

Meet Our Staff

Sister Ellen Dabrieo, SND
Interfaith Chaplain (Beeper 73639)

Sister Ellen comes to the North Shore Medical Center after more than twenty five years of working with Portuguese speaking people as Pastoral Associate in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston. As a frequent Pastoral visitor to hospitalized parishioners, she saw the need for a Portuguese speaking chaplain who could accompany patients who often feel isolated because of language and culture. Sister Ellen joined the NSMC staff in 2007, and also visits children and their families in the North Shore Children's Hospital.

"I am humbled by the sacred privilege given to me by patients who allow me to accompany them at a most vulnerable time in their lives. The goodness of God is manifested in a diversity of ways that never cease to amaze me".



Rabbi Jonas Goldberg
Jewish Chaplain (Beeper 73708)

Rabbi Jonas Goldberg was ordained in 1967, and volunteered for the U.S. Army Chaplaincy and was assigned to the Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to Martin Army Hospital, where he visited returnees from Viet Nam. Since that time he has regarded hospital chaplaincy as an important part of his Rabbinate. He came to Temple Sinai in Marblehead in 1989, and became part of the clergy visitors to Salem Hospital. After he retired from his congregation, he joined the chaplaincy staff in 2008.

"Only God can cure the body. Our role as God's representatives is to heal the soul."



Reverend Chad William Kidd
Interfaith Chaplain (Beeper 70786)

Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Chad earned the Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Music degrees from Boston University School of Theology. In his role as the primary interfaith Chaplain at NSMC Union Hospital since 2006, Chad works to share his passion for worship and music by developing the importance of ritual into the technique of his hospital ministry. At Union Chad is the weekly co-facilitator of a spirituality group in the inpatient geriatric psychiatry unit, and regularly incorporates the Dr. Harvey Zarren Healing Gardens into his ministry with patients and families. Chad's focus is to live into a practical theology rooted in extravagant welcome and hospitality for all. In addition to Chaplaincy, Chad serves as the Minister of Music at his home church and interim Director of the Boston University School of Theology Seminary Singers.



"I consider one of the primary roles of a Chaplain to be a facilitator of story, therefore it is continually my privilege and honor to be welcomed in to the lives of patients and families and staff in some of the most vulnerable times in one's journey. I believe it is there that spirit takes over, love guides, and we tread together on holy ground."

Jane Korins, M.T.S.
Director of Pastoral Care Services (Beeper 71210)

Jane Korins has served as the first Director of Pastoral Care at North Shore Medical Center since 1997. Her special interest revolves around comparative religions, cultural diversity, medical ethics, palliative care, addictions and mental health disorders. Her passion for clinical chaplaincy developed in her last year at Harvard Divinity School where she did an internship at a Boston hospice. Jane is a Board Certified Chaplain recognizing and respecting all religions, cultures and diverse spirituality.

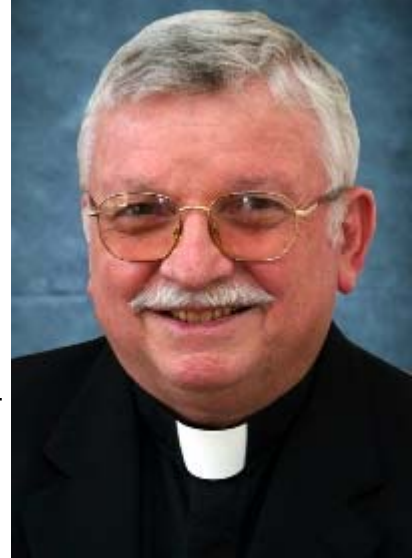


"The role of the chaplain is to be a witness, a companion and a source of comfort to individuals seeking meaning and purpose in the midst of crisis. It has been an honor to be invited into such intimacy of people's lives when chaos, loss and disease all too often enters so abruptly in an acute care hospital. My ministry has taken me into sacred and sublime dimensions that have challenged and enhanced my humanity."

Father Robert G. Labrie, M.Div, M.Ed.
Roman Catholic Chaplain (Beeper 71262)

Father Bob Labrie, ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston in 1964, has served as a parish priest over 30 years and as a Catholic High School Chaplain for four years. He has served as a Catholic Chaplain at North Shore Medical Center since 2003. Father Labrie attended St. John's Seminary and later obtained a Master of Divinity degree. From the University of Massachusetts he was awarded a Master of Education Degree in Pastoral Counseling in 1973. Father Labrie has served in hospital ministry since 1997, and is a Board Certified Chaplain.

"As a Catholic priest, I continue to be energized by the peace, comfort and joy I can bring to patients by being God's instrument."



Dot McKeen, RYT, Reiki Master Teacher
Administrative Assistant

Dot has served the Chaplaincy since 2003 in an administrative capacity. In addition to her work as an Administrative Assistant, she is the Fibromyalgia Support Group Leader at North Shore Medical Center and teaches yoga to students with chronic pain disorders and employee yoga for stress reduction. She is also a Reiki Master Teacher and is enrolled in the Wellness and Healing Certificate program at North Shore Community College.

"Sow good services and sweet remembrances will come from them."



Karen Schmidt
Interfaith Chaplain (Beeper 70792)

Karen's passion for chaplaincy is rooted in her 30 year practice as a registered nurse at the Massachusetts General Hospital and her deep desire to integrate the heart, mind, and spirit into the healing process. In 1998, Karen began her transition from nursing to chaplaincy by completing her first of four units of Clinical Pastoral Education at MGH. This led her to further pastoral care studies at Boston College and Andover Newton Theological School, and a position as Oncology Chaplain at the MGH Cancer Center. Karen joined the NSMC in 2005, caring for patients, families, and staff on the Cardiac Surgical Team, the Intensive Care Unit, and Oncology patients both in-house, and those at the North Shore Cancer Center in Peabody. In addition, Karen is the Chaplain for the new NSMC Palliative Care Team.

"I believe compassionate relationship is at the heart of spiritual care as we bear witness to life stories, wrestle with life's mysteries, and companion patients, families and staff during some of life's most vulnerable and sacred moments. I feel privileged to serve the members of the NSMC community and to work within interdisciplinary teams that are committed to providing skilled and compassionate care."

