Church & Chaplaincy The Utilization & Integration of Chaplains within the Church



• <u>Pastors</u>

- A Pastors base and Office of the Pastor is the Church.
- A Pastor's ministry deals mainly with In-reach, which is also known as Church-based.
- A Pastor is attached to his church and congregation, providing many services that includes in-house and out-reach.



• <u>Chaplains</u>



- A Chaplains base is the Community.
- A Chaplains ministry deals mainly with Out-reach and is community-based.
- A Chaplain is attached to one or more, Law Enforcement, Military, Hospitals, Prisons, Schools, Fire Dept., Emergency 1st Responders, Community Outreach...etc.
- Chaplains often work in outlying areas or facilities where people cannot attend a church, such as military outposts, prisons, senior citizens homes, hospitals, schools, etc.
- Chaplains are often involved in traumatic situations where they assist in crisis/trauma intervention.

• How can the church benefit from having Chaplains?

- A Chaplain has the dual ability to serve both the Church/Pastor and Community out-reach.
- A Church Chaplain Dept. can help position the church to grow in community resource services, ministry, outreach, evangelism, discipleship, care teams, and in times of crisis.
- A Chaplains dept. can assist the Pastors church-based in-house needs through many facets & programs.
- A Pastor can implement new strategies that will assist the Church and reach more people by utilizing Chaplains to go beyond the church walls.
- A Chaplain is trained to serve all those in need, inter-faith and intra-faith, and those of no faith creating community need and awareness of/for the Chaplain Spiritual 1st Responder.
- A Church can develop policy and direction for its Chaplain dept. and oversee its Chaplain members on how, and where best to assist and serve their Pastor, congregation, programs, etc.

- Church Chaplain Department may consist of a variety of functions:
- Church In-reach functions.
- Church Out-reach functions.
- Program functions.
- Services/Sacrament functions.
- People functions.



- The Chaplain Role: Chaplains are trained in roles such as;
- Spiritual 1st Responders for crisis, trauma, disaster.
- Ministry of Presence.
- Faith-based Services.
- Community/ Partnership Resources.
- Religious-Evangelism/Discipleship.
- Religious-Sacramental Rites (Most Chaplains are State licensed to perform weddings).
- Prayer assistance.
- Members of the Clergy.
- Police Officer and Firefighter chaplaincy.



• Additional measurable and immeasurable benefits:

- Helping the spiritual growth and development of the community.
- Having the ability to answer and share life's problems from a Biblical perspective.
- Networking as a liaison with local churches and clergy in the community.
- Increased knowledge and community involvement for members.
- Increased commitment to serve and be of service.
- Members having a purpose and spiritual driven life.
- Reduction in training cost for church.
- Increased awareness of church in the community (Accountability, Pastoral Care, and Missionary Work).
- Increased grief awareness members in local churches.
- Encouraging active participation in having a relationship with God.
- Improved motivation and earnest learning about the Word of God.
- Additional level of church service for church members.

- The Church can Benefit by Developing a Chaplains Dept., Program, and/or Team within its Walls.
- Chaplains come ready, trained, and ordained to assist their Church
- Chaplains have continued training through Chaplaincy at no cost to the church
- Chaplains come ready to assist within the church and through community outreach
- Chaplains can assist with church functions and sacramental rights
- Chaplains are ordained through a legitimate and respected 20 yr NV State Licensed Ministry and Government approved 501c3.

