

# The Chaplain

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## CHAPLAIN, CLINICAL COUNSELOR, PASTOR

- Pastor and Counselor experienced in providing care to terminally ill patients and their families in coping with grief and loss. Additionally experienced in providing crisis interventions, addiction and relationship counseling.
  - Practiced providing spiritual, emotional, and crisis care/counseling to individuals from all faiths while working between 2 hospitals within the Christiana Care Health System. Provided resolutions to crises and emotional issues through empathy, support, prayer and scriptural wisdom.
  - Proven ability to facilitate relationships with patients, family members, physicians and staff.
  - Assisted patients/families in utilizing/reconnecting to spiritual resources or rituals in circumstances of intractable pain, deterioration, and dying by exploring past and evolving sources of purpose and meaning
  - Daily engaged patients/families in pastoral conversation concerning issues of reconciliation, unfinished business and unmet spiritual needs.
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CHRISTIANA CARE HEALTH SYSTEMS, Nowhere, PA

May 2011 – Present

### **Chaplain Resident**

Provide pain, palliative, and crisis care/counseling to individuals of all faiths while working at Level 1 trauma hospital. Units covered includes emergency room, cardiology, psychiatry, rehabilitative services, intensive care units and oncology. Recognized, diagnosed and addressd spiritual and emotional pain in the patient and family members who are separated from sources of meaning.

- Provided culturally comptent spiritual and emotional care. Facilitated crisis interventions and other emotional responses that brought comfort to patients and families.
- Counseled and provided care to patients with life-threatening illnesses as a member of the Pain and Palliative team, helping families to respond effectively to the approaching death of a loved one; Facilitated the post-death bereavement process for families, including referrals to a variety of educational and support groups, individual counseling, and crisis response resources.
- Visited patients/families to provide pastoral care as determined by spiritual assessment and the interdisciplinary team plan of care. Attend interdisciplinary team meetings to provide spiritual input to the plan of care and to interpret spiritual and emotional issues.
- Provided bereavement services, preach memorial and lead Chapel and funeral services. Facilitate spiritual issues related to organ/tissue donation. Assisted patients and families in completing advance directives.

MAINLINE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, Nowhere, PA

Apr 2008 – Present

### **Associate Minister**

Provide grief, bereavement, pre-marital and marital and relationship counseling. Oversee Evangelism Department planning outreaches and events.

- Resolved crises and emotional issues through empathy, support, prayer and scriptural wisdom.
- Identify and address addiction issues and character growth topics
- Noted for incorporating multimedia, testimonies, music, and multi-sensory experiences into a message for illustration and effect. Designed curriculum and conducted seminars and training sessions.
- Started Life Impact Evangelistic ministries outreach program providing church growth seminars, counseling, pastoral care services, discipleship and mentorship programs to churches and community.

REMED RECOVERY CARE, Nowhere, PA

Feb 2008 – Apr 2010

### **Facilitator / Traumatic Brain Injury Specialist**

Serve as primary Counselor and support person for rehabilitation of individuals who have suffered a traumatic brain injury. Travel to different hospitals and rehabilitation centers. Assist in daily living activities, collaborate on treatment/behavior management and communicate with medical teams, families and outside agencies. Maintain a safe and secure environment.

- Recognized for achieving a 95 % improvement of patients' health and progress.

- Noted for providing keen insights on patient treatment such as reintroducing patients back to society through job placement, planning 24 hour a day schedules, rebuilding self-esteem, and planning weekend outings and social gatherings.
- Requested to work every week at 2 hospitals in the Philadelphia area due to extensive knowledge and experience with traumatic brain injury and mental health
- Noted as 1 of few facilitators trained at both the behavior and medical programs.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE – MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION, Anywhere, DE

2006 – 2008

**Church Plant Specialist / Sr. Pastor, City Impact Ministries**

Tasked by Alliance to “plant” a church and develop social programs within the inner city urban areas of Wilmington, DE; managed a staff of 12 and a project budget of \$225,000; led marketing, promotion, and outreach initiatives.

- Established church and its social programs from the ground up to meet the spiritual/physical needs of inner city community.
- Trained leadership and secured membership of 115+ community members; successfully raised necessary funds and tracking to complete this project within its nine-month deadline.
- Partnered with Liberty University to develop a scholarship program for young adults.
- Instituted various social programs such as GED classes, computer skills training, afterschool programs, literacy initiatives, and leadership training; currently launching a day care for low income single mothers.
- Generated statewide exposure by broadcasting weekly services via television.
- Counseled individuals regarding various spiritual and social issues.

TREE OF LIFE MINISTRIES, Lynchburg, VA

2005 – 2006

**Church Plant Specialist / Sr. Pastor, Tree of Life Christian Fellowship Church**

Led all aspects of a church plant/non-profit organization project within Lynchburg’s inner city; managed a staff of 25 in the founding and establishing the Tree of Life Christian Fellowship and related community outreach programs; established and supervised the marketing, budget management, administration, recruitment, and leadership training of this project; preached weekly sermons and taught weekly Bible lessons.

- Grew church and non-profit social program organization from the ground up to more than 100 community members.
- Established and oversaw the ministry outreach department and social programs such as *Feed the Homeless* and the *Impact Youth Mentoring Service* where area schools children could receive mentoring and leadership training.
- Achieved 80% of congregation participation in community service or leadership roles.
- Presence of and community involvement in this outreach ministry had reduced crime by 50%.
- Arranged for radio broadcast of weekly services to communicate the church’s message and services.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY, Lynchburg, VA

2003 – 2005

**Dorm Counselor / Prayer Leader**

Charged with the spiritual and physical well-being of 5 young male students per year; counseled and guided men through weekly group as well as individual meetings; engaged in conflict resolution.

- Founded numerous counseling cell groups for young people and trained future leaders; motivated 3 of the 5 young men to pursue Prayer Leader positions. Counseled and mentored individuals to stay in school and receive degrees.

***Prior professional experience as a Nursing Technician with  
New York Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, NY, 1997 – 2002***

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**EDUCATION, COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**

Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, VA • **Masters of Arts in Religion**, 2006

Almeda University, Boise, ID • **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration**, 2000

- *Member*, Association of Professional Chaplains, 2011- Present
- *Member*, Delaware Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council (IMAC), 2006 – 2008
- *Member*, Wilmington Jaycees, 2006 – 2008
- *Member*, Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League Young Professionals, 2006 – 2008
- *President*, Seminary Student Government, Liberty University, 2004 – 2005