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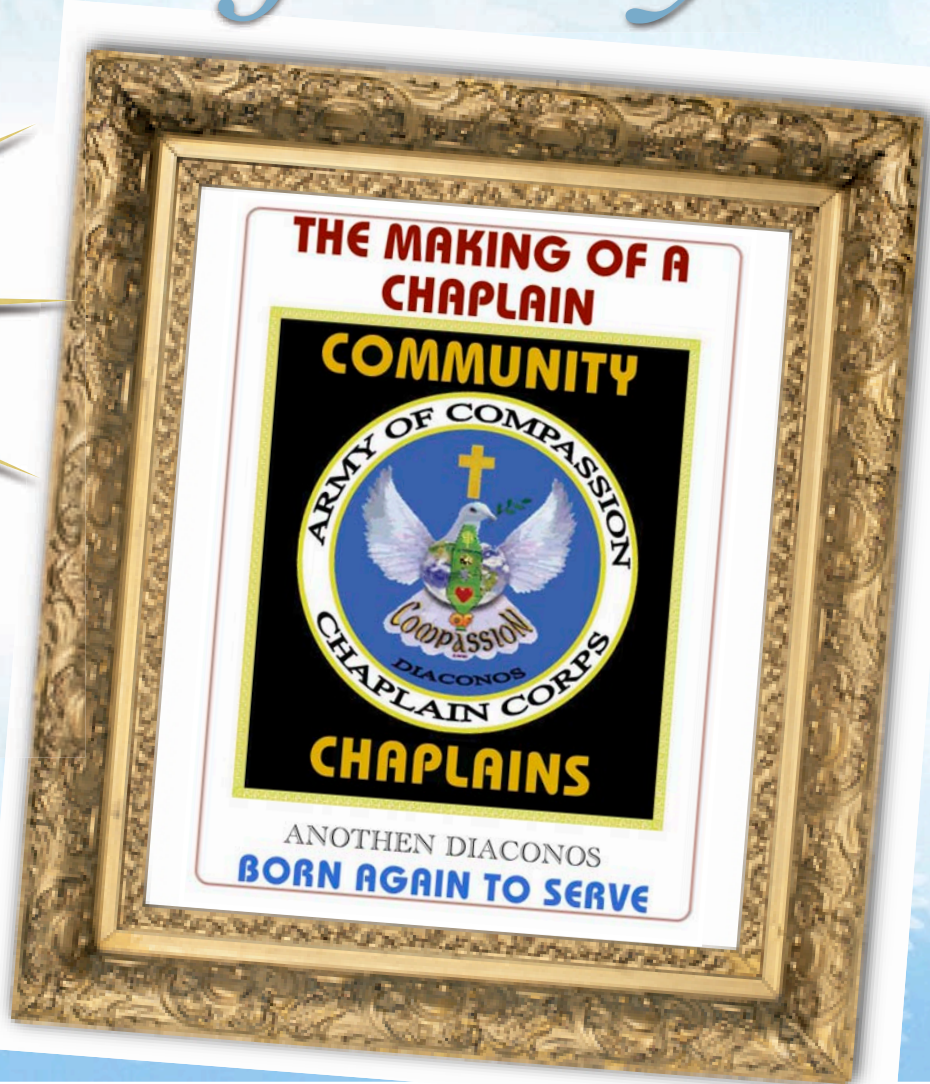
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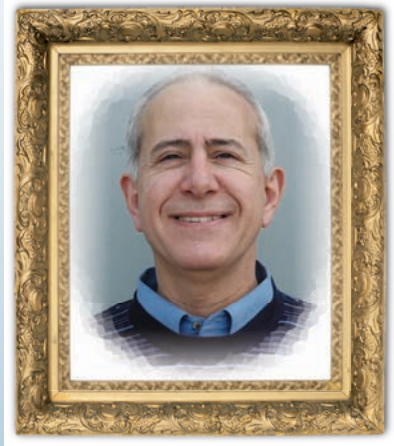
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# THE MAKING OF A CHAPLAIN

Providing our community with an Army of Compassion

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide Biblically-based, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit empowered Chaplain training. Chaplains are trained to reach into the community and minister to everyone's spiritual needs. Chaplains will occupy and minister in every zip code in this nation and then every nation around the world. Love Never Fails!

The Chaplain is trained to minister to the needs of the community to which they have been assigned. They work in cooperation with local churches, civic organizations, government organizations, hospitals, rape crisis centers and others who give care to those in need.

## OUR BIBLICAL MANDATE

The Community Chaplain is on a mission to fulfill what is called the "Compassion Initiative." It is found in Matthew 25:31-46 NLT.

### THEREFORE

Where you are hungry Lord, send me there  
Where you are thirsty Lord, send me there  
Where you are a stranger Lord, send me there  
Where you are naked Lord, send me there  
Where you are sick Lord, send me there  
Where you are in prison Lord send me there

## CHAPLAINS

**Chaplains** are an extension of the local church **reaching into our community** providing spiritual care.

**Chaplains** are full of love and passionate about taking the gospel to some of the most overlooked places in our society.

**Chaplains** minister in soup kitchens, corporations, disaster areas, prisons, public safety agencies, hardcore motorcycles rallies, AIDS hospices, nursing homes, truck-stops, and rodeos.

**Chaplains** are full of compassion, sensitive and caring, devoted to helping others. The force of this compassion can not leave those souls in the sad condition in which they are found. It moves the Chaplain to do something to change the situation.

