



Christian Reformed Church
**Chaplaincy and
Care Ministry**

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) will be holding its annual Chaplains Training from September 22-24, 2022, in Grand Rapids, MI. Our training enables chaplains to collaborate with their peers, receive spiritual renewal, hone their skills, and implement best practices within their profession. Chaplains' spouses are welcome to attend as well.

Chaplains Training 2022's theme is "Returning. Rebuilding. Restoring." Working in an array of institutions, our training enables our chaplains to collaborate with their peers, be spiritually renewed, hone their skills, and implement best practices within their profession. Chaplains provide adaptive, creative, and innovative pastoral care in the midst of an evolving ministry landscape. We are committed to ensuring that our training meets the spiritual needs of our chaplains and serves as an opportunity for professional development.

Our main speaker, Dr. Danjuma Gibson, will share spiritual care and self-care concepts and strategies for navigating "brace space," which is a healing environment related to rebuilding from all that chaplains have encountered on a personal, communal, and global level. Dr. Gibson currently serves as the Calvin Theological Seminary Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care and Counseling; Co-Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, and specializes in individual and community trauma recovery. He is also in private practice as a psychotherapist in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Finally, several chaplains will present specific tools and practices they use in their work. These tools are unique and applicable to chaplains in many different settings. This enables chaplains to engage with their peers, find new resources, and continue their education after the training. Attendees will also be able to engage spiritual care tools for a variety of situations to provide meaningful and restorative spiritual care.

We are committed to ensuring that our training meets the spiritual needs of our chaplains and serves as an opportunity for professional development. By attending this training, participants will complete 11 hours of continuing education. We thank you for your consideration and for allowing your chaplain to attend this important denominational function. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office 877-279-9994 Ext 2388 or visit our website, [Chaplaincy and Care Ministry](#), to learn more.

Sincerely,

Rev. Tim Rietkerk, Endorser

Director of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry for the Christian Reformed Church