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Spiritual Care in Detention



Organisation of spiritual care

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Values in spiritual care

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SPIRITUAL CARE FOR ME



FROM REPENTANCE

IN HUMILITY

TO LOVE

ORTHODOX

HELP ME AND MY FAMILY

INSIGHT UNDERSTANDING

FAITH IN MAN

HINDUISM

HUMANISM

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

TRAIN YOUR MIND
FIND PEACE
WITHIN YOURSELF

INDIVIDUAL CONVERSATIONS

RESTORATIVE MEDIATION

BUDDHISM

PRAYER & CHURCH SERVICES

REFLECTION MEETINGS

MEDITATION

YOGA

FIND MEANING IN YOUR LIFE
AND STRENGTH WITHIN YOURSELF

JUDAISM

ISLAM

PRAYING TOGETHER

KNOWLEDGE
HOPE
REPENTANCE
RECOVERY

PROTESTANT CHRISTIANS

ROMAN CATHOLICS

CONTACT WITH GOD

STORY

FUTURE

RECONCILIATION & EXPRESS HOW YOU FEEL

GROUP CONVERSATIONS

PHILOSOPHY & HUMANISM

ALPHA IN PRISON



'Church' and State

8 religions/philosophies
10 endorsing organizations



The organizational foundation of spiritual care

- ❖ Based on the fundamental human rights as expressed in the Dutch constitution, article 6.1

*'The right for everybody to confess in freedom his/her religion or philosophy of life, individually or in community with others, taking into account everyone's responsibilities according the law'.
Ambtsgeheim.*

- ❖ The punishment is the detention itself

*Fundamental human rights are still valid,
no extra damage or as little as possible*

- ❖ Separation of church and state

*conditioned and organised by the state
no intervening in the content*



The organisation of spiritual care



- ❖ In all prisons, (youth) detention centres and forensic centres
- ❖ Employed by the state
Endorsed by religious or philosophical organization
- ❖ Dual and joint organisation



