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Minnesota Chaplain Joins Asante Rogue Regional

Denise Leary, a staff chaplain at Allina Health in Minneapolis for 10 years, has joined Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center as the lead chaplain. She began work at Asante on April 6.



“I am passionate about the connection of mind, body and spirit for optimal health,” Denise said in her resume. “As a practitioner of Buddhist meditation and yoga, I have utilized Eastern healing arts and integrative therapies. I value excellence, compassion, partnerships and integrity.”

Denise received her bachelor’s of theology degree from St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn., and her master’s of theology degree from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. She also completed four units of clinical pastoral education at Abbot Northwestern Hospital, training in palliative care and ethics coursework. She is board certified by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

Her career includes 15 years in parish work, leading retreats and educational outreach in Peru and Ireland. She has also lived and worked in West Africa.

Denise is an avid outdoors person.

She succeeds Larry Blight, a chaplain at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center for eight years and the hospital’s lead chaplain for the past three years. He passed away unexpectedly while he slept on Jan. 18, at age 68.

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