One Spirit warmly welcomes you, across distance and time, to witness the

Ordination & Graduation

of the Aspen Class of 2025

Saturday 26th July 2025 · 2–4pm A sacred gathering held online via Zoom

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A Warm Welcome to You

Founded in 1996, OneSpirit is a heart-led educational charity committed to spiritual development, deep listening, and sacred service. Our training invites open-hearted individuals into a rich and transformative exploration of life's thresholds, drawing on the wisdom of many traditions, personal experience, and embodied spiritual practice.

Our Spiritual Development & Interfaith Ministry training honours the shared truths found across spiritual and philosophical lineages, cultivating a path of service rooted in presence, empathy, and a deep respect for all beings. We believe that by knowing ourselves more fully, we become better able to accompany others with care and integrity.

Each class brings its own spirit to the training, and the Aspen Class of 2025 has travelled a uniquely global and connected path, one shaped by courage, inner reflection, and the power of listening across distance. Through sacred inquiry, ceremony, and community, they have explored what it means to serve with humility, clarity, and love.

As we gather for this online ceremony, we honour not only the individual paths that led each ordinand here, but also the vibrant field of connection that has formed between them.

This is a moment of celebration, reverence, and shared dedication to a more compassionate and interconnected world.

Welcome. We're so glad you're here!

With warmth & gratitude,

Staff & Faculty, OneSpirit Interfaith Foundation



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Guides Along the Way

This ordination ceremony is held in deep gratitude for the many hearts and hands who have supported the Aspen Class of 2025. What follows is a glimpse into the team who have held this online journey with care, presence, and purpose, creating a space where deep listening, connection, and transformation could unfold.

With reverence & steady guidance, the Faculty for the Aspen Class:

Rev. Annie Heppenstall - Core Tutor

Rev. Monica Douglas - Group Tutor

Rev. Sarah MacDonald - Group Tutor

With presence, care, & deep listening, the Faculty Team:

Dawn Russell - Core Tutor

Una Devine - Group Tutor

With vision & commitment, the Board of Trustees:

Dr. Rev. Joanna Dymetra Petts - Chair of Trustees

Joshua Barber - OneSpirit Trustee

Rev. Malaika - OneSpirit Trustee

Marco Fernandez - OneSpirit Trustee

Rev. Tabi Eleanor Haller-Jorden - One Spirit Trustee

Rev. Tricia McLeod - OneSpirit Trustee

Sonia Thompson - OneSpirit Trustee

With devotion behind the scenes, the Staff Team:

Alan Briscoe - Executive Director

Abi Aiyegbayo - Finance Consultant

Danielle Wilson - Finance Officer

Kailee Smart - Communications & Marketing Lead

Kim Jackson - Programmes & Events Manager

Lavinia Jones - Community Development Lead

Rev. Lindsay Reynolds - Administration

Maddy Walcott - Learning Design Specialist



From Here, the Path Opens

Dear friends,

What a moment this is.

After all the growing, deepening, wrestling, wondering, unlearning, and reimagining... here you are. On the edge of something new. And as you step into your role as an ordained interfaith minister, I just want to say – from my heart to yours – welcome. Welcome to this beautiful, evolving, sometimes messy, always meaningful community that is OneSpirit.

It's a real joy to celebrate with you. And though this may be the end of your formal training, it's just the beginning of something richer. Your voice, your presence, your way of being – they matter. And they're needed.

So, what happens now? Well, we'd love you to stay close.

Staying connected - ROSIM

There's an open invitation to join our professional network, the Register of OneSpirit Interfaith Ministers (ROSIM). It's a way of staying in touch – not just with the organisation, but with each other. You get a profile on our website (so people can find you), discounts on continuing development opportunities, and a place to share your offerings and your questions.

If you're in Scotland, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, there's also the possibility of registering for legal weddings with some extra training.

But more than all that, ROSIM is really about kinship – staying part of a community that values presence over performance, relationship over hierarchy.



From Here, the Path Opens

Ways to offer your gifts

If you feel drawn, there are a few other ways you might want to get involved too. For example:

- The Board of Trustees a small, committed group helping shape the future of OneSpirit. If you've got energy for leadership and a heart for service, we'd love to hear from you.
- The Ethics & Standards Committee a minister-led circle exploring how
 we hold ourselves accountable to high standards of care and integrity.
 There's room here for thoughtful voices who want to help shape how we
 evolve.
- The OneSpirit Connects newsletter this is our regular way of sharing updates, inspiration and opportunities across the OneSpirit web. You're already part of this just by being here, and if you're a ROSIM member you can use it to share your own work too.

