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NORTHWEST CHAPLAIN'S CONNECTION

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Regional Training Seminar 2011

"Proactive Chaplaincy" took on a new meaning as 64 chaplains from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington met at the Cannon Beach Conference Center in Cannon Beach, Oregon, January 10th -13th, 2011. The entire conference was a highlight as we met to receive great training, encouragement and support for accomplishing the work as Chaplains. The Chaplains were given the opportunity to listen to the heart of ICPC President, Cyndee Thomas, who identified what Proactive Chaplaincy can be and how this theme of work impacts both the chaplain and the men and women in uniform that we serve. The seasoned chaplain was challenged and the entry level chaplain was equipped with strategies and tools to assist us to be effective in our labor of love. We as well received a day of Training with Founders of "Pain Behind the Badge" – Sgt. Clarke and Tracie Paris of Las Vegas Metro PD. They were awesome in helping us once again to identify the culture that we serve and how we can strategize to make a difference to keep our officers healthy. Chaplains were provided Basic Certification Classes accomplishing half of the classes that they need with the hope that they will return to finish their Basic certification requirements. Seasoned Chaplains were challenged with Training for Self Care and Compliance Strategies. We had an unscheduled event for a time of Chaplain Care as we broke into groups to share the impact that the conference was making on our lives and ministries. Several of our chaplains received hope and support for this unscheduled event that drew many of our chaplains closer together and on the same team. A Proactive Opportunity to provide Self Care! We as well were able to make available two excellent books - The First 48 Hours and The Gift of Presence at no extra charge to our attending chaplains. If you were unable to attend please don't miss the next

RTS scheduled for January 9th-12th, 2012 at the Cannon Beach Conference Center. Please check the website for more information and pictures as we prepare for this event. The theme is <u>Raising the Standard.</u> — Jim Crowley



RTS 2011, Cannon Beach, OR

Northwest Chaplain's "*Connection*"

The purpose of the Northwest Chaplain's "Connection" is to provide a point of communication to share training opportunities in our region, and to provide prayer support for one another.

Please send your brief articles, dates to remember, and suggestions to drpaulellis @gmail.com by the 10th of each month.

Book Reviews

"Near the end of Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms," there is a word that has continued to stay with me. He said, 'The world breaks everyone. Then some become strong at the broken places.' As a pastor, I have seen people become strong at the broken places, and I have seen people become broken up at the broken places of life. I hope that the reader will learn how to assist those who are suffering, and will, at the same time, learn something of great value for living in these days." - Author Joe Pennel. Unfortunately, suffering is a part of living. None of us have escaped this fact. Even so, it's difficult to know how to console someone going through a broken place. In *The Gift of Presence*, Bishop Joe Pennel offers practical help to give confidence and skill to clergy and laity serving people in grief. With a central message on the importance of simply being there, Pennel combines practical "how-to's" with prayers, readings, and services. This small book outlines real ways to help through planning visits, writing notes, finding scriptures and prayers to read, avoiding cliches, and thinking through the theology of God, humans, and suffering. *The Gift of Presence* includes pertinent topics such as: the ministry of presence, quietness, sincerity, and the art of helping. <u>Amazon.com</u>

All that said, I believe this booklet, *The Gift of Presence*, should be a constant companion with any Chaplain's Bible; it is with mine. I would venture a guess that the church you are currently working with would find the booklet a tremendous resource. <u>Chaplain David Young - Montana</u>

"The First 48 Hours" provides the resources for those who are serious about supporting a Crisis Event. It helps identify what we as chaplains can accomplish to lay the foundation for recovery when those we serve and provide care for have experienced a critical event in their lives. Some materials that are written on this subject either are too removed from the practical or have very little relationship to the practical. Jennifer Cisney and Kevin Ellers <u>Get IT</u>. I appreciate their resourceful and clinical approach to motivating the church, pastors, and chaplains to be more effective. Their work helps us to not cause damage when we arrive. Their work will help the chaplain as a practitioner to improve their effectiveness while maintaining a balance in accomplishing care for the community and the officers they serve. A foundation is laid for entry level chaplains; a challenge for re-evaluation for those more experienced. Jim Crowley

Police and Fire Chaplain Training Academy

May 1-6, 2011 Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission Burien, WA Register early! You may register at policechaplaintraining.com ICPC Annual Training Seminar 2011

In Montego Bay, Jamaica— July 11–15, 2011

Visit icpc4cops.org for Registration Information

> ICPC ATS 2012 Spokane, WA July 7-13, 2012

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT (CISM)

Suicide: Prevention, Intervention, Postvention

April 7 & 8, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tillamook Bay Community College

4301 Third Street

Tillamook, Oregon

\$125

includes book and certification with ICISF & OR DPSST credit

Registration deadline is March 15, 2011

For registration information, contact: <u>celms@co.tillamook.or.us</u> or 503.812.8518

Course Description: Why do people kill themselves? How do I ask someone if they are feeling suicidal? What do I do if they say they ARE suicidal? How do I deal with the strong emotions suicide generates? This course will provide answers for these and other questions many of crisis interventionists have about suicide. It will provide participants with basic information about suicide as well as help participants develop practical skills for prevention, intervention and postvention. Small group role plays will allow participants to apply the suggested techniques as they are learned.

This course is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about intervening across the suicide spectrum. Professionals from the fields of Business & Industry Crisis Intervention, Disaster Response, Education, Emergency Services, Employee Assistance, Healthcare, Homeland Security, Mental Health, Military, Spiritual Care, and Traumatic Stress may all benefit.

Dr Daniel Clark – Instructor

Daniel W. Clark, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist currently working as the Washington State Patrol Department Psychologist as well as the CEO of Critical Concepts Consulting. He is a member of the faculty of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and a certified Basic Critical Incident Stress Management and Peer Support instructor. He is also the President of the Washington Critical Incident Stress Management Network.

Dr. Clark routinely presents on a variety of topics including workplace violence; suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention; critical incident stress management; peer support; death notification; time, anger, and stress management; coping with change, communication skills, and related topics.

This is an official International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) Course,

sponsored by Tillamook County Public Safety Chaplains.