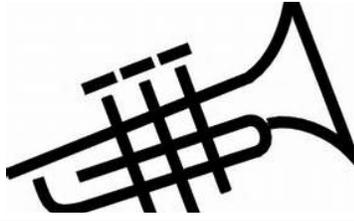


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The ACA Trumpet

ACA Highlights

March 17 ♦ St. Patrick's Day
 March 27 ♦ Easter Sunday
 June 9-11 ♦ ACA & Logos
 Graduation (Jacksonville)
 July 12 ♦ ACA Certification Class

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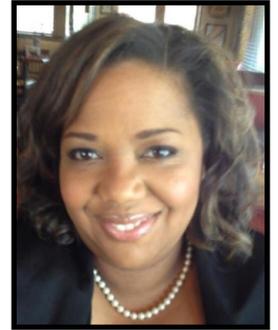
WELCOME! Namaste! Bienvenue! Willkommen! Aloha!

This is our **FIRST** monthly ACA newsletter and it is our goal to inform you about not only what is going on in our communities but about Chaplains around the world and what is happening in this fraternity we call Chaplains.

This has been a labor of love and we could not have done it without our own Chaplain Juanita Warren (Chaplain Juju to those of you who have taken the ACA course).

We are dedicating this first edition to her and believe me she was kicking and screaming and did not want us to put this in but here it is.

Thank you Juanita for your tireless service as a facilitator, editor of the ACA course, virtual classroom moderator and board operator, and editor of this newsletter.



Chaplains: Answering the Call

Chaplains are called to minister to people where they are especially outside the normal confines of a temple, synagogue or church.

Chaplains are religious representatives that have their history going back for thousands of years. Chaplains can be found in almost every aspect of life and work.

Chaplains traditionally open the Congress each day with prayer. There are corporate chaplains, workplace chaplains, sports chaplains, military chaplains, hospital and hospice chaplains, chaplains to go into nursing homes and facilities and chaplains that provide relief to the needs of people doing major disasters and crisis.

Chaplains of many faiths work with a diverse population, counseling patients undergoing surgical procedures, facing end of life issues or involved in traumatic accidents. They also offer comfort and support to patients' families. They may be called on by hospital staff to calm angry or emotionally distraught friends and family members of patients. Chaplains may conduct religious services in the hospital chapel, including officiating at memorial services and weddings. In some cases, a hospital chaplain will provide spiritual support to fellow staff members and care providers.

Hospitals typically seek chaplaincy candidates with a demonstrated ability to work well within a team environment. The capacity to communicate respectfully across cultures and with persons of different faiths is a valued asset. Due to the sensitive nature of the work, chaplains are held to a high standard of ethical behavior, professionalism, and confidentiality. The ability to work effectively in stressful situations while maintaining a calm demeanor is important. Hospital chaplains should also be able to work independently and be flexible when faced with multiple priorities. Candidates who demonstrate strong interpersonal skills and who are friendly, compassionate, and approachable may find the best job prospects. Prior experience in the armed forces as a chaplain or religious program specialist or experience in a religious ministry is also taken into consideration but not necessary by employers.



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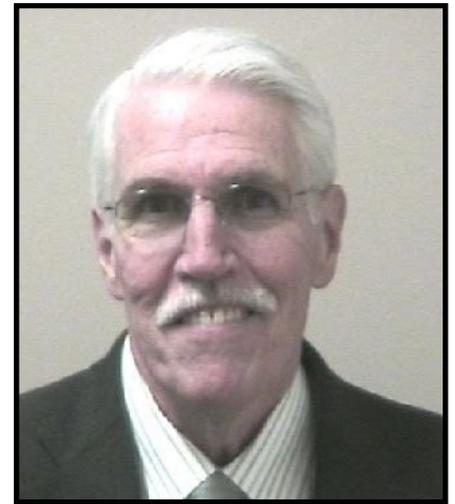
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to provide not only a fellowship for chaplains of all faiths, but a place for chaplaincy certification, educational opportunities, a community for chaplains to connect and membership affiliation to assist and help those find their call and destiny as a chaplain.

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Chaplain to Chaplain: An Interview with Dr. Ken McCoy

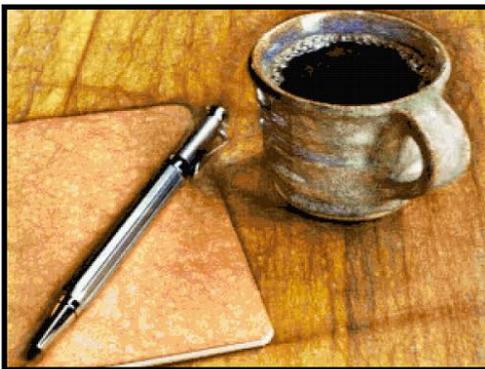


How did the ACA course help you? I was already working in Prison Ministry when the ACA course started but what it did for me was to open my eyes to how wide a scope Chaplaincy reaches. It also helped me to begin writing books (Ken's first one is *The Results Of Not Counting The Costs*) to get out to the world our testimonies; and no one has that same walk that we have. Every one of us has a unique walk and testimony.