# First Year Students **Did it by**

*For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 NLT*

**The Making of a Chaplain training is a discipleship program for the first 25 lessons** and is meant to be a very intense period in your Christian life. Remember these rules and their purpose is to build into your lifestyle a foundation, a responsibility, a discipline so that you will be able to fellowship with the Father and serve Him with a heart full of love. "LOVE NEVER FAILS"

**You will be spiritually taxed, but the goal is to prepare spiritual warriors, and this is the only way that will happen! You must be held accountable, made responsible, forced to push yourself and literally die to yourself! You must count the cost! Jesus is Lord of all or not Lord at all!**

## 1. Write and Learn:

**THE LORDS PRAYER** Also explain how this is a pattern for prayer. Find other prayer patterns in the Bible, such as in Nehemiah chapter one, write them. (turn in week 14)

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** Also describe what the various belief statements mean. Check out "Luther's Small Catechism" for meanings. (turn in week 25)

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS** Also describe what each commandment means. Check out "Luther's Small Catechism" for meanings. (turn in week 33)

**MEMORIZE 100 SCRIPTURE VERSES** Memorize at least 3 scriptures a week. (44 weeks)

## 2. Write a vision statement (turn in at week 14)

## 3. Write a personal mission statement (turn in at week 25)

## 4. Write your personal testimony (turn in at week 33)

## 5. Write your own obituary

## 6. Read the FOUR REQUIRED books.

**A. Experiencing God** by Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King (1990) LifeWay Press,

**B. Tell Them I Love Them** by Joyce Meyer, Paperback, Publisher: Warner Faith (2003)

**C. Prayer A Holy Occupation** by Oswald Chambers (1992) Oswald Chambers Publications Association, Limited;

**D. The Final Quest** by Rick Joyner, Paperback: 170 pages, Publisher: Morningstar Publications

Write a 3 page book report on each of the books.

A. You need to include your perspective of what the book meant to you.

B. How it applies to your life.

C. The major insights you received,

Each report is due the weeks of 14, 25, 33, & 44.

## Certified Hours 1<sup>st</sup> Year Hours are as follows:

Classroom Teaching 2.0 hours for 44 lessons...88 hours

Pre class study time 10.0 hours per week.....440 hours

Reading and writing 4 books

and reports 18.0 hours /book.....72 hours

TOTAL.....600 hours



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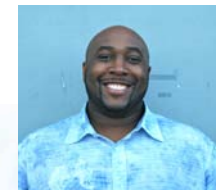
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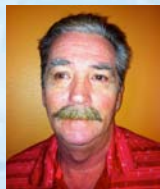
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1 John 5:14–15 NIV

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Psalms 139:13–16 NIV

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Romans 12:1–2 NIV

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

John 1:12 & 14 NIV

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Philippians 4:6–8 NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

2 Corinthians 10:4–6 NIV

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

John 8:31–32 NIV

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Joshua 1:8–9 (NIV)

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

James 3:16–18 NIV

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

Matthew 6:33–34 NIV

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

James 1:2–5 NIV

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

Romans 8:38–39 NIV

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not

James 4:7–12 NIV

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

Psalms 1:1–3 NIV

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Psalms 139:17–18 NIV

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

Matthew 11:28–30 NIV

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

2 Corinthians 12:9–10 NIV

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am

strong.

1 Peter 5:6–7 NIV

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Jeremiah 29:11–13 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Isaiah 55:8–11 NIV

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

James 4:3 NIV

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Matthew 4:4 NIV

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Psalms 139:23–24 NIV

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me on the way everlasting.

Ephesians 6:10–11 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 NIV

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

# I AM A CHAPLAIN OR I WILL BECOME A CHAPLAIN because of:

On the last exam of "The Making Of A Chaplain" the class was required to write a five page essay on the above question. The following articles are short excerpts from their answers.

## *Ann Bell*



**I am a Chaplain because of...** The call that was placed on my life by my Heavenly Father. I am remembering in May of 1998, I was living in Memphis, Tennessee. I became employed with the Shelby County Sheriff Department. I was a Corrections Officer in the county jail. I experienced a lot of things while working in the jail, little did I know that God was preparing me for something greater. I was a Christian, had been raised up in the church. However, I wasn't totally committed to my walk with the Lord at that time. I was rather rough around the edges, so working in the jail seem to be where I needed to be. As time went on I found that although I wasn't totally committed to my walk, I still had compassion for the inmates. I resigned from the jail in June 2001.

I became a Missionary at my local church, I started serving on the altar, I also became the armor bearer and secretary for my Pastor's wife. I remember when I was asked if I was going to school to become a Licensed Evangelist under The Church of God in Christ. I responded "No, I know who I am, I don't need a piece of paper." Now I have to say that it was in my spirit to go to school, but I was being disobedient.

We went on a field trip to the Mark Luttrell Correctional Center (Tennessee State Penitentiary for Women). I hadn't been inside a jail or prison in about 5 years. I really felt that part of my life was over. I was working in home healthcare and I thought I was content. However, as we were touring the institution, I began to ask the officers who work there about their jobs. I inquired about how to apply for a position, they told me what to do and where to go. I applied for a position and got the job, this really wasn't my intention.

I quickly became known as an officer that cared about the inmates well being, I also became known as the officer who did not use vulgar language nor would tolerate it. So many officers communicate with the inmates with vulgar language, I chose to respect them as human beings. I became the officer that would minister to them and pray with them. The Chaplain of the prison asked permission of the Warden to let me work with her. I was considered her assistant.

I began to search out how I could become a Chaplain and what were the qualifications under the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections. I had such a difficult time trying to find classes or some type of program, college or university that offered what I needed. As time went on, my husband and I decided to move to Phoenix, Az. After which we started attending Phoenix First, we went through the Apex class. One day I was walking on the church campus and I saw the Chaplain class sign outside of a classroom. I could not believe what I was seeing, I absolutely had no idea that this church that we joined had the program I needed.

Our God is so awesome and His plans for our life is so much greater than anything we can ever imagine. At one point I thought that my ministry was strictly in the prison, but as time went on I learned more about what purposed for in this life. I got the revelation of my true purpose while attending Chaplain classes in this last year. It is so awesome how I received so much clarity through the books I read, and the teachings I received. I now know that my call is to minister to any one person, or group of people that are transitioning from a negative situation to a positive one. **I believe my entire life was orchestrated by God for such a time as this.**



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** The first and foremost thing I feel was working into to me was love. If I didn't pick that up then you would think I was sleeping in class. Love for God's people and the work He is doing is the -primary focus of the class. It started with the first book report all the way through the class. I can see that you cannot be a minister if you do not have love.

