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REJOICE!

"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!" - Revelation 19:6-7

Christian Chaplain Education, Endorsement, and Ordination

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CHAPLAINCY FROM A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

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DO MODERN CHAPLAINS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?





SECTION 1

RESTORING CHAPLAINCY TO CHRISTIANITY

Why is This so Important?

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RESTORING CHAPLAINCY TO CHRISTIANITY

- 1500 Years of Christian Chaplaincy
- The Legend of St. Martin
- Keepers of The Sacred Presence



BE AT PEACE TO BRING PEACE BE CALM TO BRING CALM

- Self Awareness
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Experts In Communication
- Listen to Understand, Rather than Respond
- Seriously Curious Questions
- Beware of Proselytizing
- Trust God



AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST

- We Proclaim
 - His Love
 - His Forgiveness
 - His Reconciliation
 - His Changed Life
 - His Hope



HOW DO WE DO THIS?

- Serve All People
- Love All People
- Non-Judgmental
- Non-Condemning
- Relationship Oriented
- Extend Hospitality

We must have the heart of a Chaplain



UNDER COVER CHAPLAIN COMMANDOS

- The Most Chaplain Scripture Verse

1 Peter 3:15 ESV

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”



SERVING IN THE TENSION BETWEEN OPPOSING VIEWS

- Tension Between Beliefs
- Don't Push our Faith Unwanted or Uninvited
- A Crisis is NOT the Time to Correct or Preach
- Find a Way to Serve
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***Make a friend – Be a friend
Draw your Friend to Christ***



THE CHAPLAINS ACADEMY

- The Christian Chaplain must be committed to:
 - Growth
 - Spiritual Disciplines
 - Learning and Application
 - Changed Life
 - Knowledge and Ability in the Craft of Chaplaincy

<https://christianchaplains.org/chaplains-academy>





SECTION 2

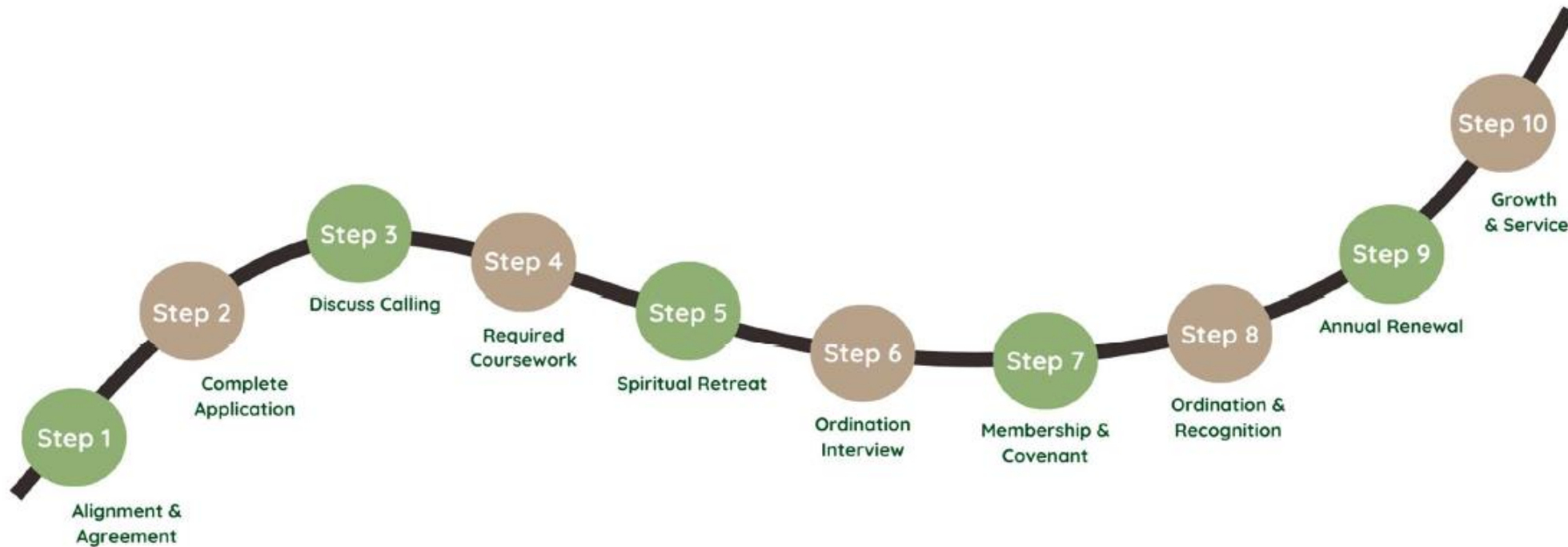
STEPS TO MEMBERSHIP AND ORDINATION

Requirements and Expectations

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A PATH TO ORDINATION

STEPS TO ORDINATION



SECULAR TRENDS IMPACTING SPIRITUAL CARE

- Increasingly Secular
- Increasingly New Age
- Increasingly Humanist
- Increasingly Anti-Christian

We must learn to engage secular culture without abandoning the mission of Christ



WHY COLLABORATE WITH CHRISTIAN CHAPLAINS & COACHING

- Recognized Endorser
- National Exposure
- Common Qualification for Chaplaincy
- Unapologetically Biblical
- ABHE Recognized
- Up to 6 Hours of Credit per CPE Course





SECTION 3

Clinical Pastoral Education
From a Biblical Christian Worldview
Ray Huff Education Director

UNDERSTANDING CPE

- CPE is the professional education standard.
- Listen with love, Grow in Self-Awareness and Dependence on the Holy Spirit
- Becoming Compassionate Peace-Bearers in Crisis, Trauma, and Pain
- Growing Demand for Trained and Qualified Chaplains



OUR TEACHING APPROACH

- Biblical Christian Worldview
- Weekly Cohort of Peers
- Group Process Learning
- Coaching and Mentorship
- Transformative
- CPE 100, 200, 300, 400



OUR TEACHING APPROACH

- 400 hours = 100 academic instruction / 300 clinical internship
- 15 Week Courses
- Reflective and Relational Learning Model
- Hybrid Learning Model
- Action – Reflection – Action Learning Model
- Bloom's Taxonomy of Learning



BOARD CERTIFICATION

- Board of Chaplaincy Certification Incorporated (BCCI)
- Required: CPE 100, 200, 300, 400
- Highest designation for a Chaplain in vocational chaplaincy
- Recognized Board Certifying Organizations
 - Association of Certified Christian Chaplains
 - Spiritual Care Association
 - Clinical Pastoral Education International



CPE IN YOUR PROGRAM

- CPE is a necessity for vocational chaplaincy
- ABHE Endorsement
- 6 credit hours per CPE course
- Up to 24 hours of credit



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- ABHE Endorsement
- Dr Phillip Dearborn in a letter to Christian Chaplains and Coaching, states:

“The Association of Biblical Higher Education is thrilled to partner with Christian Chaplains and Coaching and their Clinical Pastoral Education program. We are aware of several ABHE institutions who have evaluated the curriculum and are including CPE in their degree programs. There is no question in my mind that chaplaincy training from a biblical perspective is so desperately needed in our society today. It would be well worth the efforts of other institutions to seriously consider how the CPE program may fit with their contexts.”



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Q & A

Thank you!

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