

July 2023

Chaplaincy endorsement opens ministry opportunities outside the church.

Manuel Cordero

"Being a servant of the Lord is all about character."



Being a servant of the Lord is all about character. I am a character and I have character. And my character is meant to be a part of the transformation of your character.

The word character has Greek origins. It can refer to a tool used in carpentry to carve or engrave. A second sense refers to the outcome of the tool's use: a mark, impression, or likeness of something. Today, we might use the word to describe positive moral and ethical marks on a person's life. All servants of God must pursue and embrace the character of Christ. The mark of Christ should be on their lives. I have a role to play in the story of God, which means I am a character. I am to play that role with integrity and grace, which means I have character that can be judged as either good or lacking goodness.

Our culture looks at character differently than we should as Christians. We have all seen presidents struggle to answer when they are asked publicly about possible errors in judgment and policy blunders. The reason for these awkward encounters simple: no president believes their influence over Congress and the confidence of the American people will continue if they acknowledge a serious lapse in judgment. We live in a culture where the acknowledgement of wrong, or the ownership of failure is paramount to forfeiting or giving up. We learn the only way to survive is to wink at personal failure and publicly offer a different story, a spin on the original that looks better. That is called hypocrisy, another word with Greek origins. It's meaning relates to acting or playing a character. Greek theater

performers would use masks portraying different emotions to set the scene and tone for the audience. We use it now to describe someone who puts on a mask to disguise the truth.

Spinning the truth is hypocrisy. I challenge all of us who have embarked on a quest for authentic servanthood to remove all masks and stop spinning the truth. There is tremendous freedom in truth. After all, Jesus said it would set us free (John 8:32).

My character is good to the degree that it leaves the same mark of Christ-like goodness on other people, and reflects the ideals that Christ established for His people. Remember what your life and character are for: to leave the mark of Christ, His grace, and His love on the lives of those whom you meet. Use your character well to mark the hearts of others.

That's what servants of God do, and a servant of God you are.



Quarterly Reports

Rhyming is all about timing. So for you the Q2 report is due!

[Quarterly Report](#)



2023 Chaplaincy Conference

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.

GET THE **FREE** CONFERENCE APP! Download the "AG Events App" from the App Store or Google Play Store. Click on the AGFCN23 logo to access the conference App. You can also sign up through schedule in the app for a more personalized experience!

[Register for the Chaplaincy Conference](#)



Upcoming Trainings

August 16-18: Rochester, MN: ICISF – Assisting
Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention

August 19: Rochester, MN: ICISF – Psychological Body
Armor

November 13-15: Fayetteville, TN: ICISF – Assisting
Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention

November 16-18: Memphis, TN: ICISF – Assisting
Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention

Email for more information.

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Chaplain Cordero

Attended Puerto Rico District Council from May 30-June
5 and the Llandudno 2023 IPCA Europe Conference in
Wales from June 9-16.



Chaplain Denley

Attended a chaplain retirement ceremony in Arlington,
Virginia, from June 19-21.



Chaplain Taylor

Visited chaplains in Hagerstown, Maryland, and
Wilmington, Delaware, from June 5-8. Attended the APC
conference in Houston, Texas, from June 22-25.



Chaplain Odean

Attended Puerto Rico District Council from May 30-June 5. Attended Dale Floyd's funeral in Muldrow, Oklahoma, from June 19-20.



Chaplain Reighard

Taught ICISF Course in Bolivar, Missouri, from June 12-14. Response training and meeting with various district leaders and pastors in Florida from June 27-July 1.



Chaplain Williamson

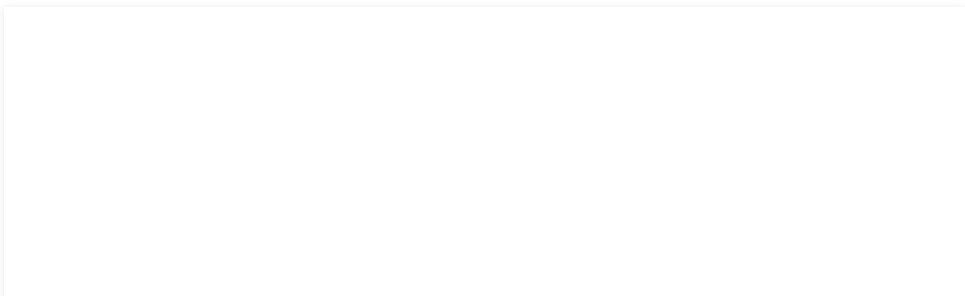
Promoted chaplaincy at the Northeast District Council from June 4-7.

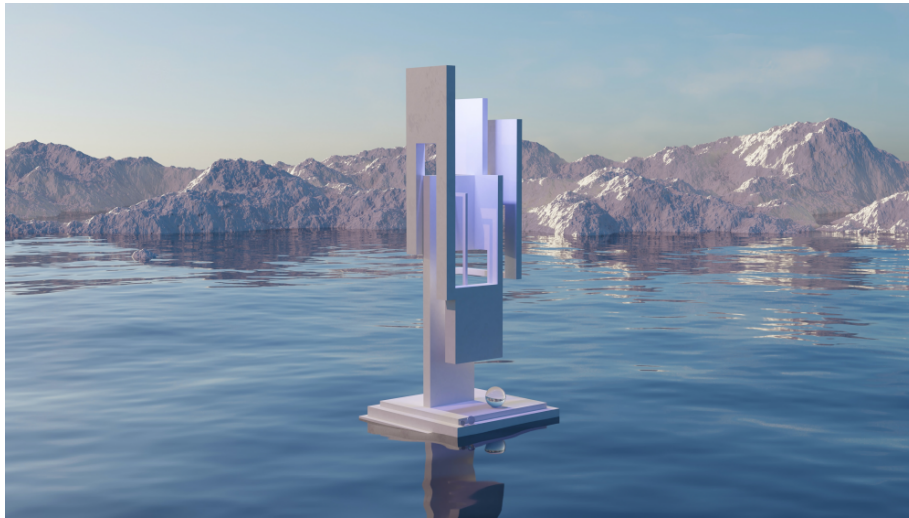
2023 Major Events

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:

Chaplain Stephan Buchanan was selected for promotion to LTC on 6/12/23.

Chaplain Jonathan Ginder was selected for promotion to LTC on 6/12/23.

Chaplain Brian Tung was selected for promotion to COL on 06/20/23.

We celebrate with these chaplain!

"Chaplain Jonathan Carey goes above and beyond in service to his community and country. He supervises and coordinates for many response organizations, including 461 Response Network, Samaritan's Purse, Rapid Response, and International Fellowship of Chaplains. Dr. Carey also serves many nations as an international chaplaincy trainer. As pastor, Jonathan and his wife, Shena, established a food pantry in Key West that many people utilize on a regular basis. Recently, the President of the United States honored him with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for over 5,000 hours of community service, development, leadership, and education."

Mike Reighard

Chaplain of the Month



Chaplain Jonathan Carey

S.A.L.T.

People in my circle know I love acronyms. When thinking of one to describe chaplaincy ministry, I settled on SALT (see Matthew 5:13). Jesus instructs his disciples to be the salt of the earth. As chaplains, we do this is by SALT:

S – Seeing our communities through an unfiltered lens

A – Approaching our community with compassion

L – Listening to our communities first to understand ...

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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 okay. Click on the Chaplain Login button in the top right corner, log in using your AG Passport username and password, and in the NAVIGATION box, select Articles.



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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[Prayer Wall](#)

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