

Following a national search, George Grant, MDiv, PhD, has been appointed executive director of the Emory Center for Pastoral Services. The scope of his work and focus of spiritual health for patients, families, and staff of Emory Healthcare will encompass the entire health care system, including all hospitals and clinics. In addition, this position serves as an important role with the Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory Center for Ethics, Candler School of Theology, and all faith communities.

Since 2007, Grant has served as director of research and innovation at the Emory Center for Pastoral Services, conducting empirical spiritual health research across Emory Healthcare and all health sciences academic divisions. He currently holds faculty appointments in the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, the Candler School of Theology, and University of Washington School of Medicine in the Department of Bioethics and Humanities. Previously, he served as director of spiritual care at Harborview Medical Center and the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. Formerly, Grant was supervisor of chaplain interns and a staff psychotherapist at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston.

An ordained United Methodist minister, Grant is also a full member in the American Psychological Association, a certified member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, a certified supervisor for the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, and a fellow in the Woodruff Leadership Academy here at Emory. He earned a BA at Wofford College, an MDiv at Emory's Candler School of Theology, and a PhD in pastoral psychology from Boston University.