*Rhonda Bollig*

I think to become a Chaplain first and most importantly is my day to day walk with God. Since taking this class my walk with God has changed. I am closer to Him than I have been in a long time and this class has given me new fire in my day to day walk with Him. My biggest desire is to wake up and love Him.

I thought I was going to be a nun when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I always felt close to Him. When I finally gave my life to him at 20, I wanted to work for the Lord. I started leading people to the Lord the first week after my conversion. I love to win people to Jesus and bring them along in their understanding of the Bible. I know that God has spoken some things to me and I haven't seen them come to pass but I know that my calling is great and greater is my God.

More than anything I wanted to be able to write at the end of this class that my next mission field is such and such but it didn't turn out that way so I am looking forward to becoming a Chaplain in whatever capacity that God sees fit. **I know that I am to walk in His love for His children demonstrating humility, kindness and to touch those people God has put across my path, to love them and point them to Jesus.**

I look forward to what God has in store for all of us and I know God is going to take this Chaplaincy program all over this world. It is an awesome program and I consider it a privilege to have been selected to be in this class. Thank you again for the incredible teaching and the life lessons. I pray God's richest blessings on you both and love you with all my heart.



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** I have always had a very deep compassion for the elderly. This class has helped me so much in learning how not only to use my compassion to help seniors (and really all people who are lost and hurting), but has given me a real education on all the different ways a Chaplain can go out and minister.

*Andrea Curran*

I love the Lord with all my heart and know he wants me to go out and care for the widows and the hurting. My desire as a Chaplain is to get into a nursing home and start doing Bible studies, personal visits and weekly sermons.

I am so thankful for this Chaplain class it is going to enable me to do something I truly love and I am honored to be used by God to help his people.

Recently I was walking into my oncologist office for my chemotherapy and a little old lady stopped me in the hallway and she told me, "You're going to be okay". She drew a cross on my forehead with her finger and hugged me, and told me "Jesus loves you"! She told me she had been through what I am going through years ago and then she got in the elevator and left.

**I want to follow her example and allow God to lead me in my work as a Chaplain. I want others to see Jesus in me.**



## Michelle Dantos



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** I felt the Lord drawing me to do so. He's given me a desire to better myself, as well as continue on in the education I've been lacking for so many years.

I knew that we have the Holy Spirit living in us, but I did not see or understand how that could translate into the gift of tongues. But the more and more I saw, I determined that if this gift truly was of God, I wanted it. It was in the seeking and receiving of the Holy Spirit that the Lord birthed in me a strong desire to enter the prison system to minister there.

When I am at the prison, I feel as if I can speak to the women on a more personal level simple because I have been through many of the same things they have been through. Because I know what it is like to have drug and alcohol abuse, as well as sexual abuse and immorality in my life, I can speak about these things with experience, letting the women know that I not only sympathize but am living proof that God can rescue, restore, and use for His glory all situations, even those that seem hopeless.

My deepest desire is to see many, many volunteers fall in love with these women, and not just tell them, but everyone they meet about the saving grace and love of our Heavenly Father. One thing this class has taught me is that we need to get out of ourselves more and be about the Father's business.

**I also know that without God's prompting and calling, I would not be going into the prisons, or going for my chaplains license, as I am sure I do not have the power or boldness in myself to do any of this; not without the Lord guiding me.**

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## Susan Denny



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** I remember years ago watching a movie about Mother Teresa and thinking "THAT'S what I want to do" She was in India caring for the unwanted people of their society in deplorable conditions but with such grace and love. It wasn't the first time that I thought about leaving our country and heading somewhere that was then considered "third world" and now known as a developing country. Mother Teresa has fascinated me in a way that I had never felt about a person ever before. She was so unlike the nuns that I was used to back in Catholic school.

The kindness you can see in a little Catholic nun who shone with the light of Jesus. Her life was not easy and at times it was a huge struggle that she wanted to just give up and live for herself how she saw fit. THIS is why I want to be a Chaplain. I want to give up. I want to live for only Jesus and leave the world behind. I want to move to his prompts and listen for His direction. Unfortunately, this is not the way it works! As I found out with several mission trips I wanted to do.

He will put me where he wants me and has always put me in places where I can give the glory to Him. In Damascus I was on my knees in every church in front of my Moslem friends. I was a Catholic at the time but the Lord led me to this Holy place as an American in a county at odds with their nation. I do not know the reason for many of the experiences I have been through but do know that without love I could never have been where he has sent me or led me. **This is the love that I would like to extend to others through Chaplaincy. When people are hurting it is not a Chaplain who can help them but the Holy Spirit.**



## Marcella Dias



**I am a Chaplain because of...** Months ago I had a vision while I was driving back to home after I preach for the Portuguese Ministry; I saw myself holding an officer in a floor while he was bleeding after he was shoot. I did not understand why I was talking to him about Jesus. One day after this vision, it was announce a invitation to attend a DPS International Chaplain Training. I was in shock and I just knew that was the answer for my question about the vision. I did the training and after that I start to have a deep compassion for the Law Enforcement.

I have a desire to teach in a Bible College and use my painting skills, to work with stress issues, unforgiveness, fear, grief, anger, broken heart, shame, etc.

Even I did not understand how everything works, I remember praying to Him. All my life I seek God, this is why I try many religions. I will devote my life to His Glory, to study diligent the Word of God. My desire is to be in His will 100%. I want to be a person, He dreamed I could be. I asking Him to teach me how to be obedient and listen His voice always.

I do not want to waste my time, I am trying to avoid anything that may keep Him far from me: foolish conversation, disputes, cable/TV, secular music, secular movies, etc. I am just a desperate sinner trying to have what Adam and Eve lost in the Garden: His presence. **My dream is, one day to be close with Jesus, like the Apostle John used to be. Amen.**

## Robin Doyle



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** Knowing that my life's calling has not been fulfilled, that there are others that I must help to know Him. Knowing that in the light of eternity that all of this shall pass away and that I shall behold Him face to face. "Well done my good and faithful servant," are the words that my heart longs to hear. To leave prematurely, well it wouldn't be an option. So living sometimes means dying and dying sometimes means living. As I die to my own wants, dreams and aspirations, as I put these aside to serve others to see that their dreams and aspirations become a reality, maybe then I will see the desires of the Lord being realized through my life's work. I want my life to count for something, something good, something good for Him and His name's sake. It is because of Him that I live or not, that I die or not, that I achieve or not, that I stand or not, that I fall or not, that I rise or not, that I breathe or not, that I accomplish great things or not.

