

Emanuel Spiritual Care Staff Biographies

Director of Spiritual Care and ACPE Certified Educators



The Rev. Jill E. Rowland, M.Div., D. Min., BCC

I serve as a member of the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) faculty and as a staff chaplain. I am a certified supervisor with the ACPE and a board-certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). Prior to joining Legacy, I served as a board-certified chaplain with Providence Health & Services, where I completed my supervisory training.

I am an ordained minister and on the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Prior to my ministry in chaplaincy, I served fourteen years as a parish pastor and mission developer in both Arizona and Oregon. I received a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Congregational Mission and Leadership from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. I enjoy running, playing golf, reading, cooking, watching and cheering on my favorite collegiate basketball and football teams, and spending time with my spouse, children, and Golden Retrievers.

The Rev. Gavin Dluhosh, M.Div., BCC

I am an ACPE Certified Educator Candidate and staff chaplain. I am a long-time Oregon resident, having grown up in the mid-Willamette Valley, and reside with my family in the Portland area. I have a diverse Christian background, having been baptized in the Episcopal Church, raised in a charismatic Evangelical church, and college educated by the Catholic Church. I have a BA in English from the University of Portland, received my Master of Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary (Chicago) in 2006, and pastored churches in central California and eastern Washington. I am an ordained minister and on the clergy roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). I am board certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains.



In 2005 I completed a CPE internship and served as an on-call chaplain at Evanston (IL) Northwestern Hospital (now NorthShore Evanston Hospital). I also served as an Associate Chaplain at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center in Vancouver, WA. In 2016 I completed a Chaplain Residency at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. I enjoy baseball, music (especially jazz), playing piano, reading, and spending time with my family.



Jovon Grossi, M.Div., BCC

I am grateful to live in the Pacific Northwest. I moved here after living in New York City for several years. I hold a BA in Religion and a BA in Philosophy from Calvin College. I earned my Master of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in conjunction with Columbia University. I completed my chaplain residency at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in 2013. I have worked at several sites within the Legacy Health System. I am currently pursuing board certification with the Association of Professional Chaplains. I am certified in Critical Incident Stress Management and I'm an ACPE Certified Education Candidate.

I am ordained and endorsed for clinical chaplaincy with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and the Humanist Society. I am very interested in wildlife conservation, liberation theology, and poetry. I draw from a variety of spiritual traditions and perspectives having grown up in an interreligious and multicultural family. I am fond of surfing, hiking, good coffee, and occasional visits to my roots in the Sonoran Desert.

CPE Program Coordinator



Lori Rice, MBA

I graduated from Portland State University with a B.A in Professional Writing and Theatre Arts, and a Master's in Business Administration. Prior to joining Spiritual Care Services in 2013, I worked here at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center as a Patient Access Representative. I live in Portland, with my husband and two daughters. I enjoy singing, and I play several instruments. I love to read and write fiction and play tabletop games.

Staff Chaplains and Clinical Mentors



Jyoshin Clay, M.Div.

Hailing from the Midwest, I have spent the last several decades in Portland, OR. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Genetics from the University of Kansas and a Master of Divinity from Maitripa College. My chaplaincy career began with a hospice chaplain internship in graduate school, followed by a year-long CPE residency at Providence Portland Medical Center, and continues with Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, Randall Children's Hospital, and the Oregon Burn Center. I am an ordained and transmitted Zen Buddhist priest. In my free time I enjoy reading science-fiction, gardening, and spending time with friends.

Aaron Harper, M.Div.

I've lived all over the continental U.S. but have happily called Portland, Oregon home since 2007. I received a Bachelor of Arts in Social and Behavioral Development from George Fox University and a Master of Divinity in Interfaith Chaplaincy from Claremont School of Theology. I completed my CPE internship here at LEMC in the Summer of 2021 as well as my CPE Residency in 2023. I have a background in a variety of Christian expressions (Pentecostalism and United Methodism especially) but am drawn to a variety of other religious and spiritual traditions (Buddhism in particular) and identify as spiritually Interfaith. My wife and I love to be outdoors in just about any capacity, and I enjoy reading, art, poetry, and videogames, and spending time with my Golden Retriever, Moose.



The Rev. Leon LaCross, M.Div.

I am originally from Maryland and have been residing in the Portland area since 2021. Being baptized in the Lutheran faith as infant, I completed my Master of Divinity at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA in 2020. After graduating, I completed a CPE residency at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA in 2021. I was called as pastor to the current church that I serve in early 2022 and was ordained in June of that year. When not doing ministry activities, I like to get the most out of my streaming subscriptions, do what little gardening I can do on my apartment's balcony, crochet, and bake. I look forward to discovering all that the Pacific Northwest has to offer.