Do you still use any of the materials that we taught? Without a doubt. The materials have broadened my capacity in understanding Chaplaincy. It is such a broad field and there is no way one person could know and do it all. It has set in me a group of friends and acquaintances, and I have been able to draw on their experiences and glean from their knowledge. Sometimes I go back and listen to some of the MP3's, especially from visiting Chaplains, as their experiences are there any time I need them so I don't have to learn from my own mistakes in areas I am not familiar with. They are a resource to be reckoned with, and it is only a click away.

What is one take-a-way you got from the class? The one fact that I got is, no matter how long I have been in jail and prison ministry, I have just scratched the surface of what chaplaincy is all about and the great need for it. Churches can only do so much, and chaplaincy helps fill the gap that is left.

Would you recommend The American Chaplains Association membership and the course we teach? Absolutely; the ministry of each instructor and guest instructor provides to its listeners years of knowledge that could have only been obtained through a school of experience that each of these people were willing to go through. It has been an honor to have been a part of it; and each time we go through a class I learn more and more.



A 2011 graduate of the ACA Chaplain Certification Course, Dr. McCoy has been in the jail/prison ministry for more than 30 years. He began that ministry while a student in 1980. He is the founder of Ken McCoy Ministries, a Biblical based counseling ministry.

Dr. McCoy holds two Bachelor Degrees from Calvin Simmons Bible College in Biblical Studies and Religious Education. He holds a Master of Theological Studies Degree in Christian Counseling and a Doctor of Ministry Degree in Christian Counseling from Logos Graduate School in Jacksonville, FL.

Dr. McCoy is an ordained minister, a certified Christian Counselor and a Certified Chaplain. He is a board member for The Board of Examiners for Georgia

Christian Counselors and Therapists, a board member for the American Chaplains Association, and a member of the Georgia Christian Counselors Association.

Chaplain to Chaplain highlights an ACA Chaplain. If you would like to nominate an ACA Chaplain for consideration, email Chaplain Juanita Warren, Editor at chaplainjuju@gmail.com.



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Corporate Chaplaincy: Marketplace Ministry



Chaplain Henry Hammons (right), with Marketplace Ministries, speaks to factory worker Dakota Brown at Encore Wire in McKinney, Texas. Marketplace Ministries, a 30-year-old nonprofit, provides workplace chaplains to hundreds of companies.

Like most CEOs, Gil Stricklin keeps close tabs on the numbers but the figures he cares about don't have dollar signs.

He cares about numbers that involve the nurturing of people's inner well-being.

The 80-year-old founder of Marketplace Ministries Inc. says 70% of U.S. workers don't belong to a church, so that's where Marketplace Ministries steps in.

The 30-year-old nonprofit provides workplace chaplains to companies so their employees and families will have access to voluntary, non-denominational, confidential pastoral services — anytime and just about anywhere.

Think of it as an employee assistance program with a subtle godly bent. "We're a really humanitarian service," Stricklin says. "Some of it has to do with spirituality, but only at the request of the employee. A lot of people in the workplace don't care that we're religious. They come to us because we can help them with their life's issues."

The 24/7/365 service is available for emergencies but also for happy occasions like weddings.

"We've had people be killed every way you can be killed," says Stricklin, who spent 22 years as a U.S. Army chaplain and patterned the nonprofit after the military chaplaincy. "One employee at a company ... lost her husband and 15-year-old son in a light airplane crash. A young guy at one of our companies fell into a machine and was killed instantly.

"We do a funeral somewhere every day for people who don't have a priest or a pastor."

Every Monday, Stricklin studies a spreadsheet. Last week, it showed that Marketplace Ministries added five chaplains and two companies, bringing the totals to 2,755 chaplains dispatched to 635 companies in 1,041 cities, 46 states and six international countries. Marketplace ministers represent 93 denominations.

For non-Christians, the service has a resource pool of Muslims, Buddhists, rabbis and other religious advisers. "When employees of other faiths don't have a mosque or a temple, we get them in contact with one," Stricklin says.

In the early 1980s, Stricklin was a staff pastor at the Baptist General Convention of Texas and an Army chaplain on active reserve in Dallas.

Members of his Army unit would ask him to visit a loved one in the hospital, perform a wedding, give marriage advice or just listen. "I thought, 'If this is true for guys and gals in my unit, what about the guy who works at the Exxon service station?'" Stricklin recalls.

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Logos University 2016 International Conference and Graduation

The Logos University 2016 International Conference and Graduation will be held at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel on June 9, 2016 through June 11, 2016 in beautiful Jacksonville, Florida USA. Come connect with us as we gather together with leaders from all around the world during this amazing time of great workshops, leadership development, a spectacular Friday Night Gala, and our Grand Finale as we celebrate our 2016 Graduating Class.



Logos University has received a discounted rate of \$119 per night with the Omni Jacksonville Hotel. Please make reservations under the Logos University room block to receive this great rate. Be sure you contact the Omni Jacksonville Hotel to register for your room accommodations. Register today as there are limited spots available at this discounted rate. [Conference2016-registration](#)

Jacksonville, FL @ Omni Jacksonville Hotel

June 9-11, 2016

Early Bird Pricing ends March 31st!

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