



# United Methodist Endorsing Agency

General Board of Higher Education & Ministry Division of Ordained Ministry

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## Professional Pastoral Care Organizations

*The following organizations offer education, information, and certification for pastoral care in specialized settings. The links are active at [www.gbhem.org/chaplains](http://www.gbhem.org/chaplains).*

### **American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)**

703-838-9808

Web site: [www.aamft.org](http://www.aamft.org)

AAMFT promotes understanding, research, and education in marriage and family therapy. AAMFT is a secular organization and does not currently have a religious component. Clinical member requirements include master's or doctoral degree in marital and family therapy or an equivalent course of study as defined by the AAMFT Board of Directors. Endorsement with AAMFT certification is for those serving in the field of marriage and family therapy.

### **American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Religion and Spirituality Division**

%The Boggs Center, Attn: Bill Gaventa

732-235-9304

Web site: [www.aaiddreligion.org](http://www.aaiddreligion.org) and [www.aidd.org](http://www.aidd.org)

The Religion and Spirituality Division of the AAIDD promotes pastoral and congregational ministries to persons in the community and in institutions who have developmental disabilities. Publications available include a quarterly newsletter, a resource guide, and discount subscription rates for the Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health. (Haworth Press) Membership is open through AAIDD. The Division meets annually at the time of the national conference of the multidisciplinary AAIDD.

### **American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)**

703-385-6967

Web site: [www.aapc.org](http://www.aapc.org)

An international organization of ministers, priests, rabbis, and religiously oriented professionals, AAPC promotes the development of pastoral counseling ministry. They also provide accreditation for pastoral counseling centers and training programs. Affiliation is urged for pastors and other professionals interested in pastoral counseling.

AAPC publishes a quarterly newsletter, including a list of job and training opportunities. Members receive *The Journal of Pastoral Care*. An annual convention is held in the spring and an educational conference is provided each January. In the fall, regional meetings are held.

## **American Correctional Chaplains Association (ACCA)**

Web site: [www.correctionalchaplains.org](http://www.correctionalchaplains.org)

An organization for persons of all faith groups providing pastoral care in correctional institutions, ACCA provides continuing education and certification opportunities for prison chaplains. ACCA is an affiliate organization of the ACA and holds an annual meeting in the summer. Regional events are held in the spring. ACCA publishes a newsletter for members.

## **Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)**

404-320-1472

Web site: [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu)

An interfaith organization to foster training in pastoral care through clinical pastoral education, ACPE establishes CPE standards, accredits CPE centers, and certifies CPE supervisors. Membership is composed of supervisors, seminaries, denominations, and individuals who support CPE. ACPE publishes a bi-monthly newsletter which includes a list of job opportunities. Members receive *The Journal of Pastoral Care*. An annual conference is held in the spring. Fall and spring meetings are held in each region.

## **Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)**

847-240-1014

Web site: [www.professionalchaplains.org](http://www.professionalchaplains.org)

APC is a multifaith association established to certify and serve its membership and to promote professional chaplaincy. Membership categories are Board Certified Chaplain, Provisional Certified Chaplain, Associate Chaplain, Provisional Associate Chaplain, Affiliate, and Student Affiliate. The APC publishes a bimonthly newsletter, *The APC News*, and a biannual journal, *Chaplaincy Today, Journal for the Association of Professional Chaplains*. Board Certified, Provisional Certified and Associate Chaplains receive *The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling* as a benefit of membership.

## **College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP)**

Web site: [www.cpsp.org](http://www.cpsp.org)

CPSP is a theologically based covenant community dedicated to the "Recovery of Soul." CPSP certifies "Diplomats," credentials "Pastoral Counselors and Board Certified Clinical Chaplain and Associate Chaplain," and accredits clinical pastoral education programs and programs in counseling and psychotherapy.

## **Federation of Fire Chaplains**

254-622-8514

Web site: <http://www.firechaplains.org>

The mission of the Federation of Fire Chaplains is to bring together persons interested in providing an effective Chaplain Service: to give aid, comfort and help to firefighters and their families; to work toward the betterment of all areas of the fire and emergency service.

To serve God, to aid humanity, our communities, our government, our religions, our Country and the quality of life. The Federation is non-denominational.

## **International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains (IACAC)**

Web site: [www.iacac.info](http://www.iacac.info)

An ecumenical group of civil aviation chaplains, IACAC provides mutual support or its members. An annual meeting is held in the fall of the year where training and education are provided.

## **International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC)**

850-654-9736

Web site: [www.icpc4cops.org](http://www.icpc4cops.org)

ICPC is an international organization of chaplains of all faiths who serve law enforcement agencies. Pastoral care and counseling are provided to law enforcement officers, civilian employees, their families and crime victims. ICPC also provides assistance to law enforcement agencies seeking to develop chaplaincy programs. ICPC provides a newsletter to members. Regional seminars and a national training seminar are held each year.

## **National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains (NAVAC)**

Web site: [www.navac.net](http://www.navac.net)

NAVAC was established to pursue excellence in providing pastoral care for veteran patients, their families, and staff. Members are given opportunities for continuing education and certification to promote personal growth and professional development. Professional collegiality is encouraged. An annual meeting is held in the fall.

## **National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplains (NIBIC)**

713- 266-2456

Web site: [www.nibic.com](http://www.nibic.com)

An organization of ministers, priests, rabbis, and laypersons, NIBIC serves employees and their families in business and industrial settings through pastoral care and counseling ministry. Certification for qualified professional workplace chaplains is offered.

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