

## **A WORD OF GRATITUDE**

Listening Hearts has connected chaplains with a retired chaplain during COVID through both one-one conversations and through zoom support sessions. We are grateful for all our retired chaplains who have volunteered to be a Listening Heart during the last two and a half years. You have made a difference to our NACC certified chaplains serving in our hospitals and long-term care facilities across the country. If you volunteered and were not contacted it is only because we had more Listening Hearts than seekers of a listening heart.

In light of reality that COVID is now part of our everyday lives, the focus for Listening Hearts will now expand to include whatever is brushing against the heart of an employed or retired chaplain.

## **A CALL FOR LISTENING HEARTS**

You have spent many hours and even perhaps decades listening to the stories of strangers who found a way into your heart. As a retired chaplain, clinical educator or spiritual care companion, you may find yourself willing to be a Listening Heart for a chaplain or another retired chaplain about unexpected life challenges, ministry moments, illness or your present life journey.

In your retirement years, if you have a little extra time along with a desire to listen and hold with an employed or retired chaplain the stories of their present life journey/ministry, please sign up to be a Listening Heart. We are creating a "New Roster of Listening Hearts" so even if you volunteered during COVID, we ask you to resubmit your name and current email address to Margaret Garro through her NACC National Office email address: [mgarro@nacc.org](mailto:mgarro@nacc.org). Margaret Garro and Linda Bronersky will facilitate connecting you with the individual requesting a "listening heart."

## **SEEKING LISTENING HEARTS**

There comes a time in each of our life journey's when we may find it helpful to have a chaplain hold with us our personal sacred stories. If you would like a one-one phone conversation with a retired chaplain to share your story, ministry moments or hopes, please contact Margaret Garro in the National Office. Her email address is: [mgarro@nacc.org](mailto:mgarro@nacc.org)

With your permission she will send your contact information to Linda Bronersky who will help facilitate connecting a Listening Hearts Volunteers with you.



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