The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. It is a place where students, staff, and faculty can come together to explore and celebrate the diversity of beliefs and traditions that make up the Tufts community.

In addition to providing a space for community events and gatherings, the University Chaplaincy also offers pastoral care to members interested in practicing and exploring diverse Buddhist traditions and practices. The Chaplaincy is led by Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger, who is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of the Tufts community.

Lynn Cooper was appointed Associate Director of the University Chaplaincy in July 2022. She brings with her a wealth of experience and dedicated herself to working with students, faculty, and staff to promote interfaith understanding and engagement. During her time at Tufts, she has been instrumental in organizing various interfaith, intercultural, social justice, and anti-racism initiatives. Ji Bond, the Appointed Buddhist Chaplain, and Azmera Hammouri-Davis, M.T.S., the Africana Spirituality Advisor, are just a few of the many staff members who are working hard to create a safe and inclusive environment for all members of the Tufts community.

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The leadership of Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger and team is dedicated to continuing on in this work of building a society where all are treated with dignity. You can support dynamic programs at Tufts University in religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life is easy and vital to our work. To donate, please click on the button below. Thank you for your generosity.

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For more information about the Leadership Development Program, please contact the University Chaplaincy staff at chaplaincy@tufts.edu. We look forward to hearing from you and learning more about how we can support you in your leadership journey.