



## **LEAH POPE OF NEW YORK JOINS BOARD OF HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY NETWORK**

**NEW YORK, NY (September 7, 2016)**—Leah G. Pope, of New York, has joined the board of directors of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network (HCCN). Pope, an anthropologist, is a senior research associate at the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York nonprofit organization that works with government and civil leaders to build and improve justice systems.

The New York-based HCCN is a 55-year-old global nonprofit organization that focuses on education, clinical care, and research related to spiritual care in health care. It staffs the chaplaincy departments at several hospitals in New York, including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NYU Langone Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery, and provides a wide range of programs and services for both health care professionals and consumers.

“Leah Pope brings a wealth of insight and social services experience to the board of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network,” said Rev. Eric J. Hall, HCCN’s president and CEO. “As we continue to expand our efforts to raise the bar on spiritual care in health care, we are pleased to have someone with both her background and her commitment to making a difference in people’s lives.”

Pope will serve a three-year term, ending May 2019.

Prior to joining Vera, Pope was a research scientist at the Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, Orangeburg, N.Y. She has been an adjunct professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, and a faculty member of the Bard Prison Initiative, which enables incarcerated men and women to earn a degree from Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

### **About HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™**

HealthCare Chaplaincy Network™ is a global health care nonprofit organization founded in 1961 that offers spiritual-related information and resources, and professional chaplaincy services in hospitals, other health care settings, and online. Its mission is to advance the integration of spiritual care in health care through clinical practice, research and education in order to improve patient experience and satisfaction and to help people faced with illness and grief find comfort and meaning—whoever they are, whatever they believe, wherever they are. For more

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