

# Siburt Institute Chaplains Fellowship

## Program Description

### IDENTITY AND PURPOSE

The Siburt Institute Chaplains Fellowship is a network of professional chaplains, chaplaincy candidates, students, and allies that exists to provide opportunities for professional education, spiritual growth, personal support, and networking for chaplains of the Churches of Christ or Stone-Campbell movement (COC/SC). The fellowship welcomes chaplains from varied contexts, including but not limited to: acute care hospital, mental health, rehabilitation, tele-chaplaincy, military, first responder, academic, corporate, hospice, etc.

### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED

#### ENDORSEMENT AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

*Available to candidate members*

- Endorsement for professional chaplaincy certification
- Mentoring and ongoing support of candidates preparing for certification

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

*Available to professional, student, and affiliate members*

- Quarterly “lunch and learn” teleconferences
- Chaplaincy-focused presentations at church-affiliated conferences (e.g., ACU Summit, Pepperdine Harbor)

#### PERSONAL SUPPORT AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

*Available to professional, student, and affiliate members*

- Electronic newsletter and message board for sharing chaplaincy job openings, comings and goings, and other news of common interest
- Periodic chaplains support calls via Zoom, modeled after the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) Community Support Call program and the Spiritual Care Association’s (SCA’s) Communities of Chaplains
- Social events at church-affiliated conferences

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

#### CANDIDATE MEMBERS

- Candidates applying for endorsement by the Siburt Institute
- Candidates who have received endorsement by the Siburt Institute and are preparing for professional chaplaincy certification



## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

- Chaplains endorsed by the Siburt Institute and certified by a recognized professional chaplaincy organization such as:
  - American Correctional Chaplains Association
  - Association of Certified Christian Chaplains
  - Association of Clinical Pastoral Education
  - Association of Professional Chaplains
  - Canadian Association for Spiritual Care
  - Center for Spiritual Care and Pastoral Formation
  - Clinical Pastoral Education International
  - College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy
  - Healthcare Chaplains Ministry Association
  - International Association of Christian Chaplains
  - National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains
  - National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplains
  - Spiritual Care Association
  - World Spiritual Health Organization
- Chaplains serving in the military or other federal, state, or local agencies
- Other certified professional chaplains who wish to join
- Members of other professions who share with chaplains an interest in spirituality in their practice
- Endorsing committee members
- Siburt Institute personnel involved in the endorsing process

Professional members are considered in good standing unless, they resign voluntarily, their endorsement is withdrawn, or their professional certification is withdrawn or becomes inactive.

## STUDENT MEMBERS

- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) students
- Graduate students preparing for professional ministry (M.Div. or similar programs)

## AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- Chaplaincy or ministry educators
- Church leaders and others who consider themselves allies and supporters of chaplaincy

## ENROLLMENT

- Professional chaplains, students, and affiliates may enroll by completing the [Siburt Institute Chaplaincy Fellowship Membership Form](#).
- Siburt Institute endorsees, endorsing committee members, and personnel are enrolled automatically.
- There are no membership dues.

