About the University Chaplaincy Enews

Tradition: Wicca/Paganism
- Litha

Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox
- Pentecost (Or Whitsunday.) The commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus following his ascension to heaven from Jerusalem. Begins at sundown.
- Easter. The date observed by Protestants and Roman Catholics is often different from the date observed by Orthodox Christians. Orthodox Christians observe this holiday as Pascha or Holy Easter. The date varies annually, unlike the Western celebration.

Tradition: Sikhism
- Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji

Qualifications include, but are not limited to: a passion for Jewish engagement, and experience working with teens through formal or informal education. Your hours are on Sundays. Remote work is possible, with the expectation of a transition to in-person eventually.

Opportunity to work with a group of teens who care about their learning, each other, and giving back to the world.

Sustainability

This summer, the Office of Sustainability is partnering with staff throughout the University to bring Tufts employees a series of webinars to learn about the latest developments in sustainability. The series is open to all Tufts employees, and you have the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) by participating in the series. Some sessions may include discussions or activities for smaller groups. Students who attend at least six of the eight webinars will have the opportunity to be added to the email list for sustainability-related information.

Webinars will be occurring on Tuesdays this summer. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Priya.Sraman@tufts.edu.

Grants will be awarded from any amount needed up to $3,000 to support payments, the purchase of materials, research, course materials, technology, health care, childcare expenses, and travel. Your work may address needs in your hometown community or address a broader need, whether domestic or global. All work must have a sustainability component.

Tisch College Summer COVID Response Program

The Tufts University COVID-19 Emergency Funds for Students was established to assist students with the costs associated with the university adjusting to a remote learning environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are intended to help meet the most urgent needs of students. Students are encouraged to apply for Emergency Funds for Students, whether you are living on campus or part-time remotely, are a first-year or upperclassman, and have surpassed more than $10k or have not had an unexpected expense. Please visit the Tufts Office of Sustainability for more information.

Sustainability, Advocacy, and Engagement

This is a hands-on opportunity to become a certified Eco-Ambassador, joining a group of 120 other committed employees at Tufts. If you are already an Eco-Ambassador, drop an email to Priya.Sraman@tufts.edu to let her know, and she will add your name to the mailing list.

Tuning In to Your Inner Eco-Ambassador Webinar Series

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Religious and Philosophical Life Programs

This semester, the University Chaplaincy team offered short new practice. We have had offerings from Music Director Thomas Dawkins about deep listening, Catholic Chaplain about making clay pinch pots, Rabbi about creating sacred spaces.

Our chaplains are here for you, no matter where you are in the world or how you are doing. Click on a chaplain's name for more information.

Check-In with a Chaplain

Join event via Zoom by clicking here.

Add to Calendar

Hungry for meaningful connection? Looking to go deep and explore new practices? Join us for the Tufts University Religious and Philosophical Life programming.

About the University Chaplaincy Enews

We are excited to announce that we are updating our University Chaplaincy newsletter to include event notifications and relevant information to Tufts students, faculty, and staff. We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive community of faith and spiritual life at Tufts University. We hope that you will find this newsletter informative and inspiring.

Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming space for the Tufts community to engage in spiritual and religious practices. We offer a variety of programs and services, including worship services, study groups, counseling, and community events.

We hope that you will join us for our upcoming events and programs. Please check our website for more information and to register.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in person and virtually.

Sincerely,

University Chaplaincy team:  Abdul-Malik, Dan, Lynn, Naftali, Nora, Priya, Shelby, Tom, and Walker. You have my deepest respect, appreciation and gratitude! I am so glad that the Reverend Greg McGonigle, who led the University Chaplaincy team, was ready to step up when I was weighing various programs and priorities, I relied on the wisdom of students to ask for what they needed and to help make decisions.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with the students and staff across different offices, centers, and departments. I’ve been especially impressed by the students. Time after time, I have been struck by their energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to making Tufts a better place for all of us.

I’ve also been amazed by the faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly to create new opportunities for students and the broader community. I’m grateful for their hard work and commitment.

I remember my own path to this position as I was considering a rather different kind of life—teaching at a seminary in Israel. When I was weighing various programs and priorities, I relied on the wisdom of students to ask for what they needed and to help make decisions.

I was drawn to the opportunity to serve as the University Chaplain at Tufts University because it offered me a chance to make a real difference in the lives of others. I’ve been impressed by the energy and dedication of the students I’ve met so far, and I’m looking forward to working with them and others to create opportunities for spiritual growth and personal fulfillment.

I’m also grateful for the support of my wife, my family, and my friends, who have been so understanding and supportive as I’ve taken on this new challenge. I’m excited to work with everyone at Tufts to create a welcoming and inclusive community of faith and spiritual life.

Sincerely,

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