

Reflection by
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“ How do you see yourself living your faith through your participation in many church councils and ecumenical connections?

Serving as a spiritual care practitioner in a hospital has meant daily encounters with people of different Christian expressions, as well as people of other faith traditions and none. In each encounter there is a rich opportunity to encounter the Divine. As a Christian my baptisms calls me to love each and every neighbour. Listening to my neighbour’s experience of suffering, offering a non-judgmental presence or a warm blanket are acts of love.

Why do you feel it’s important to live generously in this way?

There is no other way to live! If we do not love then we do not know God. Finding a way to love our neighbours is core and central to discipleship. Attending to my judgments of others helps me make space for the possibility of loving my neighbour.



What would you say to others who want to live more generously and live their faith?

Loving our neighbours is an opportunity to break down walls that keep us afraid. Meeting our neighbour and learning about them is in itself an act of love. Our world is in desperate need of love being shared generously. We really need to rename the parable of the prodigal son to the parable of the generous father to deepen our understanding of the generosity of God’s love for us and how that changes lives.

***We are called to live generous lives.
Love includes community and service. Love encompasses all.***