All of this is offered lightly. There's no pressure, no 'shoulds'.

Just possibilities, and a sense that your journey is still unfolding – and you don't have to do it alone. Thank you for all the heart you've brought so far.

Thank you for being part of this community. And thank you, in advance, for whatever comes next.

With love and congratulations,

Alan Executive Director, OneSpirit Interfaith Foundation

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The Shape of This Sacred Day

Order of Service - Aspen Ordination 2025

Musical Prelude

Robert Norton on piano (Musician and long-term friend)

Welcome to OneSpirit's Aspen Class Ordination

Rev. Annie Heppenstall (Faculty, Core Tutor, Aspen, Birch & Cherry Tree Class)

Entry of the Aspen Ordinands

Rev. Sarah MacDonald (Faculty, Aspen & Birch Group Tutor) & Rev. Monica Douglas (Faculty, Aspen & Birch Group Tutor)

Prayer of Invocation

A sacred invocation offered by Dawn Russell (Faculty, Sylvan Class of 2025 Tutor)

Ritual of Inclusion

Rev. Annie Heppenstall (Faculty, Core Tutor, Aspen, Birch & Cherry Tree Class)

Trustee Welcome

Rev. Malaika, OneSpirit Minister & Trustee

Chant

I surrender, I surrender to love (repeat)

Class of 2025 Ordinand Offerings

Pause to Reflect

Music offered by Robert Norton (Musician & long-term friend)



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OneSpirit's Purpose and Essence

Rev. Monica Douglas (Faculty, Aspen & Birch Group Tutor)

Statements of Commitment and Agreement

Maddy Davies (Staff, Learning Design Specialist)

Preparation for Ordination Moment

Rev. Sarah MacDonald (Faculty, Aspen and Birch Group Tutor)

Ordination

Aspen Tutors and Holding Team

Pause to Reflect

Manickam Yogeswaran (Classical & Carnatic South Indian Musician; long-term friend)

Aspen OneSpirit Ministers Roll Call and Congratulations

Aspen Tutors

New Ministers' First Blessing

A first blessing for the newly ordained ministers

Summing Up Gratitude and Closing Blessings

Closing Music

Robert Norton on piano (Musician and long-term friend)





Rev. Ailsa Monk



Reverend Amanda Duncan



Reverend Andrew Jones



Reverend Anna Lempriere



Reverend Audrey B. Dalton



Reverend Ben Robin Lucent



Reverend Caroline Sinfield



Rev. Claire Sunderland



Reverend Denise Jarvis



Reverend Elaine Cruickshank MacNicol



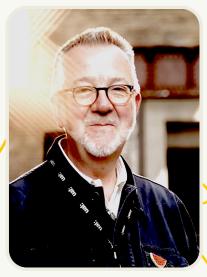
Interfaith Minister Emma Brigid o'Brien



Reverend Gina Lisette Gibbons



Reverend Hara Willow



Reverend Ivan Rust



Reverend Laura Lucchesi



Reverend Lavinia Esmeé Jones



Mark Hattrick, Rev



Rev. Dr. Mark Sacco



Interfaith Minister Michelle Fleming Byrne



Reverend Paul Antony Dodd

With deep joy and reverence, we present the ordained Aspen Class of 2025:



Minister Susan Reddy



Mr. Tony McCabe

We listened to ourselves and to one another, gathering moments, questions, and truths along the way.

An invisible thread has quietly bound us, a thread of trust, of tenderness, of shared becoming.

Here, we honour a journey shaped not by distance but by depth, from reflection to recognition, from presence to service.

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A Prayer for Ordination

May my purpose align

With all who work for peace

My heart and mind alive

To global awakening

That I may see all in a field of love

Freeing my inner power

To serve and to forgive

Inclusive and authentic

Compassionate and transformative

True to the Spirit we share in our humanity

So may it be

Where Inner and Outer Meet

If something stirred in you today, a quiet curiosity, a longing for deeper connection, or a gentle sense of calling, know that there's a path ready to meet you, just as you are...

The Cherry Tree Pathway is a two-year online training in Interfaith Ministry and Spiritual Development. Rooted in 30 years of experience, it leads to ordination and invites a deeper way of living and serving. For those drawn to meaning, service, and soul, this path helps you shape a ministry that reflects your true self through reflection, ceremony, and compassionate practice.

