



THE CHAPLAINCY INSTITUTE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY

Ordination and Graduation Ceremony

Saturday October 17, 2020

1pm Pacific Time

Via Zoom and Livestream

PRELUDE

“She Loves, She Shines”

By Rav Kohenet Taya Mâ Shere
ChI Guest Faculty

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PROCESSION OF THE CHI COMMUNITY

“Sacred Way”

By Abbi Spinner McBride

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PROCESSION OF THE ORDINANDS

“Sweet Surrender”

By Sophia

Performed by
Rev. Megan Wagner, Ph.D. and
Rev. Jim Larkin, M.Div.
ChI Seminary Faculty

WELCOME

Rev. Jan Thomas, MSW
ChI Community Minister

INVOCATION

Pastor Jacqueline Duhart, M.Div.
ChI Seminary Faculty

OFFICIANT’S REMARKS

Rev. Jan Thomas

READING

Rev. Lauren Van Ham, M.A.
ChI Seminary Faculty and
Past Seminary Dean

INTERFAITH SPIRITUAL DIRECTION CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION

Wakil David Matthews
Rev. Lisa Winston
Lynn Lockie Camastral

Rev. John Mabry, Ph.D.
ChI Seminary Faculty
Director of ChI’s Spiritual

ORDINATION BLESSING

Rav Kohenet Taya Mâ Shere
ChI Guest Faculty

ORDINAND HOMILIES

Linda Marie Allen
Anne Friedman • Cecily Knepprath
Stephanie Kroner • Terri Leasor
Leslie Lightner • Reet Mae
Nancy Taylor • Levi Tran

OFFERTORY

Rev. Ineda P. Adesanya, MA, MDiv
ChI Board President & CEO

READING & BLESSING

The Ordinands' Interfaith Statement

Read by
Father Thomas P. Bonacci, CP
ChI Guest Faculty and
Director, Interfaith Peace Project

ORDINATION VOWS

Rev. Jan Thomas

BLESSING OF THE STOLES

Rev. Katrina Leathers
ChI Dean of Students and
Faculty, Arts for Awakening

**BESTOWING OF STOLES &
MINISTERIAL CHARGES**

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ANOINTING WITH OIL

Rev. Megan Wagner, Ph.D. and
Rev. Jim Larkin, M.Div.
ChI Seminary Faculty

LAYING ON OF HANDS

by the ChI Interfaith Community

Rev. Jürgen Schwing, MA, BCC
ChI Seminary Faculty

PRESENTATION OF CLERGY

Rev. Jan Thomas

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Gina Rose Halpern
Founder, The Chaplaincy Institute

RECESSIONAL

“Blessing to the World”

By Karen Drucker

Performed by
Rev. Megan Wagner, Ph.D. and
Rev. Jim Larkin, M.Div

RECEPTION

Zoom Breakout Reception Rooms

BESTOWING OF STOLES & MINISTERIAL CHARGES

LINDA MARIE ALLEN

Stole Bearers: Kara Anne Eggert (daughter) and Justine Allen Eggert (son)

Charge Givers: Rev. Dr. Megan Wagner <meganwag@gmail.com> and Rev. Jim Larkin

ANNE KIEHL FRIEDMAN

Stole Bearer: Chidegar Liberty

Charge Giver: Jolene Smith

CECILY KNEPPRATH

Stole Bearer: Liam Knepprath-Malone (son)

Charge Giver: Pastor Jacqueline Duhart, M.Div.

STEPHANIE C. KRONER

Stole Bearers: Paul Hansen (husband) and Julie Hansen (daughter)

Charge Giver: Shannon M. Pace, Spiritual Director

TERRI LEASOR-KNIGHT

Stole Bearer: Tony Knight, Spouse

Charge Giver: Rev. Eleesabeth Hager, ChI Clergy and Friend

LESLIE ANNE LIGHTNER

Stole Bearer: Daisy Schrock (creator of custom stole)

Charge Giver: T. R. (Rey) Patterson MD

REET MAE

Stole Bearer: My Ancestral Lineage

Charge Giver: Rev. Lauren Van Ham, M.A.

NANCY MAGDALENA TAYLOR

Stole Bearers: Lisa Reuth and Jayne Snook

Charge Giver: Rev. Lauren Van Ham, M.A., Spiritual Director

LEVI TRAN

Stole Bearer: Namie Tran (wife)

Charge Giver: Pastor Jacqueline Duhart, M.Div.



ChI Interfaith Community

*A Community That Heals and Transforms the World
by Honoring the Sacred Connection of All*

BIOS of the October 2020 ChI Ordinands

Reverend Linda Marie Allen, Interspiritual Chaplain

I was born on the Summer Solstice of 1952; since that time, I have hungered for the Light. This innate hunger has led me to study many spiritual ideologies and practices, and I value all of my teachers and experiences. As a divine being inhabiting a physical body, I am exploring this earthly domain to expand my knowledge, wisdom and understanding of my universe so that I might better love myself and my fellow sojourners. I believe that we can arrive together through love and compassion. I am drawn to work as a hospice chaplain in support of other soul journeyers' transition from this body to their next experiences. My ultimate goal is to manifest being a daughter of the Divine, a spark of light in this universe.



