

Spiritual Life at Bloomfield College



To help enrich your college experience the Campus Chaplain can:

- Provide leadership, support and direction for student organizations based in a number of different faith traditions and serve as advisor to groups focused more generally on the pursuit of spiritual development
- Counsel individuals and groups on issues related to faith and spirituality. Supervise events related to religious traditions and spiritual life.
- Plan and present programs with speakers, performers, and other activities designed to educate the campus about different religious and spiritual practices and celebrate a variety of traditions.
- Work toward strengthening and maintaining the relationship between the College and the PC(USA) and other religious groups.
- Organize and sponsor student trips to conferences, events, and volunteer mission work.

About the Chaplain

Rev. Sherry Karasik is an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church (USA). In addition to her role as Campus Chaplain, she serves as a pastor to two churches in Warren County, and as a truck stop chaplain in Columbia, NJ. An accomplished writer, Rev. Karasik has traveled to over two dozen countries as an internationally published journalist. She has also taught Comparative Religions and other courses as an adjunct professor.



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Chaplain's Office Hours

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Spiritual Life

Office of the Chaplain

The Campus Chaplain is responsible for fostering and nurturing spiritual growth and wholeness during your years of living and learning at Bloomfield College. The chaplain can provide support for individuals and groups engaged in religious activities related to specific faith traditions and those exploring personal spiritual development. This includes activities, programs, and classes related to the understanding and appreciation of a variety of cultures and beliefs, the examination of personal values, and the pursuit of justice and contribution to the common good.



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Spiritual Life Offerings from the Office of the Chaplain

Spiritual Counseling/Listening with the Campus Chaplain

“To listen to another’s soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another.” Douglas Steere

The chaplain is available to listen, as well as for one-on-one or group counseling sessions for those students, faculty, and staff who wish to explore the questions of faith and spirituality, and how it shapes our lives.

What’s On Your Mind?

Meet with students, faculty, and staff for an open discussion about what matters and what is happening in the world that impacts every single one of us. We meet every other week. *(Topics sent out the week before... a True Program event)*

Celebrating Life

We meet on the Quad (or other designated areas) once a month to celebrate life, to gather in gratitude, and to create holy moments in our lives, as well as to observe religious holidays. Schedule TBA

The BIG QUESTIONS Faculty/Staff Bible Study

Study meets every Thursday between 12 - 1PM, at the Student Affairs Conference Room. We wrestle with the *Big Questions* about what it means to live out our faith in light of what is going on in the world.

Interfaith Gatherings

Throughout the semester we will schedule different events to facilitate interfaith discussions with invited guests, which will include a rabbi, priest, minister, imam, as well as other religious leaders to promote peace and understanding among various religions.

Retreats

During the school year, there will be a number of on/off campus retreats offered for spiritual reflection, led by the Chaplaincy Office, and as part of the Wellness Team.



Mission Trips

Interested in serving others around the world? The Chaplain’s office organizes mission trips to such places as Haiti and Kenya, opening up the opportunity to work

in medical clinics, orphanages, and schools. Students will have opportunities to experience mission trips on local, national and international levels.



Writing for Spirituality Workshops

Who are you? What do you think? What is your passion? How can you transform your challenges and struggles into personal/spiritual growth? Writing is one of the most effective tools for self-reflection and discovery and the pursuit of truth. Through writing, we can become more authentic. If you are interested in this type of creative and direct engagement with the inner life, these workshops are for you. These workshops are for everyone who is willing to explore this inner landscape and journey through the written word. A schedule of dates will be available every semester.

Student Small Group Studies

The chaplain is available for small group student bible studies, interfaith discussions and explorations about various religions. If you are interested in “wrestling” with questions of faith and gathering in a group of 6-9 students who are interested in talking about how faith/religion impacts every aspect of one’s life and relationships, please contact the Spiritual Life Office.