

## Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry trains, mentors, and supports chaplains, inviting and encouraging them to extend Christ's light into the darkest places. We empower chaplains to be Christ to millions of people who are sick, lost, or grieving.



**CH (CPT) Cornelius Muasa** supports soldiers and advises command as a US Army chaplain.



**Rev. InSoon Hoagland** offers pastoral counseling as a Marriage and Family Therapist in Kansas.



**Rev. Tim De Jonge** cares for the elderly as a spiritual care coordinator in Ontario.

## Start today

Contact us to learn more about:

- Applying for endorsement
- CPE opportunities
- Applying for training grants
- Connecting with a calling church or mentor
- Connecting with a CRC chaplain
- Discerning a call to chaplaincy

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## What chaplains do

Chaplaincy is a healing, reconciling ministry of God, an expression and extension of God's activity and mission in the world. Chaplains provide pastoral ministry in specialized settings to people who are hurting or in crisis, uprooted or dislocated. Through the presence of chaplains, the very settings in which they minister become surprising places of grace.

## Where chaplains serve

- behavioral health
- corrections
- community
- hospice
- hospital
- long term care
- military
- parish
- pastoral counseling
- workplace

## Ecclesiastical Endorsement

Chaplaincy and Care Ministry provides endorsement that supports and strengthens the ministry of CRC chaplains. Endorsement acknowledges the covenant relationship between the CRCNA and the chaplain, and provides them with continued education, training funds, advocacy, and mentorship. Many institutions and agencies, as well as professional chaplain certifying organizations, require their hired chaplains to be endorsed by their faith group. Endorsements may be provided for:

- Chaplains who require the support of their faith group for their work
- People who meet requirements and wish to pursue work in chaplaincy
- Students needing recommendation for specialized training or the military

## Requirements

- Masters of Divinity or graduate degree in pastoral care or theology
- Ordained (or seeking ordination) as a minister of the Word or commissioned pastor in the CRCNA
- 2 completed units (800 hours) of Clinical Pastoral Education (not required for military chaplaincy)
- 2 years of ministry experience is preferred

## Applying for endorsement

Due to the requirements, endorsement often takes 3-4 months to achieve. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, to seek a chaplain mentor, and to engage a local CRC church to support them in ministry before they have achieved endorsement. Those who have not yet been ordained should plan for the process to take up to two years. Chaplaincy and Care Ministry is available to provide support and guidance throughout the application process.

*Being there in moments that matter*