



Dear Brother or Sister in Christ:

Thank you for your interest in becoming an H.O.P.E. chaplain. As a volunteer hospital chaplain, you would be helping to fulfill our Lord's desire expressed in *Matthew 25:36* that we visit the sick. Important information for your guidance and prayerful consideration follows:

The Nature the H.O.P.E. Chaplaincy Ministry

- Our textbook is the Bible. We share Scriptures that are relevant to the situation of those visited.
- We look to and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us in this ministry.
- Prayer and spiritual hope and encouragement is offered.
- We are not an evangelistic ministry per se but are ready to share with those who are looking to receive the Good News.
- Monthly meetings are held and all chaplains are encouraged to attend. It is here where we enjoy fellowship and encourage one another. We have frequent training and we share experiences of our visits.
- Training consists of initial classroom and then hospital on- the- job training with an experienced mentor chaplain.
- This is a ministry of presence based on **Matthew 25:34-40**. Prayerfulness, faithfulness and consistency are the key values.

Attached to this application packet, you will find a list of the steps to be completed to join the **H.O.P.E.** Chaplaincy. Please read it carefully. It should answer all your questions. Following that, you will find our three-page application plus our Statement of Faith. Please complete it carefully and prayerfully. It is vitally important that you and your church doctrine be in agreement with all points listed in the Statement of Faith.

There will be an interview and our training classes take place in once we have five or more applicants. We will let you know as soon as we have a date.

Thank you again for your interest. May God bless your walk with Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

H.O.P.E. Chaplains

How to Become an H.O.P.E. Chaplain - Application Process

STEP 1 - You complete the three-page application, sign Statement of Faith and return it to us.

STEP 2 - We then send your Pastor a recommendation from asking him to evaluate your suitability for our ministry. We will only consider you for membership if your Pastor approves and recommends you. Attending a local church is an **absolute** requirement.

STEP 3 - An interview with members of the Executive Committee and Senior Chaplain. It will take place at UMC. We will call you and arrange a suitable time. The interview usually takes 30 minutes.

If we believe we should continue processing your application then:

STEP 4 - Complete the two or three tests required by the facility where you will visit. These are free of charge.

a.) You must sign a waiver allowing a police background check for citations and convictions.

b.) A TB test to see if you have ever been exposed to TB. The two-injection process requires three visits to the Employee Health Nurse's office because each injection must be examined a few days after it is done. Anyone who has a positive TB test will be required to have a chest x-ray. You might have to pay for the x-ray.

c.) At some hospitals, a urine sample drug test will be required.

STEP 5 - Complete the initial training classes. One will be held by the hospital and one will be held with the HOPE Chaplaincy. The one at the hospital is for two to three hours on a weekday and our training is for five hours from 9am to 2pm on a Saturday.

STEP 6 - Have a photo ID badge made. This is done at the facility where you will be visiting.

STEP 7 - Complete a period of visiting with a mentor chaplain. This will continue until both you and your mentor feel confident you can go on your own

H.O.P.E CHAPLAIN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Telephone and cell: _____ Email Address: _____

Male [___] Female [___] Married [___] Single [___] Spouse's name _____

Are you employed? _____ *If yes, where?* _____

What is your work schedule: days and hours: _____

Church: _____ Pastor: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

List ministries or volunteer work you are involved in and give number of hours spent:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are you bi-lingual: _____ *If yes, what is your second language?* _____

Are you an ordained Pastor? _____ Are you a licensed Minister? _____

Are you willing to abide by the H.O.P.E. Chaplaincy Rules and Policies? _____

Are you available to attend the initial Saturday training class and 25 hours of hospital mentoring? _____

Are you willing to commit to a minimum of 2 hours per week of hospital visitations? _____

List the days and hours you will be available for hospital visitations? _____

Do you: Abstain from drugs? _____

Participate in any form of gambling? _____

Have any medical limitations, if so explain? _____

Mail or email completed Applications to:

H.O.P.E. Chaplains Office
c/o University Medical Center
1800 West Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV, 89102
hopechaplainslv@gmail.com

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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H.O.P.E CHAPLAIN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Abilities desired in an H.O.P.E. Chaplain:

1. To conformably introduce yourself to strangers.
2. To make friends quickly and easily.
3. To get others to talk about themselves.
4. To listen well.
5. To share appropriately yet briefly from the Bible.
6. To pray positively and encouragingly out loud.

If you believe you have these abilities, please initial here _____

Qualifications to be an H.O.P.E. Chaplain:

1. Be a born again" believer in Jesus Christ. By this we mean:
 - a. Acknowledge that all people are sinners in need of a savior.
 - b. Agree that Jesus Christ is God and the only savior for all people.
 - c. Accept that you are saved by God's grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.
 - d. Accept the other elements of the H.O.P.E. Chaplaincy statement of faith.
2. Your Pastor must give you a good to excellent pastoral recommendation.
3. Have a familiarity with the Bible.
 - a. Know the major divisions of the Bible.
 - b. Understand how and why the Bible was written.
 - c. Have read the entire Bible completely at least once.
 - d. Have read the entire New Testament at least twice.
4. Have demonstrated stability of attendance, by attending at least one service a week.
 - a. Have been at your present church for at least 9 months.
5. Have the ability to move about the rooms and floors of the facility where you will be ministering.
6. Are available to visit a minimum of 2 hours each week and attend Chaplaincy meetings generally held every third Saturday of the month.

I do meet the qualifications listed above for membership in the H.O.P.E. chaplaincy, and wish to continue with my application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Personal recommendation: Please print the names of at least two persons who know you well for us to contact them concerning your application to become an H.O.P.E. Chaplain.

1. _____ Telephone: _____

2. _____ Telephone: _____

The H.O.P.E Chaplaincy Statement of Faith

The **H.O.P.E.** Chaplains hold the following to be essential in validating this ministry:

We believe the Bible to be the infallible Word of God and our only inspired rule of faith and practice. (2 Tim 3:16-17, Psalm 119:160)

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt 28:19)

We believe In the deity of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, vicarious death, bodily resurrection and ascension, and His personal return in power and glory. (Matt 1:18-20, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, John 10:30, John 1:1,14; 2 Cor 5:19)

We believe sin separates man from God and that His salvation is only by the grace of God through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. (Eph 2:8-10)

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is able to live a godly life. (Eph 4:30-32; Titus 3:5)

We believe in both the resurrection of the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of life; the lost unto the resurrection of damnation.. (John 14:1- 6; 1 Thess 4:13-18, 2 Thess 2:8. Rev 19)

We believe in the spiritual unity of all disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Eph 4:5-8: Romans 8:17)

We believe that marriage was ordained by God and shall be taken very seriously. We further believe that Marriage should be the Union of One Man and One Woman and that same sex marriages and / or Unions are against God's Word and not permitted under God's Standards, (Rom 1:26-32; Genesis 2:22-25; Matt 19:5; Mark 10:7)

We believe that because of the indwelling of the, Holy Spirit which gives us the ability to live a godly life that we should strive to walk as Jesus walked. Our Christian walk should be an example to all those we come in contact with. We should shun fornication, drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and any and all things that may cause a lost person or fellow Christian to stumble. As 1 Thessalonians 5:22 states, "we should abstain from any appearance of evil". (Eph 1:4; 1 Thess 5:22; Eph 5:3-5; 1 Thess 4:3)

My Church and I agree **TOTALLY** with this Statement of Faith of H.O.P.E. Inc.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____