

**“This is my
commandment,
that you love one
another as I have
loved you.”**

—John 15:12



A Chaplain's Story

John Luth works as a chaplain at the Salvation Army-Edmonton Centre of Hope in Alberta that has 166 beds across two transitional houses and a short-term stabilization program for the homeless.

"I love to bear witness to the change that is possible when another human feels welcomed, supported and included," Luth shares. "I am convinced that this is one of the 'manifestations of the Spirit'. So many of those who come to stay with us briefly or for longer periods of time have been marginalized, demonized and rejected by society. I love to welcome people and see light and hope restored to their eyes."

Luth is one of the more than 110 chaplains ordained in the Christian Reformed Church. They are exceptional, well-trained ministers of the Word or commissioned pastors who serve in specialized ministries beyond the walls of the church. Chaplains are specially trained, called and ordained by the church, and sent by Jesus Christ to provide spiritual care to people often in pain or spiritual distress. Through the presence of chaplains, the very settings in which they minister become surprising places of grace.

How can we support chaplains?


Invite the chaplains in your area to preach, teach, and share about their ministry.

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