As I pray to the Lord of the harvest I am reminded that the night cometh when no man can work. I want to be busy about my Father's business, bringing in the harvest, before my life's work is through on the earth. I want to arrive in heaven on that train of glory bringing boxcars full of very precious stones, His inheritance, the children that He begot through the indescribable glorious miraculous mystery of being born again. **I think that it was the beginning lyrics along with the God given vision in my heart that has compelled me to serve the Lord and be co-laborers in His harvest as a Chaplain.**



*Pastors School*





**I am a Chaplain because of...** I love serving God, and helping people. I have a heart to help the hurting and the helpless. I know God has called me to go to the hungry and the weak ones. Also want to become a chaplain because I have been through a lot in life so I can understand the hurting and the sick. I believe that God let that happen to me for a reason. Cause he knew that this was his plain for me to become a chaplain.

My calling is join the marines or army and do the will of God. I knew always my calling was to join the military but God never told me why I just knew we needed more Christians serving and I wanted to be his servant and show others how much fun it is to be a follower of God. But sense I joined the chaplain class God spoke it very clearly why I have been called to go serve this country. It is to be a chaplain and to be there for the sick and the hurting the ones in the military and the families of the soldiers.

There are so many that come home wounded physical, and emotionally. And they're dealing with it all alone cause we are nowhere to be found. There are so many that commit suicide because of the PTSD that they have or because they blame themselves or because of the kids they have to kill over there because their parents use their kids to put bombs on them to go over and bomb the soldiers we have no idea what they go through and we really need to be there for them and show them and there families the love of God and those they are not alone.

**I am a chaplain because that is what God called me to do.** Also because I have the heart for it. I love serving God and doing his work. I think it may be hard in some ways. But if being a chaplain is really what God has called me to be then with God he will always be there to help me and guide me and give me the right words to say.

*Christi Ali*



**I am a Chaplain because of...** I am a chaplain. That is an eye-opener statement for me. Prior to this class, I would have never thought of being a chaplain. While I had been asked several times on why I hadn't done the Chaplain training yet, and was encouraged to enroll in the class, I was pretty sure that being a Chaplain was not in my future. I had plenty of things that I did for God - I was involved in church, in several ministries, had my own ministries - I didn't need another thing on my plate. Besides, who needs a title to do the work of God? Once I felt the tug to be in the class, I resisted it for weeks, as for being a Chaplain (in my mind) wasn't for me. I thought that the tug in my heart was something that I had created from listening to others. That is how the Holy Spirit works though - he tugs until you answer. The leadings of the Holy Spirit are mysterious at times - they don't make sense at times - and for me that was how the whole class began. It didn't make sense to me why I was supposed to be in the class. However, when the leadings are listened to, there are many changes in one's life - and that is precisely what has happened to me over the last 40+ weeks.

*Eva Hansen*



I am a Chaplain because I am looking for where God is at work around me. I am a Chaplain because I listen for His promptings and leadings. I am a Chaplain because I am listening to his small voice in prayer time, at meal time, while out driving around. I am a Chaplain because I have been training myself to know his word, recognize his word and follow his word over the last year. I am a Chaplain because I am a servant, willing to serve those who could never repay a thing that I do for them. I am a Chaplain because I have gone through valleys and have come out the other side stronger than I was when I entered the valley. **I am a Chaplain because I was called to be a Chaplain by the Holy Spirit's leadings, because the Chaplaincy class was available at Phoenix First Assembly and because two wonderful teachers and mentors answered the call to put together this training so that the world can be filled with Chaplains.**

## *Terryl Hicks*



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** I now know that being called does not mean that there has to be a brass band and lightning. The Bible often tells of those that God has called to many good and great things. Most times those people were normal everyday people just like me. They laughed, cried, and had flaws. But when God

called they answered and He used them just as they were. He called them, as I now believe he has called me. The calling from God can sometimes be very subtle and very slow, but a calling it is. I thank God for his plan for my life that which as the scripture says is according to his own purpose. I am called to his service to become a Chaplain. To that I say "Thank you God."

I have been a nurse for all of my professional life. I truly believe that as a giving profession this has also prepared me for my future as a Chaplain. As a nurse I have served God's people thru many situations with compassion. I have been with them at their most troubled times. I have held hands of the gravely ill and the actively dying. I have comforted friends and families through the process illnesses and death of loved ones.

Before taking the Chaplain course my training has been thru my profession and life experiences. Formal training began with the Captaincy class. I have learned that I need to serve as a chaplain with love and compassion. God has always had his hand on my life.

For the first time in a long time I feel that I am on the right track to being in God's will. I am in the Chaplain class and will after graduation, internship and ordination will be equipped, with the help of the Holy Spirit to minister to others. **Terryl Hicks is a person who strives to walk closer with God, be in his will and accept his love and who seeks to allow that love to shine through to the people she serves!**

## *Virginia Lee*



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** The following morning as I was spending time alone with God in His Word the picture came to me very clearly again. So, I stopped studying the Word of God and I thought to myself that was a wishful dream. I continued reading the Bible, but I no longer could understand my reading. So, I said "Okay, Lord was this dream or is it a vision? If, this is a vision let a male interpret it."

I called my cousin Colleen and I talked about the dream. She referred the call to her husband Dale Washington he told me as I was talking out the dream he felt a strong understanding of the dream and he interpreted it and said it is a vision. He said "God has called you to a high calling of Police Chaplain" when I heard I was shaking and crying. He continued by saying to me that the "Bible I was holding was His (God's) authority to preach and the Badge represented Police Chaplain. The Jar is the anointing oil for healing for broken hearted. The Police Uniform is He will let you become Police Officer so you would be experienced what the Police Officer goes though and you will walk as God leads you".

I know there is a great need on my reservation and there is neglect upon our elders. I would like to be available for them and give them hope in Christ Jesus. I would like the Holy Spirit take control of my life and make it meaningful and pleasing to God. My relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is I'm so in love with all in one.

**This is my plan for being a Chaplain but God may have a different plan for me. I'll be so amazed if He lets me work at the Indian Hospital in Shiprock, New Mexico.**





**Food, Food, Food**





## Glenn Mark



**I am a Chaplain because of...** I am a Chaplain because it is the path God has chosen for me upon which to travel. My journey to this point has been neither convenient nor comfortable. At times I kicked and screamed as I moved forward (and occasionally backward). I literally almost died getting here. It is only by God's grace and mercy that I have survived long enough to reach this milestone. I have quit this Chaplain program twice and admit that briefly, Satan had the upper hand on me. My heart's desire now is to forever glorify Him in various ways, including serving others as a Chaplain.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself..." "Do this and you will live."*

*(Luke 10:27-28)*

I want to thoroughly live the remainder of my life, not just exist, and not just live for my own gratification and pride. The only way to accomplish this is to do as the Lord commands. Besides striving to be a godly man, father, and husband, I will also endeavor to be a loyal servant. **This Chaplain class, along with my wife Catherine's example and encouragement, has both inspired me, and given me the tools I need to begin my new life, one that is Christ-centered not Glenn-centered.**

## Catherine Mark



**I am a Chaplain because of...** I am a chaplain because my life is not my own. I have many years in the social service field working with non-profits for over 10 years. I felt that God has built inside of me to spread the love of the gospel not just because the word says I have to but because my heart has a passion for it. I have always had a hunger for more of the Lord. I was going to school to become an electrical engineer and changed my studies because I wanted to serve people. I received my bachelors in human services June 2007. Human service Degree is a combination of social worker, counselor, and psychology that helped me develop skills to serve the community.

My husband and I enrolled in the Chaplains program which brought us closer together by having much discussion about what we wanted to do with our Chaplaincy certificate. As we shared, we found out that we had many similar dreams. One major one was "Magnum Opus Center" Which will be a Christian Supportive Housing Program. It will provide low-cost housing with supportive services on-site. Some of these services include: Christian worship and counseling, Bible study, food pantry, social services, vocational training, transportation, lending library, legal services, like skill training, advocacy, health and wellness resources, haircuts, clothing, recovery programming, GED assistance, community gardens and computers.

I am a chaplain because I feel the need to help out in the community to touch the less fortunate, reach the loss. My relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit will empower me to realize who I am; I am royalty, joint heirs with Christ. This relationship is the most important to me in order to survive this world. I need to constantly pray, read the bible daily, fast once a week, and memorize scripture. I need to know my enemy which is the world, my flesh, and Satan. **I am a warrior for Christ ready to step up into my calling and put my full armor of God on. To walk boldly, love gently, and live wisely. My calling to help is a huge commitment, one that will not be taken lightly.**

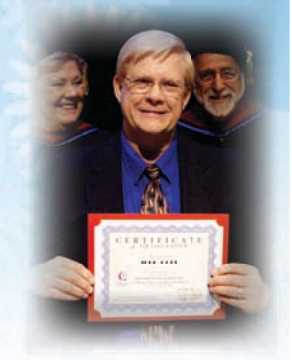


**I am a Chaplain because of...** Although I have six years of college, 35 years of experience as a Software Engineer, I found this essay quite difficult to start writing. Obviously, it was apparent that my only real resource is the Holy Spirit and the previously experiences since 1971. The Lord spoke to my heart and reminded me to just start writing what I have done for you over the years and I'll help.

My desire to know more about God's word and how he speaks to me in the scriptures grew as I stepped out in faith. The Lord gave me insight and direction reminding me that, "all I require is an act of faith and I can work through you". This is one of the fundamental principles taught and required to be a Chaplain.

The opportunity to experience and work the at the role of a Chaplain provided emotional and spiritual guidance to those I came into contact, in non-traditional church environments and often-through work and the community. I was able to accomplish the role like a chaplain even though I had no formal or structured training, other than previous experiences, scriptures and inspiration from the Holy Ghost. **I believe it is important to become licensed, ordained, registered and endorsed as a Chaplain with a credible organization like Phoenix First Assembly of God Church and then apply these opportunities in fulfillment of God's calling.**

*Jeff Ogle*



**I am a Chaplain because of...** I love my Lord, and I have answered His call. I believe all my experiences and the training in the Chaplain class has all been God's timing. I depend totally on the Holy Spirit for guidance to fulfill the duties of a Chaplain.

I was praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help me write my experiences, I am not as eloquent with words like so many people I have come across in my life time. When reading the Bible I know it is by the Holy Spirit that I understand Gods word, I always ask the Holy Spirit to give me wisdom in all that I must do, it is by asking as the scriptures states.

The Lord spoke to my heart and reminded me to start writing what He has done for me over the years and how He has prepared me for what I need in my life to do His purpose. Interesting note, my husband confirmed the same thing to help get me started.

I was raised in a Christian home and my parents were both in the ministry. My father came to the Philippines as missionary and met my mother, who then became his interpreter. I saw the Holy Spirit working with my mother, she could take a few phrases from a new dialect or language and turn it into a conversation, and this was very helpful when my father would preach. It was wonderful watching them both moving under the anointing of the Holy Spirit preaching in such timing from my father speaking in English and my mother speaking in whatever dialect or language the people needed to hear. This was a wonderful experience and training for me on how the Holy Spirit works to bring the gospel to those who are in need.

I believe that all my experiences and training both in the natural, but especially by the Holy Spirit has brought me this far to do more for the Lord, as the scriptures states ....nothing is impossible with God, all things are possible to those who believe.

**I desire to continue in the training and look forward to next year's class. I know and trust the Lord will provide the financial means to continue. My desire is to follow God's direction and become ordained and I have spoken to some of my references.**

*Sarah Ogle*



## Sheldon Orange



**I am a Chaplain because of...** *Proverbs 1:2-3.* That people may know skillful and godly wisdom and instruction, discern and comprehend the words of understanding and insight, Receive instruction in wise dealing and the discipline of wise thoughtfulness, righteousness, justice, and integrity, love and compassion are characteristic of a Chaplain. Being a chaplain is a great calling. There are many things to do, to learn, and to teach. I didn't know what to expect when I joined the Chaplain class. The only thing I really knew about a Chaplain was that they worked in the hospital and were called when someone was about to die or was dead! The only Chaplain I saw was Father Mulcahy on TV's M\*A\*S\*H! I now know that a Cchaplain is a very important person in peoples lives.

I am a chaplain! A chaplain must know skillful and godly wisdom. Godly Wisdom to let the Holy Spirit guide them on a daily bases, Godly wisdom to move when God say's move, Godly wisdom to say and do the right things which means they must study and apply the word of God on a daily basis to themselves before they apply it to others. *Matthew 6:33:* "But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We as chaplains are to seek God with all our hearts. **Once we focus our hearts and minds on God, have Godly wisdom to**

**make the right decisions, have love and compassion that Jesus had for man, and have faith that he will do everything that he said he would, there is nothing that we can't do!**

## Sharon Orange



**I am a Chaplain because of...** The office of a Chaplain requires denying our selfish flesh for His glory. When Satan temps us, we must seek God until deliverance comes. *Ephesians 6:11* Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. He goes on to say, when the day of evil comes, stand your ground and stand.

I learned to trust God, in the middle of any storm. My desire and focus is to consistently worship God. The last seven years, Sheldon and I, strictly believed God for everything. Prior to our consistent faith journey, we had more faith in our abilities to provide everything for ourselves. We collectively made a conscience decision not just to work in ministry; but to submerge ourselves in Ministry. To seek God before any assignment insuring the Holy Spirit is apart of the journey. Spiritually, the last 44 weeks of our Chaplaincy class is awesome! Sheldon and I have experienced spiritual advancement and enormous expansion in our personal ministry. We have years of experience in ministry. The material and impartation we received propelled us forward spiritually. Yes, the Chaplain class is an awesome group of people with unity of purpose. And we became a family, one unit of faithful servants to God and others.

Sheldon and I have a relationship with God spans decades; this Chaplain's class has aligned our will with God's will for our life. Prayer is our primary focus as God leads us in the ministry of the word *Acts 6:4*.

The calling is upon my household to teach the gospel. Our involvement in the Chaplain's Class sanctioned God to speak to us in a profound way. Immediately after class we continued to worship, our regularly scheduled service followed. In service we received additional Biblical principles. In the presence of the enemies' plans for us; Phoenix First Assembly is equipping us for the weeks ahead. The scripture says God then anoints our head with oil and our cup overflows. **The experiences in this class will remain with me a life time. I renew my mind everyday, as I have a deeper compassion about his word and teaching his love. Sheldon and I always had compassion for suffering or disenfranchised people. Giving is what God commands us.**



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** I will become a chaplain because it is a gift of God in my life. Now I have a foundation in Christ Jesus. I have been training what to do to help other people. I believe that God puts in my heart this desire to be a chaplain and to represent Him. There are many people that do not know about Jesus and the Kingdom of God. It is necessary to transmit the God's word a firm foundation because the people have many questions.

The hospitals and hospices really needs our services as chaplains to assist with the spiritual needs for patients, families and staff. I will be in prayer for God to show me, what is the place for me to go to work as chaplain. Because the field is large and have opportunities ever places. "Chaplains also can be attached to emergency service agencies, educational institutions and colleges, private clubs, scout troops, ships, hospitals, prisons, nightclubs, private companies and corporations. Chaplains also serve in hospice programs and retirement centers".

According to Paul's words in Second Corinthians 5:20, we are heavenly delegates-" ambassadors" who have been sent forth as Heaven's representatives to planet earth! As ambassadors for Christ, we are the voice of Heaven. **As His representatives, we are authorized to speak and act on behalf of the Lord. And as Heaven's ambassadors, we are fully backed, fully funded, fully defended, and fully assisted by the authority and resources of Heaven!**

*Cassia Stall*



**I will become a Chaplain because of...** Then I read, Matthew 25:34-36 "The King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

*Laura Tarbutton*



That is a commission that He expects of me. Because with all my heart I want to hear these words from Him saying to me, Matthew 25:40 The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Then I think about the nations of the world who do not know who Jesus is and my heart cries out for them. Who will go to them and let them know about this wonderful Savior? He died for them just as He did for me. There are strongholds that must be broken, powers of darkness that must be cast out of people.

Who will go? We must pray for harvesters for the fields are white and ready to harvest. It is harvest time. I pray, Lord, send me. These are the reasons I want to become a Chaplain. To be a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and do my best until He comes again or He calls me home.

These past 44 weeks have been more than I ever could imagine. I never realized how the Lord, at my age, still expects me to work for Him and seek His will for my life daily. It is an exciting adventure and I don't want to miss a thing that the Lord has in store for me. **He amazes me with His love and tender mercies that seem to renew each day for me. I will say, "I bless Your name! I bless Your name! I give You all, I give You praise. You are the Life, the Truth, and the Way. I bless Your name! I bless Your name!"**

## *Jerry Tinsman*



**I am a Chaplain because of...** " I believe God called me to be a Chaplain because I have a heart for God's people. I have a genuine passion to help people who are hurting and need assistance, whether they are handicap physically or mentally, lost, homeless, hurting in hospitals, care centers or youth, anyone with a problem or needs help. I believe that God has been preparing my steps to be able to minister to His people in a profound way that no one else has the ability to do what He has called me to do. I feel it "takes heart to start" in order to be a Chaplain and without love and compassion the work would be dead.

The Making of a Chaplain class impacted my life so much as it has made me more rounded, knowledgeable and it has strengthened my integrity. I am looking forward to serving as a Chaplain now that I have completed this course on a more of a professional level. I feel that my relationship with my Father has become more intimate, my prayer life stronger and the spirit of the Lord is upon me. Though I continue on this journey, I know that the Lord will put me through many trails and situations that I will have to rely on the Spirit to guide me, but I know He is with me. I feel honored to serve God in a way that can make a difference in someone else's life.

