

Thursday 7th June
Plenary session 2

Marie's Group

Statement - Healthcare chaplains offer a 'skilful presence.' They are able to describe with confidence their distinctive role as professionals in the area of spiritual care and ultimate meaning.

Question - to Dr van Baal. What difference do chaplains make to your patients?

Simon's group

Statement - The chaplain works intentionally with all members of the healthcare system both clinical and non clinical to facilitate and maintain the care of the whole person

Question - How would it be if there were no chaplains in the healthcare system?

Adamantios's group

Statement - We identified 2 aspects of a prophetic (not autocratic) role - an assertive modesty! 1. To take part in shaping policy towards a more humane healthcare. 2. To influence our own institutions (churches and chaplaincy associations) to be more aware of and to take responsibility for, these changes

Question - How can we find ways to integrate this vision into our own institutions at all levels?

Robert's group

Statement - The chaplain learns to speak these languages not only to justify his position but also to fulfil the mission of bringing a new dimension into one's suffering and one's service.

Question - How can a chaplain contribute to interpreting different languages used by hospital professionals and patients and their families

Axels' group

Statement - The holistic view is only assumed in healthcare but not lived. Not everything that is countable counts. And not everything that counts is countable. We have to explain what we do in non spiritual and non religious language to health professionals. Have to stand in own spiritual attitude and this attitude shows when we encounter a patient.

Question - None