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Letter of the coordinator of ENHCC on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of chaplaincy in the Hungarian Reformed Church.

Dear honorary and distinguished guests,  
Dear chaplains,

I would like to congratulate you wholeheartedly on the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of chaplaincy in the Hungarian Reformed Church! That is quite an achievement! Congratulations!

This is a day to look back and be grateful for all the creativity, dedication, care, faithfulness and faith so many chaplains have showed towards patients and staff. It is a good thing to celebrate what you have achieved over the years.

This is a day to look forward and be excited for the many possibilities that still lay ahead! Despite all the challenges spiritual care will always be fundamental, healing people and bringing them to their souls, where God is present.

This is also a day to enjoy each other's company. The need for contact with other chaplains is not a luxury but a necessity. It is a necessity to share each other's experiences and challenges and to support one another.

That is exactly why we at the European Network for HealthCare Chaplains are so happy that the chaplains of the Hungarian Reformed Church are represented in our network! Through the professional and pleasant presence of Judit Gal we learn about how you experience and organize your chaplaincy, we are able to share our experiences with you and feel connected to you. There are a lot of chaplains in Europe and they share a lot of the same fulfillments and challenges. It is good to share them and build together towards our profession and calling in the future. Thank you for enriching us from Hungary!

Dear chaplains, let this be a day of joy for you all! A day where you feel how good and rewarding it is to be a chaplain! It is a profession to be proud of! As a coordinator of the European Network of HealthCare Chaplains, I congratulate you and I wish you many blessings on your journey. May God continue to bless you with enrichment through meetings with patients, family, staff and each other! May God bless all of you and all the work you have done for his people!

Up to 50 years of chaplaincy!

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