

Become a member of the College!

Together in a time of change

Want a reason to become a member of the College of Health Care Chaplains?

Whatever your current role there will be benefits for you, and also ways in which you might support others.

Read on for a range of different views on membership ...then complete the online membership application form! (see link below)

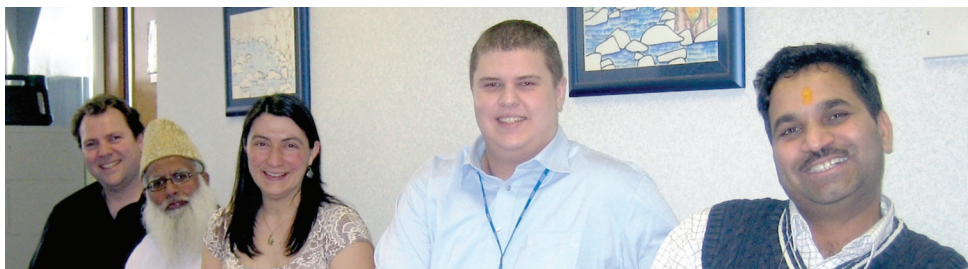
Why am I a member?

A Lead Chaplain responds:

“ My membership of CHCC has always provided me with the security of knowing that I belong to a nationally recognised chaplaincy organisation which represents my work and vocation at a variety of national meetings with health and faith bodies, and at the same time I have personal support from a union if needed. ”

Are you new to chaplaincy – but not new to ministry?

The College is a great place to find your feet and help you understand what's unique about Health-care Chaplaincy. We'll also help you identify the sort of training you may need, and you'll rapidly build a network of more experienced colleagues across the country.





'Nearly retired – but still care'

Within the College we've a good number of highly experienced chaplains, who benefit from the on-going professional development opportunities – like our annual conference, regional conferences, and free subscription to our Journal (both online and print versions). Many also give of their time to college life to support the next generation of chaplains as they make their mark on patient care...

Retirement is no barrier to membership

Our College membership includes a number of retired chaplains who simply want to keep in touch, and they pay a reduced rate.

A Regional Rep writes

“ Both the College and I have changed a lot over the last 15 years. When I was first a part-time chaplain, our Agenda for Change pay bands were low, however, the College worked tirelessly to restore our professional status. Since then I have worked in Acute and Mental Health ... and have always had members of the College there to support me.

Now as a Regional Rep it is my privilege to give something back and support others as a first point of contact for professional issues or concerns. The pace of change in Chaplaincy with Registration on the horizon, new National Guidelines and local changes are such that I can't imagine not being involved in college life; without it I would feel vulnerable to each unwelcome change, whether local or national.

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www.healthcarechaplains.org/membership/

Reflections of a Mental Health Chaplain

(currently unpaid)

“ ‘As a volunteer in Mental Health Chaplaincy for the past 9 years I have always found the CHCC a very welcoming place. I especially value belonging to the active Mental Health subgroup. I always go to the annual mental health conference, as it gives me the Continuing Professional Development points I need every year. But much more than that, it is an essential place to network with other Chaplains, as so often one can feel isolated. I have really valued the friendship and support over the last few years. ”

A place for volunteers

We have a growing number of volunteers who are active in chaplaincy who wish to be better connected with what is happening in the profession, and they pay a reduced membership rate.

A Muslim Chaplain recommends membership

As a 'Minority Faith' member, my motivation to join CHCC was built on a belief that there is a need for all chaplains, all over the country and of all faiths (and beliefs) to be better appreciated and celebrated, both by the NHS and also their own communities. I also believe there is a need for a better recognition, respect and response to the unique challenges minority faith chaplains face in the NHS. I believe that the best way forward is one coordinated through the CHCC, as a nationally respected organisation. I therefore encourage all chaplains, especially those from minority faiths to come on board and make a difference. Our minority faith rep is always available for help and advice!

Membership benefits summary

Join Unite – have a voice, take action and play a part . . . Unite the union is the union for all. We've over 1.4 million members, and over 100,000 working in health.

- You can get a better deal – Unite negotiates pay, terms and conditions, parental leave, pensions, and redundancy – winning you more than the legal minimum.
- Unite provides automatic CMM (Contingent Medical Malpractice) cover for claims made against you arising out of neglect, errors or omissions committed in the course of your work or 'Good Samaritan' acts.
- Support whenever you need it – with Unite's backing, you won't face the £1,200 in fees, should you need to take your employer to a tribunal. Unite gives free advice, support and legal representation to all its members – so you'll never have to face problems alone. (check www.unitehealthcare.org for the qualifying period of membership for legal assistance)
- You get more – and better – training – union members are more likely to progress with better training and development. Unite has fully trained learning reps to help you update your skills.
- Be part of the fight for fairness – from defending our NHS, to fighting for decent homes, to campaigning against discrimination.
- We've preferential members' rates for insurance, and shopping discounts
- Save on Annual Study Conference fees
- Get monthly updates and the latest news
- and free subscription to the *Health and Social Care Chaplaincy* journal (usual cost £45 pa)



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