

Introduction to Buddhist Chaplaincy

Zoom Presentation

April 22, 2023 ~ 10am to 2pm (PST)
Led by Jennifer Block and Vanessa Able

Chaplains provide spiritual care and support to people in places such as hospitals, hospices, prisons and a wide variety of other settings. The work is wonderfully challenging and satisfying. In recent years, dharma practitioners have been experiencing chaplaincy as a powerful opportunity to practice engaged Buddhism, and for some, as a vocation and profession.

Join us for an explanation of this field of service, which is gaining in size and scope in dharma communities. Professional chaplains and educators will introduce aspects of chaplaincy, including: a definition of chaplaincy, the history of chaplaincy, settings where chaplains serve, and the steps one can take to become a volunteer or professional chaplain (including educational requirements) as a Buddhist practitioner. Information about the Sati Center's Buddhist Chaplaincy Trainings will also be provided. All are welcome. No pre-registration necessary.

Schedule:

10am	Welcome and introductions What is a chaplain? & What is Pastoral/Spiritual care? History of the profession
11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:15	A day in the life of a chaplain The steps to becoming a chaplain Q&A session #1
12:30	<i>Break</i>
12:45	What is 'Buddhist' chaplaincy? Info about the Sati Center's Introduction to Buddhist Chaplaincy Training and the Eco-Chaplaincy Training Program Q&A session #2
2:00	<i>End</i>

Instructors:

Jennifer Block and **Vanessa Able** both teach the Buddhist Chaplaincy Training program with Gil Fronsdal and Paul Haller at the Sati Center for Buddhist Studies, where Buddhist practitioners are introduced to the competencies of professional spiritual care. Jennifer is an Interfaith minister and Buddhist chaplain who has practiced Zen, Vipassana and Yoga since 1988. Her life's work is providing spiritual care to people in crisis, mentoring caregivers, and teaching people how to access their innate capacity for caring and healing. Vanessa is a priest and retreat leader in the Soto Zen tradition and an alumna of the 2019-20 Sati Center Introduction to Chaplaincy Program. Her service experience has included jail and hospice work, and clinical training in spiritual care at Stanford Healthcare.

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Location: Virtual, by Zoom

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