Dear Chaplains,

We cordially invite you to join us for our annual CRC Chaplains’ Conference at the Prince Conference Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Registration check in begins 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 8, 2017, and our wrap-up worship service will conclude around noontime on Saturday June 10. We have designed a stimulating conference and your attendance is strongly recommended. This conference is the primary venue by which you, our chaplains maintain connection to each other and our denomination.

We are celebrating 100 years of chaplaincy in the Christian Reformed Church in North America. (75 years since the Office of Chaplaincy Ministry was established), thus our conference theme is Pioneers Past and Present.

Our keynote speaker is Rev. Scott Hoezee, Director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching B.A. (Calvin College, 1986) M.Div. (Calvin Theological Seminary, 1990)

Rev. Scott E. Hoezee is an ordained pastor in the Christian Reformed Church in North America and has served two congregations. He was the pastor of Second Christian Reformed Church in Fremont, Michigan, from 1990-1993. Then from 1993-2005 he was the Minister of Preaching and Administration at Calvin CRC in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In the spring of 2005 Scott accepted the Seminary’s offer to become the first Director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching. He has also been a member of the Pastor-Theologian Program sponsored by the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey, where he was pastor-in-residence in the fall of 2000. From 2001-2011 Scott served on the editorial board of Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought and was co-editor of that journal from 2005-2011.


Session 1: Rev. Scott Hoezee
Session 2: Panel Discussion: Pioneers of the Past – Lessons Learned
Session 3: Pioneers of the Future – Ministering to a Pluralistic Society
Saturday morning some chaplains will tell their stories, we will share reactions to the conference theme and speakers, and we hope to interact with Synod 2017 by way of technology. We will close the conference with a worship and communion service.

In addition, we include the following:

♦ Active Duty and Reserve/Guard Chaplains will meet Thursday morning, June 9, from 9:00 am to noon in the Hickory Room.
♦ Chaplaincy Advisory Board will meet Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 3 PM with Ron Klimp and the new Director.
♦ Conference Planning Committee will meet Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 6 PM for supper.
♦ Poster Presentations—for those of you traveling by plane and cannot accommodate a poster board, please let Beverly know what size board you need. She will purchase a board.
♦ We will honor our retirees and years of service awards at the banquet Friday evening at the Prince Center.
♦ Participation in local worship services on Sunday, June 11, is encouraged, but will be arranged independently by the chaplains and churches. *(We will facilitate only if requested.)*

We trust this will give you adequate information for you to acquire your approval to attend. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call our office (616) 224-0733 or (616) 224-0844.

Sincerely,

Ron Klimp,
Endorser
Director of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry