

**Jeffrey Funk**

Executive Director at Healthcare Chaplains
Ministry Association (HCMA)

**Greater Los Angeles Area
Health, Wellness and Fitness**

Current Talbot School of Theology, Healthcare Chaplains Ministry Association
(HCMA)

Previous Saddleback Memorial Medical Center and Friendly Hills Regional Medical Center,
White-Emerson Mortuary, Various Churches

Experience:**Adjunct Professor****Talbot School of Theology**

2005 – Present (10 years) La Mirada, CA

Teach "Pastoral Care & Chaplaincy" class (TTPT 604)

Executive Director**Healthcare Chaplains Ministry Association (HCMA)**

2000 – Present (15 years) Placentia, CA

The mission of HCMA is to select, train, certify, place, and support compassionate and competent Christian Chaplains in the field of pastoral/spiritual services at healthcare institutions worldwide. Among Chaplain Funk's many administrative duties, which include screening all applicants to HCMA, he has also edited the four-unit HCMA Clinical Pastoral Education Curriculum.

Hospital Chaplain**Saddleback Memorial Medical Center and Friendly Hills Regional Medical Center**

1991 – 2000 (9 years)

In addition to his regular duties as a Healthcare Chaplain, Chaplain Funk has chaired the hospital bioethics committee, facilitated grief recovery support groups, a cancer support group, a COPD support group, and written several journal articles and authored two booklets: *As Someone Dies: What to Expect and Ways to Care* and *After Someone Dies: What Now?*

Funeral Director**White-Emerson Mortuary**

1975 – 1991 (16 years)

Arranged and directed funerals and provided grief counseling

Pastor**Various Churches**

1971 – 1991 (20 years)

Preaching, teaching, counseling, mentoring, small groups

Background:

Jeffrey grew up in the orange groves of La Verne, CA. He put himself through college taking care of chickens and growing hay and vegetable crops in the Pomona Valley area.

During the summers of 1974 and 1975, Chaplain Funk served with the Central American Mission in Guatemala. He was ordained in the Baptist General Conference in 1983.

Chaplain Funk has served as a Volunteer Chaplain with the La Habra Police Chaplains Association. For thirteen years (prior to becoming a Hospital Chaplain) he was a funeral director and grief counselor for a funeral home in La Habra.

For over twenty-four years he and his wife cared for their first-born son, Joshua. He had chronic renal insufficiency: including home dialysis, two transplants, rejection of both transplants, numerous hospitalizations, and several life-threatening crises. Josh died of complications related to his kidney disease on March 23, 2001. Their second son is a Registered Nurse and their third son is adopted and has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Bipolar Disorder, and Asperger's Syndrome, which keeps things very busy at home for his wife.

When not working, Jeffrey is an avid fisherman and also enjoys gardening and playing with his grandchildren.