The twofold overarching concern of the project leading to this publication is to foster reflection and enhance the practice of interfaith spiritual care in health care institutions and beyond. Endorsed by the Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, the book meets the following goals:

• to explore the dynamics of interfaith spiritual care as a work of practical and pastoral theology;
• to identify reliable guidelines for competent practice and duly contextualized interfaith spiritual care;
• to invite further conversation and collaboration among practitioners and scholars.

This book is intended for chaplains, pastors, Clinical Pastoral Education students, and other caregivers such as counselors and psychotherapists, both in training and already in practice.
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