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MAY NEWSLETTER

Seasons of Change

The last couple of months have included seasons of change on a number of different levels. There has been the change from Winter to Spring. There has been the change from Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time. Added to these are the changes enacted because of the COVID-19 virus: social distancing, wearing masks in public, hand washing (which is always a good idea), Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and restrictions for public gatherings, travel, commerce, and school closures. Who knew there would be a shortage of toilet paper? Life has changed.

There are a few verses from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 that I have used for sermons and weddings and funerals and many other speaking engagements. The first verse begins: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." The next seven verses hold fourteen comparisons of change: Birth & Death, Plant & Harvest, Kill & Heal, Tear Down & Build Up, Weep & Laugh, Mourn & Dance, Throw Stones & Gather Stones, Embrace & Don't Embrace, Search & Give Up As Lost, Keep & Throw Away, Tear Apart & Sew Together, Silence & Speaking, Love & Hate, and War & Peace.

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Another season of change includes my resignation from Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy. It is time for me to retire from the chaplaincy. I submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of Directors April 9th, 2020 asking for an end date of August 31st, 2020. Years ago, I understood this time would come and projected it would be a year or so from now, but recently, after talking with family and friends and a counselor the decision has been made to be done now.

COPC Board Chairman Dave Pickhardt sent out an official announcement to the agencies throughout Central Oregon. Feel free to contact me if you would like a copy of that announcement or if I can answer questions or concerns. My phone is 541-788-3364 and email is mjdismore@gmail.com.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to be one of the chaplains in Central Oregon.

Hopefully as the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted, there will be a time for cake and coffee sometime in July or August.

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Be safe. Be healthy.

Chaplain Mike Dismore



Upcoming Dates

COPC Chaplains Training
1st Tuesday of every month

Due to COVID-19, please go to our website for up to date list of events.
Stay safe and healthy!

<http://www.copchaplain.com>

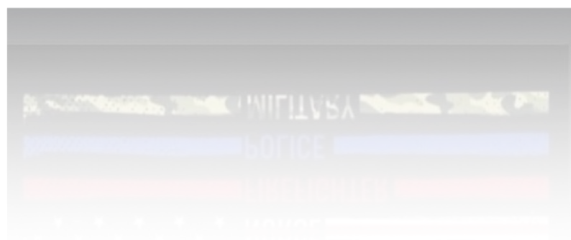
Thank you for your service!



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- Lyman Flenner
- Stephen Gilday
- Kimi Glaspie
- Terry James
- Paul Lanquist
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- Henry Porter
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