

# The Chaplain's Office

The Office of the Chaplain provides programs and support to nurture the spiritual growth of Converse students, faculty and staff within their own faith traditions, and to promote awareness of various religious expressions. The Chaplain is available to students whether they come from a “churched” background, a religion other than Christianity or no faith tradition at all. Through fellowship, prayer, outreach, study and worship, members of the Converse community can deepen their understanding of spirituality and service. This integration of personal reflection and social action leads to the fulfillment of the Converse University Founder’s Ideal to “see clearly, to act justly, and be faithful to God and humanity.”

Learning about different Christian denominations and other religious traditions helps students to affirm what they already believe and enables them to relate to people from diverse backgrounds with respect. The University is committed to assisting students in developing these interpersonal skills which are essential for living and working productively in our global society. This commitment stems from the Founder’s Ideal, which states that Dexter Edgar Converse wished for the University to be “liberally and tolerantly Christian.” For specific information or questions about services, programs and local places of worship, students are asked to contact the Chaplain at 864.596.9078 or to visit the Chaplain’s Office in the Montgomery Student Center.