Some facts & figures

80% of the inmates

240 spiritual counselors

6.100 ceremonies

7.600 group conversations

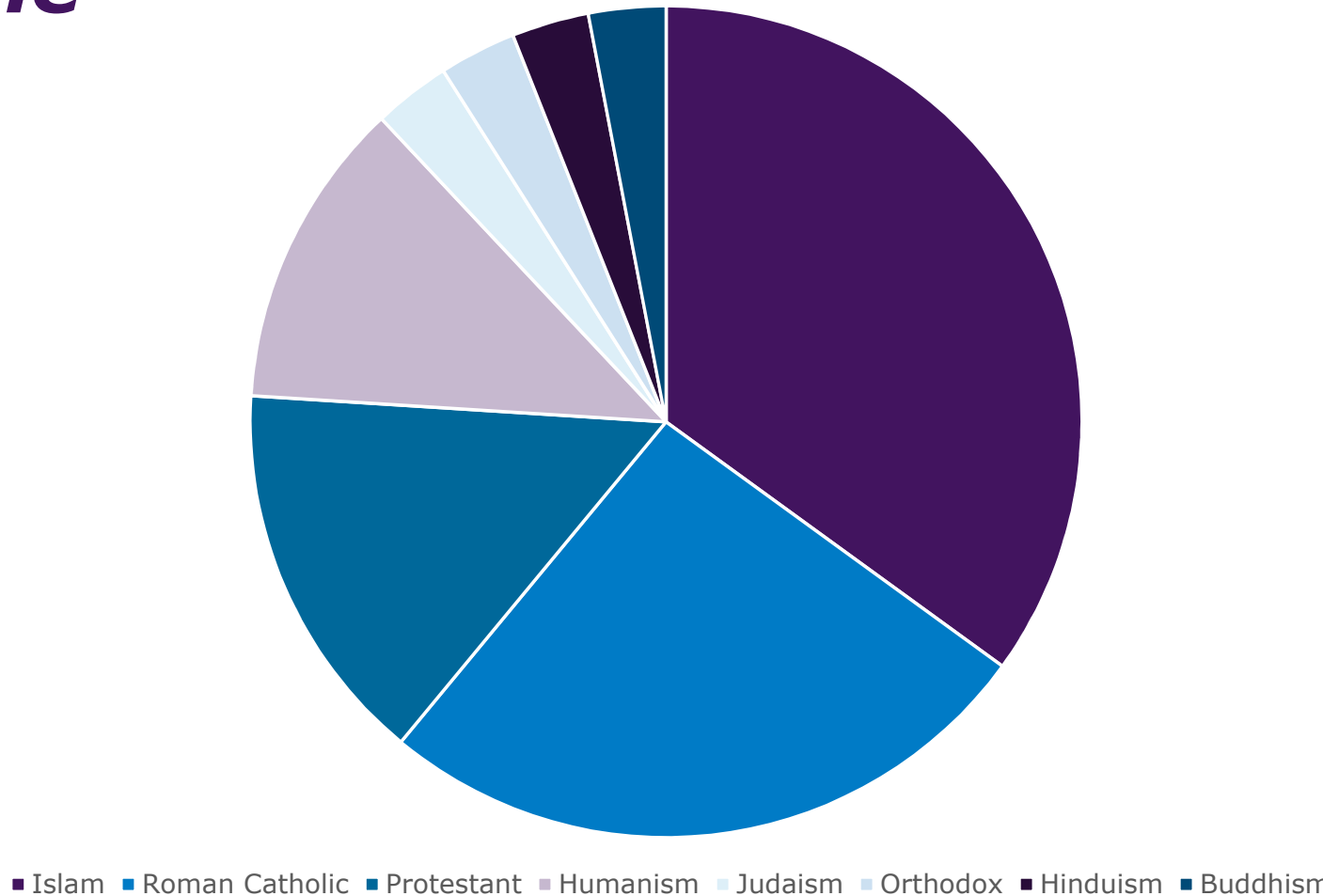
36.000 individual conversations



How to divide the staff formation

- ❖ National poll among inmates every two to four years
- ❖ Results decide about the distribution of the workforce

Actual figures



***Values of
spiritual
care***



A word cloud featuring various terms in different colors and fonts. The words are arranged in a roughly triangular shape, pointing downwards. The colors range from light blue to dark purple. The fonts vary from simple sans-serif to elegant cursive. The word 'Dignity' is written vertically on the left side. 'Justice' is at the top, and 'Hope' is on the right side. Other prominent words include 'Responsibility', 'Opportunity to change', and 'Self development'.

Justice
Self reflection
Connectedness
Charity
Spiritual development
Tranquility
Responsibility
Opportunity to change
Self development
Rituality
Forgiveness
Comfort
Freedom
Dignity
Equal treatment
Hope

(articulated by the various endorsing organizations)



- ❖ Counsellor
- ❖ Representative of tradition
- ❖ Liturgical leader
- ❖ Educator
- ❖ Consultant
- ❖ Co-ordinator
- ❖ Conflict mediator
- ❖ Peacemaker



Specific tasks in prison systems

- ❖ Promoting a humane detention environment
- ❖ Supporting religious communities of inmates
- ❖ Forwarding detainees to adjacent medical or psychological care
- ❖ Maintaining networks of volunteers and their religious communities in society



- ❖ Writing and visiting inmates
- ❖ Support in religious services
- ❖ Choirs and musical bands
- ❖ Catering for religious holidays
- ❖ Participation in courses
- ❖ Sponsoring
- ❖ Donations
- ❖ Housing projects



***Connecting
inside & outside***



A helping hand



- ❖ Expertise in non-Dutch cultural and religious worldviews, linguistic and conceptual contexts
- ❖ High appreciation of Spiritual Care by inmates
- ❖ High attendance rates of Spiritual Care (about 80%)



With our colleagues, partners and
volunteers from all traditions, we strive
to: **Serve society, propagate humanity,**
Embody a living spirituality and faith,

Together bringing hope and
connectedness, behind bars, and beyond

القرآن الكريم
وترجمة معانيه الى
اللغة الهولندية

DE EDELE KORAN

בית
בית
בית
בית
בית

BIBBEL
met deuterocanonieke
boeken

NBG|KBS

מסכת
מסכת
מסכת

HET NIEUWE
TESTAMENT

פתח דברך יאיר
מביך פתיים:

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PHILOSOPHY
AN INTRODUCTION TO INDIAN PHILOSOPHY
Christopher Bartley

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VRIJDENKEN & HUMANISME IN NEDERLAND
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Any questions?