

Human Connection

(by Bill Dorman, from "Restoring the Healer"; adapted by Chaplain Donnel)

Our work, driven by science, is quite empirical. Reality is based on what we can measure. Measurement is vital to being a good healer.

However, we also learn that there are immeasurable realities: experiences of love, hope, courage, uncertainty, fear, sadness, grief, helplessness, empathy, connection, courage, resiliency.

And surprisingly, we've learned to measure these human experiences: through facial expressions, elevated or decreased respiration, heart rate, optimism, determination.

Great Healer, help us to connect with our patients - not mainly as numbers to be measured, but to see them as our human siblings, who, like us are spouses, partners, brothers & sisters, friends, individuals. Like us, they have dreams, fears, yearnings and hopes.

In our vocation as healers at Kaseman, inspire us in the work of providing loving kindness & empathy for our patients & their families, for neighbors, for strangers, and for each other as colleagues.

Healing Wisdom, help us to be grounded in our commitment to heal others. Remind us of our commitment when frustration kicks in.

When our commitment slips and sags, may we find a rod and staff to uphold and support us. May we be wise to find another path in life if our commitment evaporates.

In the sacred work of healing, may we be persistent and dogged enough to stay the course in what matters so much to us.

Amen. May it be so.