



EUROPEAN NETWORK OF HEALTH CARE  
CHAPLAINCY

*“Chaplains in the future – giving and receiving”*

## Opening Ceremony

St Pauls Cathedral  
London



**ANNIVERSARY CONSULTATION  
20 YEARS OF EUROPEAN CHAPLAINCY  
10 YEARS OF ENHCC  
16-19 SEPTEMBER 2010**

- Welcome to London and introduction of the President of The European Network for Health Care Chaplaincy by Revd Debbie Hodge
  
- Churches Together in England
- Chairman of Multi Faith Group for Health Care Chaplaincy
- College of Health Care Chaplains
- Free Churches Group for Health Care Chaplaincy
  
- Representative Pontificate Council for Health Pastoral Care
- Message from the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
- Representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury
- Representative Department of Health
  
- Coordinator's Report  
Fr. Stavros K. Kofinas  
Coordinator of the European Network of Healthcare Chaplaincy  
(Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate)

*Prayer of commitment for the day's ahead*

Gracious God, at the beginning of our time together:

Bless us, as we bring  
Our abilities and experience  
Our questions and uncertainties

Grant us a time of fruitful sharing  
Of openness to our another  
Of learning and discovery

God of love,  
Hear our prayer.

We pray for people we know, who this night face illness and bereavement and for those who are anxious or troubled:

God of love  
Hear our prayer

We pray for our families and friends;  
Those whom we have left behind for these few days;

God of love  
Hear our prayer.  
We thank you God  
For the signs of your presence and prompting  
in the experiences of life.  
We thank you that you constantly surprise us  
and wake us to new possibilities.

We thank you for the challenges of life,  
and times of growth, even through painful truths.  
We thank you that you cannot be contained  
and find new ways to disturb and renew us.  
We thank you for the courage to live without certainty.

In times of weariness refresh us,  
In times of despair, give us hope.  
In times of apathy, stir us into action,  
That free from anxiety and rejoicing in your love,  
We may serve you with glad and thankful hearts.  
Amen

Reception and conversation