The Rev. Mike Larson, M.Div., D.Min., BCC

I was born and raised in the Kansas City area, but now claim the PNW as my home along with my wife, Daniela and my two boys, Matthew and Zach. I am a Board-Certified Chaplain with the Spiritual Care Association. I received a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, MI and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Leadership and Spiritual Formation from Portland Seminary. Before starting my work in chaplaincy, I spent over 18 years serving my community in a variety of roles including local pastor, mentor for youth in addiction recovery and Spiritual Director. In addition to my work as a chaplain, I continue to serve my community through a nonprofit I founded in 2017 that provides spiritual care and financial support to individuals in crisis. Some of my favorite hobbies include training for ultra-marathons with my wife, playing basketball or video games with my boys and admiring the sunsets over the Pacific Ocean.



The Rev. Aaron Metcalf, M.Div.



I was raised in the greater Portland area and am thankful to call such enchanting land home for most of my life. I have two teenage children, one small Terrier-type dog, and a lovely spouse who is also in healthcare as an RN. We enjoy playing as a family and especially enjoy doing outdoorsy type things together (fly-fishing, backpacking, camping, hiking, etc.). I am a hobbyist by nature and stay busy gardening, flipping furniture, running, reading, writing on my 1938 Remington Typewriter, and tinkering with stuff. My spiritual background is rooted in the Christian faith, and I served as a minister in Churches of Christ for 19 years in Texas, Washington, and Oregon. I am drawn to mystic aspects of the Christian faith and often find my spiritual world buoyed when out in nature exploring or in times of silence. I hold an undergraduate degree and a Master of Divinity from Abilene Christian University. I also am a certified mediator and have served as a mediator in small claims court for Multnomah County. I completed my CPE education at Portland Providence Medical. I am honored to work as a Staff Chaplain at Legacy Emanuel and am encouraged by the dedication, professionalism, and compassion the staff offers.

Kristen Mullen, MA, M.Div., BCC

As a full-time Chaplain, the service I provide is based in Buddhist tradition. This faith is rooted in realizing our world as an enlightened peaceful society. I received a master's degree in Psychology from Naropa University and a master's degree in Divinity from Maitripa College. My professional background includes experience as a Child Protection Worker, years of volunteering as co-facilitator at the Dougy Center for grieving families. I have worked in mental health at Unity Behavioral Health Center as a Behavioral Health Therapist II, something I hope to further explore and specialize in. I have completed Chaplaincy Board Certification having completed certification in 2021. I enjoy many forms of exercising, particularly outdoors connecting with the earth and the elements, and being with my children.



It is my honor to serve at this hospital as chaplain and ordained Buddhist minister under the profound guidance of Rev. Jill Rowland and Rev. Gavin Dluhosh. I dedicate my continued service to help those suffering in their darkest hour and for the benefit of all beings.



Dionys Murphy, M.Div.

I hold a Master of Divinity and Certificate of Pastoral Care through Marylhurst University and am endorsed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland as a Lay Chaplain. A "cradle Catholic," my care is also deeply informed and transformed by a Zen Buddhist practice of more than 25 years. Before joining the Spiritual Care staff at Emanuel as an interfaith chaplain, I completed my ACPE residency at Oregon State Hospital in Salem. Previous to this, I served in hospice, university ministry, and at the Native American Youth and Family Center. It is my joy to be able to continue my service in the Legacy Emanuel setting of inclusivity, diversity, grace, compassion, and clinically oriented, heart-centered care as a part of an interwoven, interdisciplinary team. My family and I live and grow in Portland, where we enjoy a life together gardening, laughing, playing in the ocean, and engaging in Martial Arts.

Sr. Seraphina Nabuduwa, MA

I am a Roman Catholic Religious Nun, belonging to the Sisters of Mary of Kakamega and a Ugandan by nationality. I earned my B.Ed. in English and Literature from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa and a Dip in Religious Studies from Hekima College, Nairobi - Kenya. I completed my MA in Education and Development from Uganda Martyrs University in Uganda. I joined religious life in 1984 and I have previously served babies and high school students in Uganda and worked with children at St. Thomas Academy in Redmond. Prior to becoming an Associate Chaplain, I did four units of CPE Internship at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center while serving patients at Randall Children's Hospital and Oregon Burn Center. As a Missionary, I am glad that Legacy has provided for me this opportunity to share God's Love and compassion through my service to all especially the sick and most vulnerable. I love music, connecting with family, journaling, singing, blogging, traveling, and cooking.



Steven Payne, MA

My story begins in Salt Lake City, Utah, where I grew up worshipping as a Roman Catholic and also as a desert rat in the sand and red rock of Southern Utah. I moved to Portland in 2002 and enjoy a rich life with my wife and children. I've added surfing and the Oregon Coast to my favorite places to encounter the sacred. Before discovering Chaplaincy, I was a stay-at-home parent and an Argentine Tango Instructor. I hold a BA in English Literature and an MA in Philosophy from the University of Utah and am in the process of completing an MA in Pastoral Studies at Loyola Chicago. Having done all my Clinical Pastoral Education at Legacy Emanuel, including a one-year Residency, I am honored and delighted to now serve here as an Associate Chaplain.