

## Report from Working Group of the CEUC Board Faith Identity Question

The CEUC has been, since its inception, a Christian body. It has come to our attention that our 'umbrella' organisation, the International Association of Chaplains in Higher Education (IACHE) is interfaith. The North American body of University Chaplains (NACUC) is also interfaith. The CEUC Board, via a small working group, are deliberating whether a transition from a Christian to an Interfaith identity is appropriate now, or at some point in the future.

European Chaplains in other spheres of work alas, don't offer us a clear way forward. While the European Health Care Chaplains (ENHCC) are an interfaith body, their conference programme appears to indicate that only Christianity leads their lectures and discussions. The European Prison Chaplains (IPCA Europe) are unequivocally and unapologetically Christian.

We feel we could continue life as a Christian body. We also feel we could switch to become an interfaith organisation. This move would require some practical considerations for future conferences. And there may also be a hybrid option whereby we retain our Christian identity but ensure future conferences offer teaching, encouragement and worship opportunities for all faith groups.

The Board will continue to be sensitive to our membership's views and opinions. We see no need to switch our identity urgently. Should any member wish to participate in the ongoing debate, we would happily include your views as we seek the right way forward.

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