



# Chaplaincy and Care Ministry

*Being There in Moments That Matter*

## What We Do

Chaplaincy is a healing, reconciling ministry of God, an expression and extension of God's activity and mission in the world. It provides pastoral ministry in specialized settings to people who are hurting or in crisis, uprooted or dislocated. Through the presence of chaplains, the very settings in which they minister become surprising places of grace. Chaplains are exceptional, well-trained ministers of the Word or commissioned pastors who serve in specialized ministries beyond the walls of the church. Chaplains are specially trained, called and ordained by the church, and sent by Jesus Christ to provide spiritual care to people in pain or spiritual distress.



We are blessed by three kinds of financial support: CRC ministry shares, designated church offerings, and generous gifts from people like you. Thank You!

## Chaplaincy and Care Ministry supports chaplains through:

- **Recruiting and identifying** candidates who are fit for chaplain ministry
- **Assisting** chaplain candidates through their education and/or specialized training
- **Endorsing** chaplains for their ministry
- **Providing** resources, visits, and prayers to chaplains and their families
- **Training** chaplains through annual conferences, ministry updates, and shared information
- **Affirming** the connection between chaplains and calling churches by way of a Covenant of Joint Supervision
- **Promoting** chaplaincy ministry in the church and community
- **Participating** in national/state/provincial chaplaincy organizations
- **Educating** the church about institutional ministry
- **A Chaplain Development Fund**, which assists current and aspiring chaplains as they meet educational needs

## Who We Are



### Rev. Tim Rietkerk

#### *Director*

Tim enlists, endorses, advocates, trains, and supports the chaplains of the CRC as they carry out their ministries in a variety of settings. Tim is a graduate of Calvin University (BA), Calvin Theological Seminary (M.DIV), and Princeton Theological Seminary (TH.M). He is a retired US Army Chaplain, having also worked as a Chaplain Resident for the Veterans Affairs San Diego Healthcare System and a Hospice Chaplain for Vitas Healthcare, San Diego County. Tim currently lives in San Diego, California, with his wife Kristen.

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### Rev. Sarah Roelofs, BCC

#### *Ministry Consultant*

Sarah provides ministry support, assists inquiring students and pastors, plans the annual chaplains training, and connects with donors. She is a graduate of Dordt University (BA) and Calvin Theological Seminary (M.DIV). Sarah has worked as a chaplain in several acute care hospitals in Indiana and Colorado, and has served as a US Air Force Reserve chaplain. Sarah is board certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains and has served on numerous certification and recertification committees. She resides in Grand Rapids with her husband, Justin, and two children.

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### Carol VanderArk Champion

#### *Senior Administrative Assistant*

Carol assists chaplains throughout the endorsement process, coordinates the annual Chaplains Training, and provides support to the Director of Chaplaincy and Care. Carol has served the ministries of the CRCNA in a variety of roles over the course of 15 years. She lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with her husband, Bob and daughter, Lidia.

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