

Redeeming our Communities Through Local Church Chaplaincy Outreach

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I. Chaplaincy Provides a Biblical and Practical Model for Local Church Community Care Ministries.

A. Biblical overview.

1. Old Testament – Those “set aside” with special gifts for chaplaincy type ministries.” (Priests, counselors)
2. New Testament – “Beyond the gates” (Hebrews 13) the church in its work with homeless, those afflicted, those in prison, widows, etc.

B. Our Pentecostal Heritage

1. Care as the precedent of evangelism
 - John Wesley’s care for those disenfranchised from the established church
 - Our own Church of God history...”we came from “persons/families” of physical and emotional needs.”
2. Focused in:
 - (a) Care as Covenant
 - (b) Care as Character
 - (c) Care as Commission

II. The local church as a “lighthouse of care.”

A. Recognition that care grows out of our own “woundedness.” “Wounded healers”

1. Wounds within the local body; confessed and shared

2. The transition of transforming those wounds into ministry
 - Focused care within the local church
 - Training for the expansion of care to the community

B. “Chaplaincy attitudes” breaks down the walls between the local church and its surrounding community.

1. In regard to race, gender and other ethnic issues
2. In regard to the balance between the “charismatic” and the “professional.”
3. In regard to “short term” care and “long term” care.
4. In regard to “outside care” and “inside care.”

C. A training model for transforming a local church into a chaplaincy care center.

1. Training workers to think and perform as chaplains
2. Development of a local church ongoing chaplaincy program
3. Evaluation and propagation of these programs

III. An overview from those committed to a local church chaplaincy model

1. Military/colleges/youth
2. Jail, prison and legal systems
3. Law Enforcement agencies
4. Social Service Agencies
5. Clinical
6. Other special areas: Seniors, youth offenders, legal courts, homeless, etc.