My desire would be that everyone I have the opportunity to help, assistance or counsel would come to know Jesus and have a hope for things to come. The scripture at the beginning of my essay, pretty much states my biblical mandate and my plan to press forward to finish the race and to continue pursuing my education in order to make a bigger impact in our communities and neighborhoods for God's glory. **I pray with the Lord's help that I will become the best husband, father, brother, son, nephew, friend and Chaplain that I can be for God.**

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## *Shonna L. Williams*



**I am a Chaplain because of...** Now I know God loves me! Me! Insignificant, unworthy, ridiculous little me! And, I have never felt more love! Nor, do I ever believe I will again until I reach the loving arms of Jesus when I receive my reward and stand with Him in Heaven.

I now know, through reading the scriptures, studying God's word and allowing myself to love and be loved by Him that God truly cares about me. I know that it's ok to depend on Him and to give all of my burdens, worries, stresses and anxieties to Jesus and allow Him to see me through. I truly trust that the guidance and confidence that the Holy Spirit fills me with His way and I want no other.

In conclusion, I don't know which statement suits me best. I feel unworthy to accept the title of Chaplain and say "I am a Chaplain because," However, I know that the Lord has led me to this path and I am thoroughly confident that He will send me to where He needs me.

"I AM A CHAPLAIN because" **I know that the Lord has an important job for me to do and I am willing to give my life to do His will. I know that I am strong enough because He has made me to be. I know that I am a servant because He has made me to be. And I know that I love because He has given me the heart to do so. Therefore, I am His and pray that I will fulfill every request He has for me. AMEN!**



# Second Year Interns **Did it by**

*And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. John 13:14-15 NLT*

## Internship and Certification Program Requirements:

- Must be born again, Spirit-filled Christian.
- Must have graduated from "The Making of a Chaplain" Course.
- Agree to and sign Phoenix First Assembly "**Statement of Understanding**".
- Agree to and live the "**Chaplains Hold to These Biblical Standards**".
- Must be willing to provide spiritual support for individuals of all faiths.
- Must have 4 references including two Pastors from Phoenix First or a local recognized Church.
- You will be assisted in becoming Ordained by a nationally recognized faith group, if this is your desire
- A background and credit check will be required.
- Develop a plan of action for your internship for approval by the Chaplain Coordinator.
- Must have one year in ministry service (after graduating from "The Making of a Chaplain" course) including but not limited to 460 hours (9 hours per week) of hands on training, conducting services such as Baptism, Communion, funerals and death notifications. and 140 hours of study, worship, and prayer. DOES NOT INCLUDE ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES OR CHRISTIAN TV
- Complete Monthly Activity Time sheets. Exact records must be kept by the student of all their intern activity hours and turned in monthly.
- Attend 11 required Chaplain Continued Education Classes (approx. 2.5 hours long).  
Four lessons will be from a series by Cleansing Stream Ministries.  
Four lessons will be from the book "The Bondage Breaker" and workbook by Neil Anderson.  
Three lessons will be on John Bevere's book "The Bait of Satan" and workbook
- Complete a written exam on these 11 lessons. A book report of 3 pages will be required on Neil Anderson's book "The Bondage Breaker," a John Bevere's book "The Bait of Satan."  
(As with 1<sup>st</sup> year class give your Perspective, Application & Insights on each book.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Intern Hours are as follows:  
Classroom Teaching 2.5 hours for 11 lessons.....27 hours  
Pre class study time - min.10.2 hours for 11 lessons.....113 hours  
Chaplain hands on training Min. 9.0 hours per week.....460 hours  
TOTAL.....600 hours

Upon graduation of The Making of a Chaplain and the one year Internship program, the Certified Chaplain will have completed 1200 hours of certified studies and hands on Chaplain Ministry.

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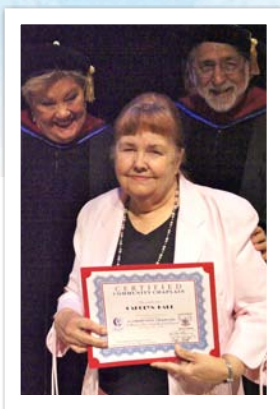


