

*Contemporary interest for spirituality and spiritual care, is a fact of life. Within the RESSPIR network – French acronym for Health, Care and Spiritualities Network – we are aiming at bringing together people and institutions grappling with this fact in Francophone environments and globally also, in the rest of the world.*

*The surging demand for « spiritual development » reflects a cultural mutation, matched in medical care for certain countries, by the gradual transformation of purely pastoral accompaniment into some forms of spiritual accompaniment, that raise the stake of pastoral mandates, professionalization, and the necessary skills required to do so. Through our network, we foster an approach tapping into their broad interdisciplinary spiritual depth.*

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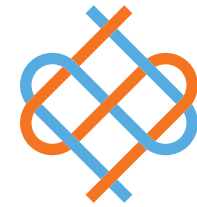
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## HEALTH, CARE AND SPIRITUALITIES NETWORK

### THIS NETWORK PURPORTS TO

- Promote within our societies and cultures: a better understanding, recognition and integration of spirituality in the web of healthcare services interwoven with religious threads.
- Contribute to the development of interdisciplinary approaches, empowering actors in their own history and relationship to the self, others as well as institutions.
- Promote research, training and expertise in this field especially.

### IT IS

- International
- Francophone, but also published materials in English and German
- Interdisciplinary

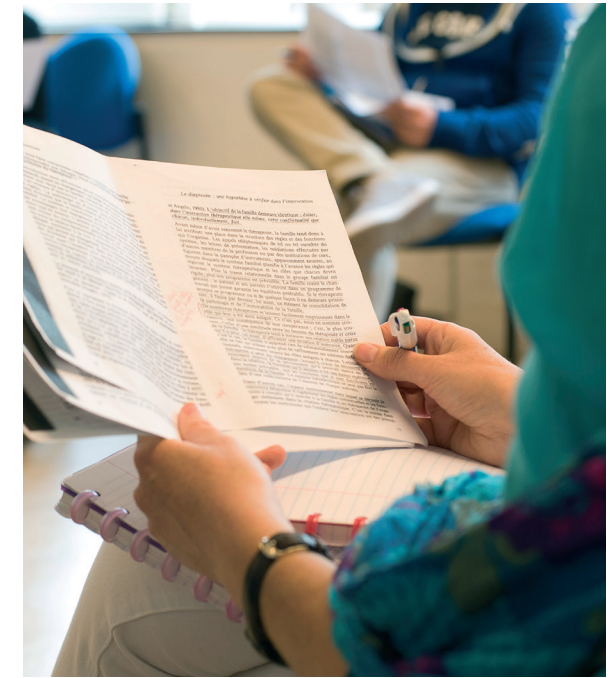
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### OBJECTIVES

- Increase professional awareness of the spiritual and religious dimensions.
- Support the spiritual and religious accompanying staff and help them deepen their skills.
- Sensitize communitarian bodies to the benefit of an inclusion of spirituality into healthcare issues, helping them design appropriate policies.

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### MEANS

- The web platform: [www.resspir.org](http://www.resspir.org)
- Information: existing trainings, bibliographies, online pedagogical tools.
- Research Support.
- Support for professional teachers, leaders: experiences sharing, consulting, supervising, internships, hands-on test runs.
- Social and political sensitization.
- Think tanks on values exploitable by mutating healthcare institutions.