

## FAITH IN THE CITY

Lenox Hill Hospital  
MAIN ENTRANCE



The Rev. Wilfredo Rodriguez, Rabbi Ralph Kreger and the Rev. Christian Christopher outside Lenox Hill Hospital on E. 77th St., where they work with patients and medical staff through their interfaith chaplaincy. Photo by Mariela Lombard

# Helping patients find 'comfort & meaning'

## LENOX HILL HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINCY

**Religious affiliation:** Interfaith

**Spiritual leaders:**

■ The Rev. Wilfredo Rodriguez, director of Pastoral Care, four years.

■ Rabbi Ralph Kreger, 13 years: "Being able to be present with patients and their families on a day-to-day basis during such a vulnerable time is a tremendous privilege."

■ The Rev. Christian Christopher, six months: "I cherish the opportunity to minister on a daily basis to patients longing to see a priest and to be able to give them consolation and prayers."

**Address and neighborhood:** 100 E. 77th St., Manhattan

**Years in present location:** Since 1961

**Size and character of congregation:** "We help 600 patients, famil

and staff find comfort and meaning regardless of religion or beliefs. We provide prayers, Scripture reading and counseling by the bedside," Rodriguez said.

**Scheduled services:** Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and for all emergencies.

**What makes the congregation special:** "Services are completely nondenominational," Rodriguez said. "Our staff and patients is our flock."

**Proudest moment:** "Our 'Wholeness of Life Award' ceremony and dinner sponsored by the Health-Care Chaplaincy, which honors individuals who realize the importance of addressing the whole needs of patients: physical, emotional and spiritual," he said.

**Most memorable wedding or other service:** "A prayer service for Haiti immediately after the earthquake," he said.

**Most dedicated volunteers:** Ann Connors and Beth Mandalbaum.

**Other services and programs offered:** The Rev. Martin Luther King Memorial Service in January. Share the Harvest Festival service in November. A Good Friday Interfaith Service is held as well as special Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services plus a Passover Seder. In addition, Catholic Masses are offered.

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