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Chaplain Tim & Jan Klerekoper

Following a career in teaching and business, Tim believed God was calling him to Seminary, though not knowing what God had in mind for him to do. It was shortly after he started work on a Master's degree, that his family's babysitter was murdered. At her funeral he sat next to the head chaplain for the King County Police Department. Tim's conversation with him began a journey that has led Tim to serve as a full-time chaplain and as the Executive Director of Charteris Foundation.

Charteris Foundation, founded in 1992, is an organization dedicated to providing chaplaincy throughout King County and the Pacific Northwest. Chaplains offer a unique spiritual support during times of tragedy and crisis to police officers, firefighters, medics, Federal agents and their families. Chaplains also provide service to members of the community. Chaplains are a unique extension of the church working within the local community. Charteris Foundation Chaplains currently serve the police and fire departments in Auburn, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, Des Moines, Normandy Park, Skyway, and Federal Way. In addition to providing local on-scene support to the community, Tim is also a full time chaplain serving the Department of Homeland Security, an instructor for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, FEMA, the International Association of Chief's of Police, California POST, and the International Conference of Police Chaplains in which he serves as Northwest Regional Director.

Chaplain Tim spends many hours each week riding with police officers and visiting fire stations. As he gets to know the officers he is given opportunities to encourage them and to minister to them and to their families. He is available to offer marriage and family counseling and to help them cope with the often difficult tasks they are asked to perform.

In all of these things, God is using Tim to represent HIS hope and comfort, and reflect HIS love to hundreds of people, many of whom would never have contact with a local church. Pray for Tim and his work of providing training, counseling and crisis care in our local community!

Tim and his wife Jan live in Federal Way. They have three children. In addition, they also have two foster children (boys in their early to mid teens), whom Tim has had the privilege to lead to Christ and baptize.

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