

“Why Chaplaincy?”

Augustana Campus Chaplaincy, U of A, Camrose

The question " Why Chaplaincy?" was asked of me as a member of the Augustana Chaplaincy Council. As I pondered this I chose to ask this question of someone who served as a student chaplain, graduated from Augustana and went on to develop a career as a servant leader.

Why Chaplaincy?

- because we are spiritual beings and if we are to treat students as whole people we must also help them to grow and learn about spirituality in a learning environment
- because there needs to be a place where people are not graded, but rather where failings become an opening for grace
- because there needs to be a place where some of the most profound questions of life can be wrestled with
- because awe and wonder must be cultivated along with critical thinking and from this comes profound curiosity
- because learning to love and be compassionate are the most important courses in life and will help to determine our success in life
- because life is difficult and we need people who will walk alongside of us when we set out to shape our lives.

These are some reasons why Chaplaincy lends itself to the life of university students and brings value to the students and their community.

It is a privilege to work with the Chaplaincy Council and contribute to Chaplaincy at Augustana.

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