

June 2023

Chaplaincy endorsement opens ministry opportunities outside the church.

John Williamson

"...the stresses of life and ministry can affect our relationships."



As fellow chaplains, we know the stresses of life and ministry can affect our relationships. When stress compounds, healthy communication becomes even more difficult than it is normally. But healthy communication is also key to maintaining healthy, loving relationships.

In *Hope-Focused Marriage Counseling: A Guide to Brief Therapy*, Everett Worthington lists several principles for good communication, whether with our spouse or in other relationships in our life.

1. Take turns talking – It is easy to talk over each other. Be purposeful in taking short turns in talking and that there is equal talking time.
2. Really listen, don't just think of the next thing to say – Half of communication is listening. If someone does not truly listen, it is hard to understand and respond appropriately. Not listening to opens the door for more hurt and disagreements.
3. Slow down the conversation – Speak calmly and quietly. If this becomes difficult, take a break from the discussion and continue it later. Slowing things down will accomplish the first two principles, but it will also help you think before you speak.
4. Infuse difficult conversations with loving statements – During discussions it is key to keep

love and care at the forefront. Doing this will help keep the discussion on track toward meeting a healthy resolution.

5. Don't make assumptions; make sure you understand each other – If you feel that you do not understand, then take the time to express this lovingly. Doing this will help identify the point of contention and result in a deeper healing process.

Practice these principles and keep in mind what the Bible says about communication. In Ephesians 4:15 Paul writes that we should be "...speaking the truth in love," in order to become mature Christians. James 1:19 states specifically, "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." When we implement these principles in our lives, we not only become better communicators, we become more like Christ.



Quarterly Reports

The first Quarterly Report was due April 1-5. All of Linda's favorite chaplains filled it out already. If you aren't on that list, you can be by clicking on the button below. For the rest of you, your next report isn't due until July 1-5.

[Quarterly Report](#)



Chaplaincy Prayer Wall

Access the Prayer Wall to submit your request, pray for your fellow chaplains, and know when you are being prayed for in real time!

Log into the Secure Side of the chaplaincy website and click on "Chaplain Prayer Requests" or, if you are already logged in, click the button to go directly there.

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username and password, and in the NAVIGATION box, select Chaplain Prayer Requests.

[Prayer Wall](#)



Upcoming Trainings

We will be leading the following trainings:

June 12-14, 2023 (Bolivar, Missouri): ICISF - Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention.

Email for more information.

[Email 461Response@ag.org](mailto:461Response@ag.org)



2023 Chaplaincy Conference

~~Early Registration: Today - May 1 \$25/person~~

Regular Registration: May 2-June 30 \$50/person

Late Registration: July 1-July 20 \$75/person

July 31-Aug 1 at the Hyatt in Columbus, Ohio. These are the two days before General Council.

[Register for the Chaplaincy Conference](#)



U.S. Missions Luncheon

JUNE 1st is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER.

Malcolm Burleigh would like to invite you to our U.S. Missions luncheon on Thursday of General Council. At the same time, we will be holding 2 pizza parties for our kids ages 5 to 18. Children under 5 can attend the regular banquet with their parents but they must also be registered.

[Register for the U.S. Missions Luncheon](#)



MK Pizza Party

JUNE 1st is the LAST DAY TO REGISTER.

There will be TWO Pizza parties for the kids (ages 5-11 & 12-18)! **If they aren't registered they can't attend.** That will make them sad. If they are registered and don't show up, the tickets still have to be paid for by the Chaplaincy Ministries. That would make us sad. Since it's a party, let's make sure everyone is happy!

[Register for the Kids Pizza Party](#)



Chaplain Cordero

Led the Asia Military Retreat in Tokyo, Japan, from April 25-May 4 and the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from May 16-18. Attending Puerto Rico District Council from May 30-June 5.



Chaplain Denley

Led the Asia Military Retreat in Tokyo, Japan, from April 25-May 4.



Chaplain Taylor

Visited chaplains in Meridian, Idaho, from May 3-5. Attended the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from May 15-19. Attended the ACPE Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, from May 21-25.



Chaplain Odean

Visited chaplains in Virginia from April 22-May 1.
Attended the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from May 16-18. Attended the CMCA Conference in Wheaton, Illinois, from May 18-21.
Attending Puerto Rico District Council from May 30-June 5.



Chaplain Reighard

Attended ICISF (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation) World Congress in Baltimore, Maryland, from April 29-May 6. Attended National VOAD Conference from May 8-12. Attended the Commission on Chaplains in Springfield, Missouri, from May 16-18.
Led **461** Response Training in Freeport, Grand Bahama, from May 21-29.



Chaplain Williamson

Promoted chaplaincy in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 7.
Spoke about specialized chaplains (rodeo, cutting horse, race track, etc.) at an FFA event at Aubrey, Texas.
Promoted chaplaincy in Lewisville, Texas.

2023 Major Events

July 31
- Aug 1 **Chaplaincy Training Conference**
Columbus, Ohio

Oct
6-9 **National Faith & Blue Weekend**
[Download the Save the Date Flyer](#)

Nov
6-8

Commission on Chaplains

Springfield, Missouri



Significant Achievements:

Healthcare Chaplain Terri Carruthers and her dogs Whiskers, Lady Lace, LiL Bit, Mr. Bandit and Miss Cuddles was given The President's Lifetime Achievement Award for their lifelong commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer service. 28 years of service and dog therapy sharing and caring.

We celebrate with these chaplain!

"Chaplain Juan Alba was selected for his commitment, dedication and balanced pastoral approach which resonates well within the correctional world and one to which both inmates and staff respond. He has served as

a chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons for the past 21 years, and for the past 10 years, he has served as Supervisory Chaplain for the nation's largest correctional complex in Coleman, Florida."

Dan Odean

Chaplain of the Month



Chaplain Juan Alba

GRACE SPEAKS LOUDER

In my 21 years of chaplaincy ministry, I have seen many great times of blessings and spiritual renewal. But there were also many times of discouragement. Often, my discouragement came from my own feelings of weakness and inadequacy. In those tough times...

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Read [the rest of this great article](#) on the secure side of the chaplaincy website. If you are not already logged in, you will get a 403 Forbidden warning when you click the link. That's

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