

Why We Need Financial Support

Chaplain Ministries is a great value for your “missionary support” dollar. Our military and civilian “missionaries” salaries and benefits are paid by the institutions the chaplains work for. That is usually the largest component of most missionary budgets, and even though we only have two full-time and three part-time employees (Myself, as the Executive Director and my Administrative Assistant are full-time, and our Civilian Chaplain Associate Director and our two Military Associate Directors are all part-time), it is also the largest component of our budget as well.

Chaplain Ministries Budget Overview:

Line Item Descriptions	2020 Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 339,309
Travel	60,000
Chaplain Training	25,000
Telephone	6,000
Printing/Postage/Materials/Supplies	26,000
The Guardian (printing and postage)	28,000
Equipment/Computer supplies	2,500
Commission Meeting Expenses	8,500
New Chaplain Training Retreat	21,000
PCA General Assembly	3,500
Honorariums and Retirement Gifts	2,500
Update Chaplain DVD/Brochures/Bookmarks	7,500
NCMAF, ECVAC, COMMISS & Other dues	5,500
Total	\$ 535,309

Since salaries and travel make up the majority of our budget, you might wonder what is it that our staff actually DOES with that money you send to us?

We focus on five main areas:

“Care, Credential, Cover, Catch, and Connect”

1. CARE: We provide pastoral care to Chaplains and their family members (Shepherd the Shepherds). We support over 300 PRCC Chaplains from seven conservative, reformed Presbyterian denominations: PCA, OPC, ARPC, RPCNA, URCNA, KAPC, and KPCA. With 18 years of sustained combat and the impact of the Global War on Terror, we are busy traveling to visit and care for our Chaplain Missionaries. We visit them at military bases or installations as well as at our Civilian Chaplains’ unique ministry settings (hospitals, hospice centers, retirement communities, police and fire departments, correctional institutions, VA Hospitals, etc.). Traveling to see them is critical and coordinating with local PRCC Churches to reach out to our Civilian and Military Chaplains is also critical to ensure they stay connected.

2. CREDENTIALING AND ECCLEASTICAL ENDORSEMENT: On behalf of the PRCC and the Presbyterian Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC), we work with the local Presbyteries to make sure we have strong

Teaching Elders (TE's) to serve in the Department of Defense and the Federal Government as well as Civilian Chaplains who require credentialing (Examples: Military, Bureau of Prisons, Hospitals, VA, Sports Teams, Corporations, and First Responders – Police and Fire Departments).

3. COVER AND PROTECT: We work to make sure all our PRCC Chaplains are granted the freedom to proclaim Christ and to do so without being restricted. If there is a Religious Liberty issue, Dr. Carter represents the individual Chaplain on behalf of the PRCC and makes sure the institution does not muzzle or restrict his ability to boldly proclaim the Gospel. Our Chaplains have the right to live out their calling as representatives of their faith group and denomination based on freedom of religion and the law. We want our Chaplains to be Daniels who coordinate with others but never compromise the truth of the Gospel while serving in the King's court.

4. CATCH AND COUNSEL-MENTOR: Every PRCC Teaching Elder or Seminarian who is interested in the Chaplaincy must contact our office and discuss their calling to this mission field. We help them along with their Presbytery to process their calling, mentor them, pray with them, and coach them through any issues that might surface through their Chaplain journey. After they are approved by our Commission and their Presbytery, Dr. Carter writes them a Letter of Endorsement which credentials them in their new calling.

5. CONNECT LOCAL CONGREGATIONS TO THE CHAPLAINCY: We work to make sure local PRCC congregations understand that our Chaplains are missionaries that need to be prayed for and need to be adopted or sponsored by the congregation. Churches need to put the Chaplain and his family on the Mission Board with all the other missionaries of the congregation. They need to write and call them and remember them on Sunday when they pray for their missionaries. They need to be sent Christ-centered materials that can be distributed. They need to reach out to their family members during deployments and cover them with prayer and support.

Jim Carter wears two hats. One is the “Mission to North America, Chaplain Ministries Coordinator hat. The other is his Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel (PRCC), Executive Director and Endorser hat.” The latter role includes six other Reformed and Presbyterian denominations (ARPC, OPC, KAPC, KPCA, URCNA, and RPCNA). When you put them all together we have over 300 military and civilian chaplains and approved candidates across the world with whom we are engaged.

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