Guided by Rev. Annie Heppenstall, with Rev. Sarah MacDonald and Rev. Monica Douglas, the training offers a heart-led space to grow at your own pace, with optional retreats and community connection.

If something stirred in you today, a quiet curiosity or sense of calling, know there's a path ready to meet you, just as you are.

Our training begins on October 8th 2025, with enrolment closing on September 30th.

Themes include:

- Deep Listening (BACP-informed accompaniment)
- Loving Relationship (empathy & nonviolence)
- Ceremony (honouring life's thresholds)
- Spiritual Frameworks (across traditions)
- Sacred Journeys (into service & self)

Join us for one of our final Intro Days and experience the heart of OneSpirit's training. This isn't just an information session. It's an invitation into something deeper, where curiosity, soul, and connection meet.

• Thursday, 11th September, 7:00-8:30pm UK time, held lovingly on Zoom.

Book your free place or learn more at: <u>www.interfaithfoundation.org</u>. Questions? Reach us at <u>info@interfaithfoundation.org</u>.

Explore the Cherry Tree Pathway and discover what's possible!

With Gratitude for Those That Held This Journey

Many hearts and hands have shaped this moment. With deep gratitude, we thank all who support the work of OneSpirit, especially those who have generously volunteered today. Your presence and care mean the world.

Board of Trustees, holding vision & care for our unfolding: Dr Rev. Joanna, Joshua, Marco, Rev. Malaika, Rev. Tricia, Sonia, Rev. Tabi-Eleanor

Executive Director, with steady presence and leadership: Alan

Aspen Faculty, guiding this journey with presence: Revs. Annie, Monica & Sarah

Faculty, tending the growth of our learning community: Dawn & Una

Guest Speakers & all who inspired our students & faculty throughout the journey

Staff Team, supporting & nurturing our community behind the scenes: Abi, Danielle, Kailee, Kim, Lavinia, Rev. Lindsay, Maddy

Musicians, who have graced many ordinations: Manickam & Robert

Invisible threads of connection, weaving us across distance, for holding this sacred space

OneSpirit Supervisors, within & beyond, for compassionate holding of this work.

OneSpirit Minister Community, near & far, those who could not join us today, those who gave time to support our ceremony, & all who serve in our big world with love.

OneSpirit Students, at every stage, those being ordained today, those recently ordained, those preparing to join us, and those learning quietly from afar, you bring the light.

OneSpirit's Founder, who planted the first seeds of this vision: Rev. Miranda

Our Elders, whose wisdom nourish our work: Rev. Peter & Dr. Robert

Our Sister School, connected across the ocean: One Spirit Learning Alliance, New York

With Our Deepest Thanks

Thank you for being with us, wherever you are and however you arrived, to honour this sacred day. Today's ceremony is more than a moment in time. It holds the quiet courage, steady presence, and deep listening that have shaped each individual's journey into ministry. Your witness, whether live, later, or held in the heart, has helped make this moment sacred.

To the family, friends, mentors, and companions who have supported these ordinands: thank you. Your encouragement, love, and presence, visible or invisible, are woven into every promise made, every silence held, and every breath of becoming.

To those joining from afar or quietly holding this journey in your own way, know that you are part of this ceremony too. OneSpirit is a living field of connection, shaped by all who meet within it.

To our students, ministers, tutors, guests, and friends: thank you for helping carry forward a vision of ministry that is compassionate, inclusive, and rooted in the sacred art of listening, to self, to Spirit, and to the world.

To the Aspen Class: thank you for your depth, courage, and quiet devotion. It has been a privilege to witness your unfolding. Aspen, for all you've offered and all you are still becoming, we honour you.

If something stirred in you today, a resonance, a question, a quiet yes, we welcome your reflection. A few words from the heart can help others feel into what's possible.

• https://bit.ly/ReviewOneSpirit!

Captured a moment? Each year, we gather the photos and messages from family and friends, near and far, to share with our students as a lasting memory of this special day.

Tag us so we can pass them along and help make this day unforgettable!

Use the tag #OneSpiritOrdination:

Instagram: @BringItToTheAltar Facebook: @OneSpiritOrg

"To listen is to lean in, softly, with a willingness to be changed by what we hear."



With heartfelt thanks for joining us to celebrate and honour the Ordination & Graduation of the Aspen Class of 2025