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**A gift from OneSpirit
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To our Dear Linda...



As the community comes together to celebrate your next chapter, Linda, a virtual gift has been created to compile the heartfelt messages and expressions of gratitude from the OneSpirit family! This collection honours the many lives touched by you as a treasured member of the community.

With decades of experience in the religious and spiritual fields, your journey has been one of exploration and passion. A deep dedication to adult education, particularly in spirituality and well-being, has inspired countless individuals. Your profound influence as a group tutor within the faculty is evident. Beyond OneSpirit, your role as the national Spiritual Care Practice Educator for NHS Scotland has shaped the training and education of Health and Social Care Chaplains. Your position as a senior accredited supervisor with the Association of Pastoral Supervisors and Educators reflects your commitment to the field.

You are a true wonder, Linda!

As you prepare to depart from the OneSpirit faculty, this is a moment to celebrate the remarkable contributions made and the memories created. Together, we want to honour your incredible impact and offer collective support as this new journey begins!



From Tony McCabe,

Thank you for being a guiding light on my spiritual journey..

From Andrew Jones,

Words cannot adequately express or do justice to the impact you've had on me. Thank you for your grounded wisdom, your ever-present love and support and for being a cherished companion on this path. I will always hold dear the words "I hope you dance." Wishing you all the best in your new role. We'll miss you massively. Much love, Andrew.

From Gina Gibbons,

I don't see this as a goodbye but a change in our connection from Tutor/Supervisor to a soul friend. Thank you for bringing all that you have brought on our course & in our one-to-one's. I have much gratitude for knowing you & look forward to one day visiting you & a Loch (not Lock!!) Much love, Gina & Suni

From Rona Golsworthy,

I wish you well on your journey and I hope that we meet again in some way. I am a little shocked that you are leaving OneSpirit, I feel sad for all those students who are going to miss out on your calm wisdom and good humour and humility and kindness. You have had such an impact on me in so many ways - you taught me about the shoreline being not-binary and that rocked my world and opened my mind. I was often moved and grateful for your honesty and sharing about your own life, and it helped me with my own exploration of the deepest kind of acceptance.

More than anyone you taught me about radical hospitality, it is something I constantly bow down to in my own life, again and again (because I forget over and over). I thank you for your presence in my life, and its impact from the depths and breadths of my heart! And thank you for what felt like your belief in me. I'm teary now. Thank you, Linda, with much love from Rona. Go well!



From Carolyn Wallis,

Oh Linda, am I glad that I completed my 2nd Year with Cedar Class! I would have hated to enter 2nd Year without you. I have loved you being my Tutor and I have learned so much from your extensive knowledge, wisdom and discernment.

I have the image from Isaiah 49 coming to mind - of you holding me in the palm of your hand! You will always be such an integral part of my becoming a One Spirit minister. Without you, I would not have made it. You were/are such an amazing Tutor, we as in Cedar Class, all saw the extent to which you would go to support us - all of us. You were always 'above and beyond'. We all loved/love you dearly.

I am sorry that future students will not benefit from your insights, your knowledge, and your holding. I am elated that I did! I hope that you are well and that your own studies have been running along smoothly. I think of you ever so often. Remember you are so very welcome at No 33 in Stirling, anytime. With every good wish and heartfelt gratitude,

Love, Carolyn Cedar Class 2023.

From Dawn Russell,

Blessings on your new work and life Linda. Was good to share the Onespirit faculty space with you.

With love,

Dawn xx



From Sarah MacDonald,

I know if I start using superlatives to remind you of all your wonderful qualities, attributes and skills, you will duck away. So I will try and restrain myself and tell you these truths instead.

There are a few people I have met whose simple presence communicates that, no matter what, all is well. You are one of these.

There are a few teachers I have met who share and communicate their deep knowledge and wisdom simply, in their way of being. You are one of these.

There are a few special ones who carry the awesome depth of their knowing and their working lightly, with profound humility. You are one of these.

Thank you for all you have shared, and all you have taught and all you have been.

Love always, Sarah.



From Ian Bonner–Evans,

We've only met once, and didn't have an opportunity to talk then (!), but I wanted to thank you for your contribution to the CPD event in Perth earlier this year. It was a very helpful session for me, and it gave me a sense of how others would have undoubtedly benefitted from your role as a tutor with OneSpirit.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every blessing as you move away from the OneSpirit team into whatever comes next for you.

Ian

From Caroline Sinfield,

Thank you for your kind and gentle presence.

Thank you for you wise and insightful guidance.

Thank you for your humour and the lightness you bring to our sessions.

Thank you for radiating light and serenity - it reminds me to always strive to be better.

Thank you for your stories about Orkney and for bringing your Scottish heritage and ancestry into our little Aspen group.

Thank you for your loving heart and open spirit and acceptance of all.

I will miss you but I thank you for all that you are and all you have given me.

With much love, appreciation and blessings for your future path. ❤️



From Ivan Rust,

Ahoy.

Here is a hand held out in thanks.

And another clutching at pearls.

Not of anxiety mind,

“Oh no,” you might well drawl.

*These are fashioned by wisdom,
Wonder And kindness.*

*Breeze shaped words
That steadied my course.*

*And look there
Lucky hands waving a welcome*

For you.



From Lavinia Jones,

Words can't fully express the impact you have had on my life.

You've helped me transform my relationship with myself and the world around me in ways that will last forever.

Your presence has been a blessing to me, and I know that everyone fortunate enough to meet you will feel the same way.

Your ability to inspire, uplift and challenge is a rare gift, and you share it so generously.

Thank you for everything. I'm eternally grateful for the lessons, the guidance, and the soft landings.

Your impact will remain with us always.

Wishing you all the best on your new journey.

May it be filled with the same kind of blessings you've brought into our lives.

Lavinia x



From Emma O'Brien,

Thank you, Linda.

I feel blessed to have encountered you and be led by your wisdom.

I will take your wise words with me along my journey into the one spirit community and beyond ✨

I wish you all the best on your new journey. May our paths cross again.

Love Emma x

From Anna Lempriere,

For Linda.

Thank you for your big gentle heart, you've been kind to me.

Wishing you much love and bounty in your next endeavour.

From,

Anna Lempriere, Aspen Student



From Michelle Fleming,

Linda, I have learned so much from you!

I will miss the "chickens" and will always remember you at check-in! I wish you all the best in your new post. They are so lucky to have you and your valuable expertise!

Thanks. Again

Michelle

From Mark Sacco,

I'm so grateful for your guidance, encouragement and support. The VBRP training that you freely gave to students in my year was a valuable addition to the ministry training and improved my confidence as a listener. Your feedback on my assignment work was sensitive and helped me to focus my development.

I wish you well with your journey as both educator and practitioner.

Much love,

Mark

From Alan Briscoe,

Dear Linda,

Thank you for everything you brought to OneSpirit. Everyone who has had the privilege to know you will appreciate how you put your heart and soul into your work. We will all miss you!

Wishing you well on your future adventures!



From Una Devine,

Dear Linda,

We have shared this One Spirit path for a few years now and it has been a pleasure for me to get to know and appreciate you even more as a fellow group tutor.

I hope you will continue to inspire and lead in this fulfilling path.

Love Una

From Paul Dodd,

Dear Linda, thank you for walking the Aspen Path with me. I feel honoured and privileged to have met you and I thank you from my heart for the time we shared together in the classroom and in our 1:1 sessions. Every minute was precious to me and I will always cherish every moment. Your words of wisdom, inspiration and encouragement will always stay with me. I send you many blessings for a joyous future as you step forward onto the next part of your journey.

Love and blessings,

Paul 🙏

From Suz Reddy,

Dear Linda,

*There are the mud-flowers of dialect
And the immortelles of perfect pitch
And that moment when the bird sings
very close*

To the music of what happens.

(From 'Song' by Seamus Heaney)

*Thank you for your chalice hands, for
singing to the music of what happens, for
everything you are and will continue to be
in the world.*

*Go well, may the road rise to meet you.
See you in the candles.*

Love always, Suz



From Ava Dècage,

Your hard work and dedication have made a significant impact on the team, and it won't be the same without you here. I wish you nothing but the best in your new role/adventure. I'm sure you'll excel in whatever comes next, just as you have here.

Take care and all the best!



From Hara Willow,

Dearest Linda,

What an amazing impact you have made on my journey as an ONEspirit student. You have been such an inspiration and I am so grateful to have had such profound, inspired, and experienced support and teaching from you. Of all the tutors and teachers I have had in my life, you are the one I would most want to stay in touch with and continue to learn from, as you really are a wonderful role model of the kind of strong, loving, and deeply spiritual servant of Love that I hope to one day become.

Thank you so much for all you have shared with me and with us as a group, particularly as a study group. I will not forget your wisdom or your humour. I am sure you will be as loved, respected and valued in your future work as you have been with one Spirit. You will be sorely missed and I will miss you very much.

Love and blessings from Hara.

From Annie Heppenstall,

Dear Linda,

*It has been a real privilege working and walking
with you these last years, and I will miss you.*

*The wisdom, kindness and generosity of spirit that
you have graced us with, remain as an
inspiration, and I know these gifts will also touch
those you work with in the time ahead.*

*May you receive back abundant blessings, just as
you are a blessing to so many,*

*With deepest thanks and warmest wishes, and
much love,*

Annie



Thank you!

Though "thank you" may not fully express our gratitude, we still want to say it— for all that you've done, for all that you are, and for all that you will continue to do. OneSpirit is forever grateful. We wish you the best of luck on your next adventure!