

## Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Chaplaincy Volunteer Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #s: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Active in the following congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Layperson     Ordained Clergy     Mental Health Provider     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Days and Hours Available:

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

Describe any professional, personal, or volunteer experiences that equip you for this ministry.

*(Please include any lay counseling, background, or courses):* \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Language:</u>	<u>Writing and Reading</u>		<u>Spoken</u>		<u>Experience Serving:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>			
1. English	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	1. Adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Spanish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	2. Children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	3. Crime Victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Other Languages</i> _____					4. Homicide Survivors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
					5. Suicide Survivors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any crimes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ *If Yes, please explain:*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Location:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Offense:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Describe:*

In completing this application, I agree to: (a) follow established Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy procedures, (b) complete an interview and screening process, (c) complete required trainings, (d) attend monthly meetings, (e) be available for the program when possible, and (f) commit to serving in the program for at least one year. In addition, I hereby grant permission for the program to: (g) complete a criminal background check.

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Chaplaincy Volunteer Application**

If you feel called and qualified for this position, please complete a cover letter explaining why you would be a good match for this position and mission, and answer the questions below. Thank you for your interest in the ministry of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy!

### **All Volunteers:**

1. Describe how you would express your distinctive faith beliefs through your ministry in the CCC, our pluralistic community, and in secular settings.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are your personal practices to continue your own spiritual growth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are your personal practices for self-care?

### **Chaplains:**

4. Describe your ministerial experience/calling to chaplaincy ministry.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What has been your experience/calling in developing personal relationships with police, fire, and emergency medical personnel, or survivors?

## Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Volunteer Application – Survey

The purpose of this survey is to learn more about your service approach, experiences, and needs. Your answers will help guide our recommendations to better support you in serving our community of survivors.

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
1. I find it difficult to maintain confidentiality.					
2. I can say no to inappropriate requests.					
3. I show respect for the law.					
4. It is easy to get “over-involved” or spend too much time with families I serve.					
5. I can balance personal and program needs.					
6. I’m aware of my own biases.					
7. I value diversity in my community.					
8. I challenge myself to do the right thing.					
9. I complete tasks required by my supervisor.					
10. I’m open to feedback.					
11. I enjoy serving those in need.					
12. I feel confident serving distressed adults.					
13. I’m comfortable working with children.					
14. I can serve families who do not speak my language.					
15. I have difficulty serving people who don’t share my spiritual beliefs.					
16. I try to learn about other cultures, traditions, lifestyles, and backgrounds.					
17. I pray with all my clients, even when they don’t ask me to pray.					
18. I can serve those who need my support, even if they are not religious or don’t have faith.					
19. I feel uncomfortable working with families who do not have legal status in the United States.					
20. I’m comfortable serving homicide survivors.					
21. I can remain calm even when others around me are distressed.					
22. I can work well with first responders, victim advocates, and law enforcement.					
23. I aim to use my position to teach scripture and God’s love.					

24. I feel uncomfortable serving people from ethnic backgrounds that I am not familiar with.					
25. I get very excited when I think about responding to a crisis.					
26. I can work alongside people of different faiths ( <i>such as Roman Catholic, Protestant Christian, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism</i> ).					
27. I can serve survivors from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) communities.					
28. Responding to certain situations is difficult because of my own loss or trauma.					
29. I'm comfortable serving suicide survivors.					
30. I'm eager to go to a crime scene.					
31. During difficult situations, I consult with my fellow volunteers and supervisors.					
32. I notice when I'm stressed.					
33. I use relaxation skills and other coping strategies when I'm stressed.					
34. I seek support from friends and family.					
35. I give myself permission to laugh even when I'm stressed.					
36. I take breaks from serving others.					
37. I have hobbies outside of my job and service.					
38. I make time for self-care.					
39. I consult coworkers or leadership when I am unsure of ethical decisions.					

<b>I have experienced:</b>	<u><b>In the last 3 years?</b></u>		<u><b>In my life?</b></u>	
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
40. Being hospitalized for mental health concerns.				
41. A potentially traumatic event.				
42. The sudden loss of someone I love.				
43. The loss of a loved one to homicide or suicide.				

*If Yes, please explain (in however detail you feel comfortable):* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy**  
**Chaplaincy Volunteer Interview Questions**

**Goals and Motivation**

1. Why would you like to serve with the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy?
2. What motivates you to help survivors and victims' families?
3. What makes you a good candidate for this role?
4. What are you hoping to gain from this experience?

**Settings and Populations**

5. Please describe settings or situations in which you might be hesitant to provide services.
6. Please describe any populations with whom you are not comfortable helping.
7. Please describe your experience working with diverse populations.

**Coping Strategies**

8. What strategies do you use to cope with stress and difficult situations?
9. How do you work with others during a crisis?

**Support and Training**

10. What challenges do you foresee in this role?
11. What might you need from the program and staff to feel supported in your role?
12. What training would be helpful to help you better support those in need?

## **Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy**

### **Chaplaincy Volunteer Interview Vignettes**

#### **Working with Children**

1. You are called to respond to a home invasion that resulted in the homicide of a father, survived by the wife and two young children. You arrive on scene and while the mother is responding to questions by the on-scene officer, you notice that the children are unattended and distressed. What might you do in this situation?

#### **Suicide Survivors**

2. You are called to respond to a home in which a teen committed suicide. The parents are visibly distressed, and officers and other first responders have not been able to calm them down. What might your role be?

#### **Resistant Survivors**

3. You arrive on scene, and a family member tells you that the family does not want a “church” person to ask them questions or talk to them. They may even ask you to leave. How do you respond? How would you provide support?

#### **First Responders**

4. You arrive on scene, and the first responders are visibly distressed and affected, and are having a difficult time responding to the family’s needs. What can you do in this scenario?

#### **Managing Your Own Distress**

5. You arrive on scene, and the scene is still active. The perpetrator has not been found, and the body has not been covered. You begin feeling distress and anxiety. The survivors have needs, but you’re having difficulty managing your own emotions. What might you do in this situation?

#### **Skills to Support Survivors**

6. You arrive for your survivor care follow-up meeting, and the survivor tells you he is still experiencing a lot of anxiety and stress, and has been having problems sleeping. What can you provide to help him?

#### **Peer Support**

7. One of your peer chaplains lets you know she is experiencing difficulty separating her own loss when serving survivors. What are some ways you can support your peer?