Pastoral Care in partnership with the Nursing Department and Volunteer Services has begun a new program called Companions for the Journey. The purpose of this program is to provide a compassionate presence to patients here at end of life, and to offer additional support to their families.

Family and friends may be unable to be present when a loved one is dying. Those patients who do have family or friends to visit them, may still have long periods of time alone.

These volunteers help to ensure patients are not alone at end of life. They are trained by the Pastoral Care department and Hospice. Volunteers will gladly:

- Sit/talk/read with patients
- Act as a surrogate friend/family member
- Provide a reassuring and caring presence for a dying patient

Carole Bull, Chaplain, will be contacted to determine the need. If appropriate, she will call in a trained volunteer to provide a reassuring presence to patients who would like someone with them at end of life.

If you have a patient who needs this support, please contact the Chaplain’s office at x2869, or for after hours, please page.