



FROM CHRISTIAN ROOTS TO SECULAR SERVICE

It is important to acknowledge where and how hospice and palliative care began, and it was indeed the Christian churches that pioneered this invaluable work.

It is equally important to acknowledge the changing world we live in and to keep up with the times.

- ◆ It is paramount that every individual feels welcome and comfortable at hospice.
- ◆ Each and every person has their own religious, spiritual, agnostic or atheist beliefs.
- ◆ We make no judgment on the validity of anyone's beliefs
- ◆ We acknowledge the right of each individual to exercise their beliefs and to be free of discrimination or harassment based on those beliefs.
- ◆ We acknowledge the right of each individual to question their own beliefs and go through their own questions without judgment or influence toward a particular belief.
- ◆ The Hospice Society will make every effort to accommodate the spiritual needs of each guest.
- ◆ One member of the Palliative Care Team is a chaplain or priest who acts as a spiritual advisor. Any guest is welcome to speak with this person or to any other spiritual advisor of their choosing.

Volunteers are NOT here to give spiritual advice, share their own spiritual beliefs or influence a guest who is questioning their own faith. This work is left to those who are appropriately trained.