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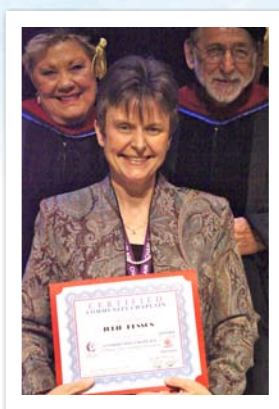
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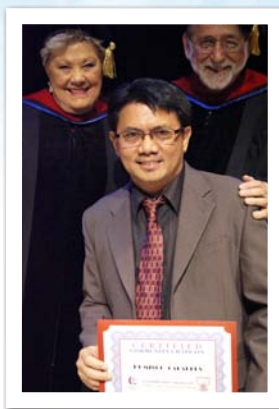
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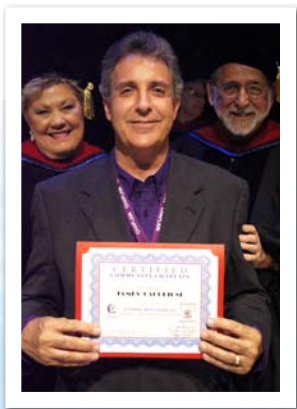
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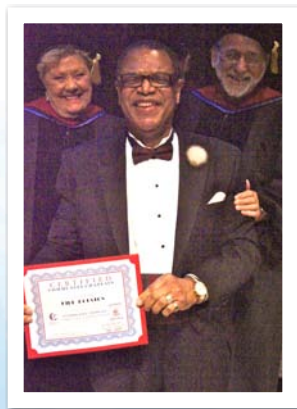
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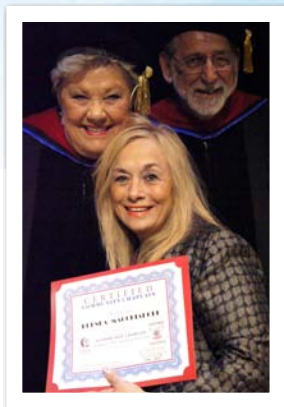
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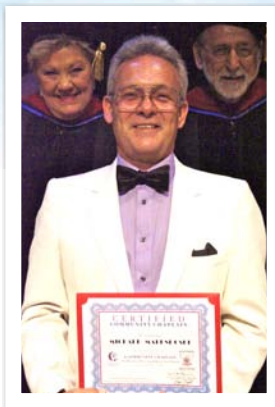
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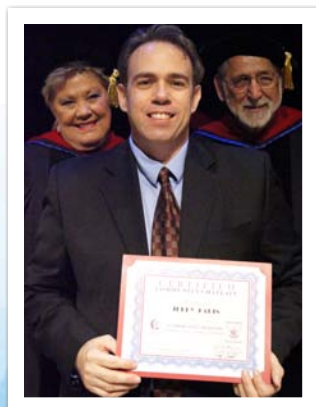
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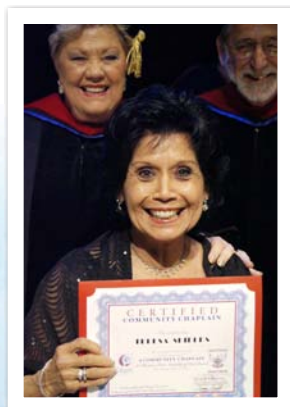
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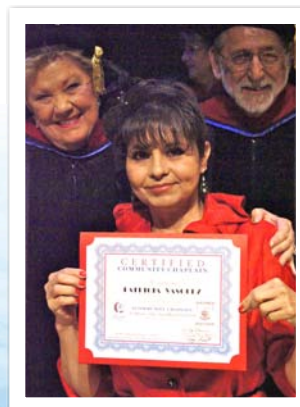
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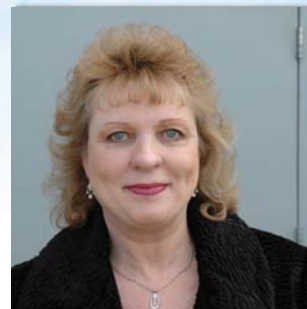
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# Independent Assemblies of God International

## Who we are...

We are a Fellowship of Christian Ministers and Ministries. Since 1935 we have been helping the Body of Christ. We provide a spiritual and legal covering for Minister and Ministries.

## The Vision

The uniqueness of the Independent Assemblies of God International is its conviction of the sovereignty of the local church. We are eager for the Mighty Holy Spirit to have an instrument which is flexible in the "hands of our Lord" during this critical time of history. We envision a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit, breathing life and resurrection into His own body. It is imperative that ministers and churches are able to follow through on the mandate given by God without interference from an ecclesiastical hierarchy. For this we have been born!

## Our Goals

As one fellowship in the many membered Body of Christ we seek to serve others throughout the nations of the world. By God's grace we will be obedient to: Be and integral part of the continued outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

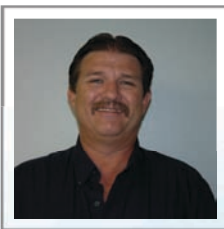
1. Help fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19,20).
2. Establish many new churches and ministries worldwide.
3. Support ministers, missions and missionaries.

## History

The Independent Assemblies of God was birthed in the year 1918 as the Scandinavian Assemblies of God in the United States of America, Canada and Foreign Lands. It existed under this name from 1918 to 1935.

In 1935 at an annual convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota the Scandinavian Assemblies of God merged with a group called the Independent Pentecostal Churches. The name of this new fellowship was, and to this day remains, the Independent Assemblies of God International.

Dr. A. W. Rasmussen, D.D., was the Founder of the Independent Assemblies of God. He is now deceased and with the Lord. His ministry spanned the globe for over fifty years. He developed and supported missions, orphanages and churches in Canada, the Philippines, India, and throughout the world.

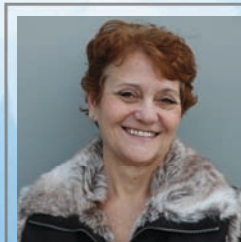


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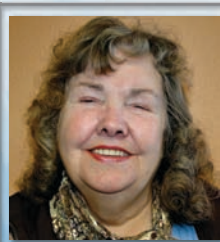
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# Grad. Dinner





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# Grad. Dinner



This YEAR BOOK is about people that our Father has taken out of a life of **self** and turned them into **self-less servants** of a loving Father.

The last one or two years, the Father has set each of you on a foundation formed by **JESUS – THE HOLY SPIRIT – THE HOLY BIBLE – and LOVE. This is an eternal foundation.**

*Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.*

*Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.*

*1 Corinthians 3:10-17 NLT*

## **You are an Ambassador for Christ.**

*We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, "Be reconciled to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20*

**Chaplains represent the kingdom of God.** An ambassador is an official representative from one country to another. As believers, we are Christ's ambassadors, sent with his message of reconciliation to the world. An ambassador of reconciliation has an important responsibility. We dare not take this responsibility lightly.

**Chaplains represent God.** God called Moses his ambassador. An ambassador represents another country, another type of people, and often another point of view. We are each God's ambassadors—representing to the world that Christians are a different kind of people with a different lifestyle. Much of the world knows nothing about God except what it sees in the lives of God's people. What kind of God would they think you represent? Taking note of how you come across to others gives you a good indication of how well you are representing God.



# OUR SPIRITUAL IMMUNE SYSTEM

*“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands: “I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.*

*“But I have this complaint against you. **You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen!** Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. But this is in your favor: You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans, just as I do. “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. **To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.** Revelation 2:1-7 NLT*

*If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.*

*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.*

*Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when full understanding comes, these partial things will become useless. When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.*

*Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NLT*

*Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. Matthew 24:12-14 NLT*

*Love Love Love Love*



# THE MAKING OF A CHAPLAIN



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **Love never fails...**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV**