

SECTION V

OUTSIDE THE THEME



Each of the essays in this section represents a distinctive perspective on chaplaincy that is enough 'outside the box' to be prophetic. Peter Yuichi Clark, a member of the Editorial Board of *Reflective Practice* from the beginning, reviews a book by Dagmar Grefe about intercultural and interreligious cooperation in hospital care. Modifying our attitudes toward the 'other' who is different, Grefe argues, requires "change of mind, change of heart, and change of practice." It is consistent with Hebrew Scriptures to connect the invitation to change with the prophet's call. This review includes a moving reflection from Rabbi Susan Freeman that reminds us that a change of mind or heart is neither easy or swift.

David Glenister, an Australian chaplain supervisor, uses the biblical story of passing the mantle from Elijah to Elisha to reflect on how the prophetic imagination is evoked and handed on through clinical pastoral education. The supervisor's task, according to Glenister, is to use 'saltiness' and creativity to evoke in students the prophetic gift of seeing what is hidden and loving what is inexplicable. The reintroduction of the prophetic role into our thinking about forming religious leaders is in itself a contribution.

The National Health Service of Scotland invited healthcare chaplains to develop pilot Values Based Reflective Practice (VBRP) groups in a variety of contexts across Scotland. Ewan Kelly writes about this remarkable vision for mutual learning among health care professionals and chaplains through Values Based Reflection groups. Chaplains' facilitative and supervisory input has the potential to transform individuals and teams and, with time, organizational culture which in turn enhances the well being of caregivers and the cared for. That is a bold, creative, prophetic vision well outside the frameworks we ordinarily inhabit.

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