Reverend Anne Kiehl Friedman, Interfaith Minister



I came to seminary to deepen, embody, and find peace in my relationship with the divine. My spiritual life, before I even knew to call it that, was charged and conflicted because I felt antipathy toward religion and didn't know that deep spirituality could exist outside those institutions. Finding "interfaith" and defining myself as such is resolution to that lifelong conflict, and provides interesting connective tissue between the other careers and passions in my life. As a writer, strategy consultant, even as a hedge fund manager, it is my spirituality at the heart of the jobs I choose and how I conduct myself in them, because my life's work is about creating a legacy of tikkun olam, ahimsa, and or social justice.

Reverend Cecily Kneprath, Interspiritual Minister and Interfaith Chaplain

A whispering presence called me to ministry as a child, then lay dormant for a very long time. After years of inquiry into the Great Mystery, I recognized my deep intuitive connection with the Divine. Following a lifetime of "serving" in many non-profits including Room to Read, Habitat for Humanity and the Institute of Noetic Sciences, I found my way to ChI and now to Ordination. Currently, I volunteer at the San Francisco Night Ministry and work as the program coordinator at ChI. I look forward to using my gifts in hospice or hospital when pandemic conditions improve. I am blessed to be on this life journey with a warm, close family, which includes three amazing children and their spouses—Liam, married to Katrina, Kate married to Dave and Sara as well as a large circle of friends. I am extremely grateful to live near my grandkids, Connor and Evie, who take me on many fun-filled adventures.



Reverend Stephanie C. Kroner, Interfaith Minister and Chaplain



I live in Albany, California, with my husband Paul and daughter Julie. I am from the Netherlands and grew up moving around the world with my Dutch parents and sisters. As a result, I came into contact with people from a wide variety of cultures, ethnicities and religions. These experiences laid the foundation for my pluralistic and interfaith orientation toward religion. I am drawn to the devotional aspects of many faith traditions, especially in the forms of song and chant. My earlier interests led me through the fields of languages and culture, clinical psychology, education, and finally, religion. I feel blessed to have found a calling as a hospital chaplain, where I combine all of these interests. Thank you to all those who have supported, mentored and invited me to grow. I promise to pay it forward.

Reverend Terri Leasor-Knight, Interfaith Community Minister

I lived the first 21 years of my life on the same street, surrounded by trees, family, and a small farm in view. I didn't leave my hometown for 41 years, but when I did it was a move to two different states and three years in a foreign country. As a child, I was well steeped in the Baptist church. Today, I still feel the call to love my neighbor and enemy, but my soul sings to find new ways of connecting to self and Spirit from multiple traditions. I'll end with a special word of gratitude for my generous husband, Charles A. Knight, for his help in getting me to this day. Many blessings to so many who have influenced my path.



Reverend Leslie Lightner, Interfaith Chaplain



I am a mystic at heart, long hearing the voice of God speaking to me in hushed tones, even as a child. I was born with a curious mind, hungry for deep conversations and comfortable with human emotion. My faith roots are Lutheran and non-denominational Christian, but upon further exploration I came to see God's presence in all things and throughout many faith traditions. This led me to become an Interfaith Chaplain. In the past five years I have transitioned from the role of Chef to Chaplain. With Divine guidance I now feed people differently. I am called to ease suffering as an empathic listener, and to act as a conduit between God and those I serve.

Reverend Reet Mae, Metaphysical and Interfaith Minister

I am a Metaphysical Minister, artist, documentary filmmaker, and independent scholar; and I am a settler, living on Dish with One Spoon Treaty Territory in Canada. I have a deep connection with my culture, language (Estonian) and ancestors. My spiritual journey has taken me to many faith portals, all of which Chi has embraced. My deep heart call remains towards my Finno-Ugric roots, the stories of the Baltic Nations, the power of art and creativity, and the healing of ancestral trauma. I offer a deep bow of gratitude to my family and friends who have supported as well as challenged me to a wider perspective on this journey to Interfaith Ministry.



Reverend Nancy Magdalena Taylor, Interfaith/Interspiritual Minister & Chaplain



My spiritual nature revealed itself while I was a young girl sitting in pine trees that overlooked Alabama's cotton fields. My spiritual development was rooted in a multicultural community in Saudi Arabia, where daily prayers and desert rides on horses and motorcycles set my imagination on fire. My spiritual formation was nurtured and mentored on the island of Bahrain, often referred to as the Garden of Eden. Spiritual challenges ripened me with revolutionary purpose after a military enlistment and an occupation with the legal profession. The spiritual crisis of my mother's death created a kaleidoscopic wanderlust for spiritual transformation. Mystical and prophetic Protestantism, Catholicism, Buddhism, New Thought, Indigenous Shamanism, and Hinduism led me to CHI, where a spiritual evolution has revealed its loving and paradoxical nature in effusive and elusive possibilities.

Reverend Levi Tran, Interfaith Chaplain

My journey towards ordination and finding a spiritual community has been over 10 years in the making. After completing the requirements for healthcare chaplaincy, I found myself without endorsement or a spiritual home that fit for me. I thought I was going to have to give up my passion. Fortunately, during that time I met my wife Namie, who has been the clearest, daily expression of the Divine to me. With her support and the support of CHI, for the first time in my life I am deeply accepted not only for what I do, but for who I am. Dreams really do come true! I aspire to live up to the name "Levi," which means "Unity between humanity and the Divine."



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