The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. Our mission is to facilitate growth and understanding across faith traditions and cultures, providing a space where students can explore and express their beliefs, and where they can find support and community.

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- **Creating Balance and Realistic Goals - and more!**
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    - Doing the Work: An introduction to the StAAR Center, we will cover how your spiritual practice can help you navigate the stresses of a university experience.
    - Using Interfaith Friendship to Deepen Your Personal Reflection: This group will meet over the course of five weeks in small groups facilitated by Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper and Protestant Chaplain Dan Bell for discussion and mutual support.

- **Sraman Buddhist Chaplaincy Offerings**
  - This semester, Sangha will meet on Mondays for a discussion and prayer. The group will use the short 18th century poem, Waiting with their light. For a time like this, composed by the poet-feminist Mira Bhusan, to inspire conversations about issues of identity, spirituality, and community.

### New Team Members

- **Africana Spirituality Advisor**
  - Operating at the nexus of spirituality, creativity, and transformative justice, she is committed to cultivating and sustaining lasting bonds that center interfaith dialogue for members of the Tufts community in spiritual care and support.

- **Hindu Advisor**
  - Hindu Advisor, Preeta will work in partnership with the Hindu Students Council (HSC) to create meaningful programming, events, and services for the Hindu community at Tufts. If you would like to participate or learn more, you can contact Muslim Chaplain Jennifer Howe Peace, University Chaplain ad interim, or visit his website.

- **Interfaith Friendship Project**
  - The interfaith friendship project is designed for students to go deep and talk about things that matter like our connections to God, the sacred, and the universe. Wondering about the campus bells that ring every evening? Join student norabond@tufts.edu for a fun and educational discussion about the bells on campus. For a Zoom link, please visit our website.

- **Virtual Open Houses**
  - The StAAR Center (Student Accessibility and Academic Resource) offers workshops throughout the semester to help you have a well-rounded experience during your time at Tufts. This semester, workshops include:
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