The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. Our chaplains have contributed to the program offering a diverse array of spiritual practices, including nature walks, meditation exercises, listening to music, deep reading—of poetry, art, the world, our lives and one another.

During the past year, we have hosted spiritual events and ongoing offerings with apprehension, I offer you a poem that has often brought me solace in unsettled times.

As classes begin and we adjust to new ways of being community and new ways of engaging in the sacred work of liberation and justice among the Afro-diasporic community. Azmera says “I am eager to share more about the mission of the office, the care we can provide to anyone in the Tufts community, and the track record of the University Chaplaincy’s commitment to Social Justice & Inclusion.”

As Africana Spirituality Advisor, Azmera will work in a partnership with the University Religious Center's Africana Ministry Team to offer spiritual care, programming, and resources which center the African Diaspora.

Azmera is committed to educating the campus at large about Hinduism and connecting the Hindu Chaplaincy with the wider community. Preeta has spent over twenty years in academia, coaching, and consulting as an advocate, speaker, writer and workshop leader. Through her spiritual director training, she has been trained in an integrative approach to spirituality that is informed by her background in the Hindu tradition and her study of psychology.

In our inaugural fall 2020 edition of the University Chaplaincy ENews we are pleased to share announcements and updates from the chaplains and advisors.

The theme of the retreat is Learning to Walk with God in the World and it will focus on helping participants reflect on and understand their own religious traditions and doctrines within a wider non-Jewish context. It will pay special attention to the inherent tensions within the Judaic tradition and the need to reflect critically on the tensions between Judaic Studies and Religion.

This course serves as a broad overview of the intellectual history of Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah. It will introduce students to key figures and concepts in Jewish mysticism and kabbalistic thought and will provide an introduction to the development of mystical thought in Jewish tradition. The course will be taught by Rabbi Naftali Brawer.

Knitting with the Chaplain
Be-Friend: Interfaith Friendship Program

The student-led JumboVote initiative is ramping up its efforts to ensure all our students are ready to participate in the 2020 elections. The student civic engagement projects, is accepting applications earlier than usual this year, and they have set aside special resources to help students make a voting plan and know state-by-state absentee voting deadlines and how to register to vote in-person.

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