

News Flash ENHCC December 2014



Dear all,

2014 has been a good year for ENHCC!

We had a successful **consultation in Salzburg** in May. Next to the Austrian hospitality, the interesting group discussions and the challenging input of the speakers, we managed to put together a statement that has already been translated into several languages and which has served as an inspiration and work instrument to many. Thank you to all participants, especially to organizer Detlef Schwarz, and speakers. Thanks also to all of you who filled out the evaluation form. We are grateful for your feedback.

We received the excellent news in the fall that **the Salzburg Statement 2014** has been endorsed by the American Association for Professional Chaplains (APC). This association, with over 4000 members, as well as the HealthCare Chaplaincy in New York are seeking more cooperation with ENHCC regarding research on chaplaincy. The Salzburg Statement has also inspired the Dutch Association and the Flemish Association for professional chaplains to come together in Roosendaal (a small town on the border between The Netherlands and Belgium) this past week. The gathered researchers and chaplains had two goals: 1) how can we stimulate chaplains to integrate existing research into their work and 2) how can we initiate new outcome oriented research together.

Let us know about your work with the Statement! Go to our website for the full text of the Salzburg Statement www.enhcc.eu

The HealthCare Chaplaincy Network in New York kindly shares the fall issue of their **Caring for the Human Spirit Magazine** with all our members. [Please find the issue attached.](#) We also would like to invite you to **download for free a new publication on chaplaincy research**. The HealthCare Chaplaincy Network, supported by the John Templeton Foundation, put together a handbook to invite chaplains to do research. Editors Gary Meyers and rabbi Stephen Roberts did a great job to put together this new tool to assist professional chaplains who want to be involved in research. Please go to the following link to download the handbook:

http://www.healthcarechaplaincy.org/docs/publications/templeton_research/hcc_research_handbook_final.pdf

The **committee of the ENHCC** wishes to congratulate committee member Jennifer McWhirter and her husband on the birth of their baby daughter Kizzy! Many blessings to you! I also wish to thank Jennifer for all the work she does for ENHCC. Jennifer will continue to be the secretary of the ENHCC committee, but she will stop being the webmaster. We are happy to announce that our member from Cyprus, Father Efstathios, has agreed to be the new webmaster. Before becoming a chaplain, Father Efstathios (email: pefstathios@gmail.com) worked in the IT business. Thank you also to Fred Coutts who continued to do a lot of work for the website this year.

We look forward to the new year! The committee of ENHCC will gather in June in Porto, Portugal, to take further steps in working with the Salzburg Statement and to prepare the next consultation in Hungary. We hope to see you in **Debrecen in June 2016!**

I would like to end with conveying to you my best wishes for the festive season! May peace be in your hearts and may we all be instruments of peace in our chaplaincies. As Saint Francis expressed it:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

A blessed Christmas and a very happy 2015 to all of you!

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