, nationally recognized chaplaincy department and influential leader in best clinical practice, Clinical Pastoral Education and research for the chaplaincy profession.

Attributes:
Relational
• Foster healthy relationships with self, others and the divine/transcendent
• Connect persons with meaning/purpose
• Collaborate with members of the interprofessional team

Holistic
• Integrate needs of the human spirit into the biomedical model of care
• Promote physical, emotional, spiritual and religious well-being
• Treat the patient as a person

Inclusive
• Practice cultural competence and humility
• Provide care tailored to the needs of a diverse and multi-faith community
• Advocate for dignity and respect for all persons
• Create a hospitable and welcoming environment

Compassionate
• Convey care, empathy and understanding
• Practice non-judgmental presence
• Respond to human limitations and frailty with acceptance

Professional
• Provide timely, effective and evidence-based spiritual care
• Strive to improve excellence in clinical practice
• Be visionary leaders and educators in chaplaincy care