



The Chaplaincy Institute

An Interfaith Seminary & Community

Greetings Given at the Starr King School for Ministry's Inauguration Ceremony Saturday March 21st, 2015

Good Morning. I am Rev. Sharon Mooney, member of the Board of Trustees at The Chaplaincy Institute, an Interfaith Seminary.

I am honored to be here today to speak for The Chaplaincy Institute and my brothers and sisters from our community, and to witness yet another new and amazing era of your dynamic school unfold.

For several years many people from The Chaplaincy Institute and Starr King have been creating an innovative plan for our two schools of ministry to offer wider, more in depth Interfaith training for students from both our schools.

This past year we were able to announce the formal creation of that association and many students are already deep in study in this new and exciting program that dares to dream of changing the world through religious understanding.

I sort of think of Starr King as our older sister who is growing and continuing to mature and *still doesn't mind* her younger sister tagging along, because we both bring something to the shared journey. We're traveling the road of *progressive religious leadership* through education, step by step, student by student, through love and trust, inclusion, justice, wisdom and compassion. I feel blessed that The Chaplaincy Institute gets to hang out with you "big guys" here at this sacred event.

On this special day, we wish to add our blessings to this formal marking of Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt as President of Starr King School for the Ministry and leader of the Dream we hold together.