

Dept of California District Chaplains Meeting 2023



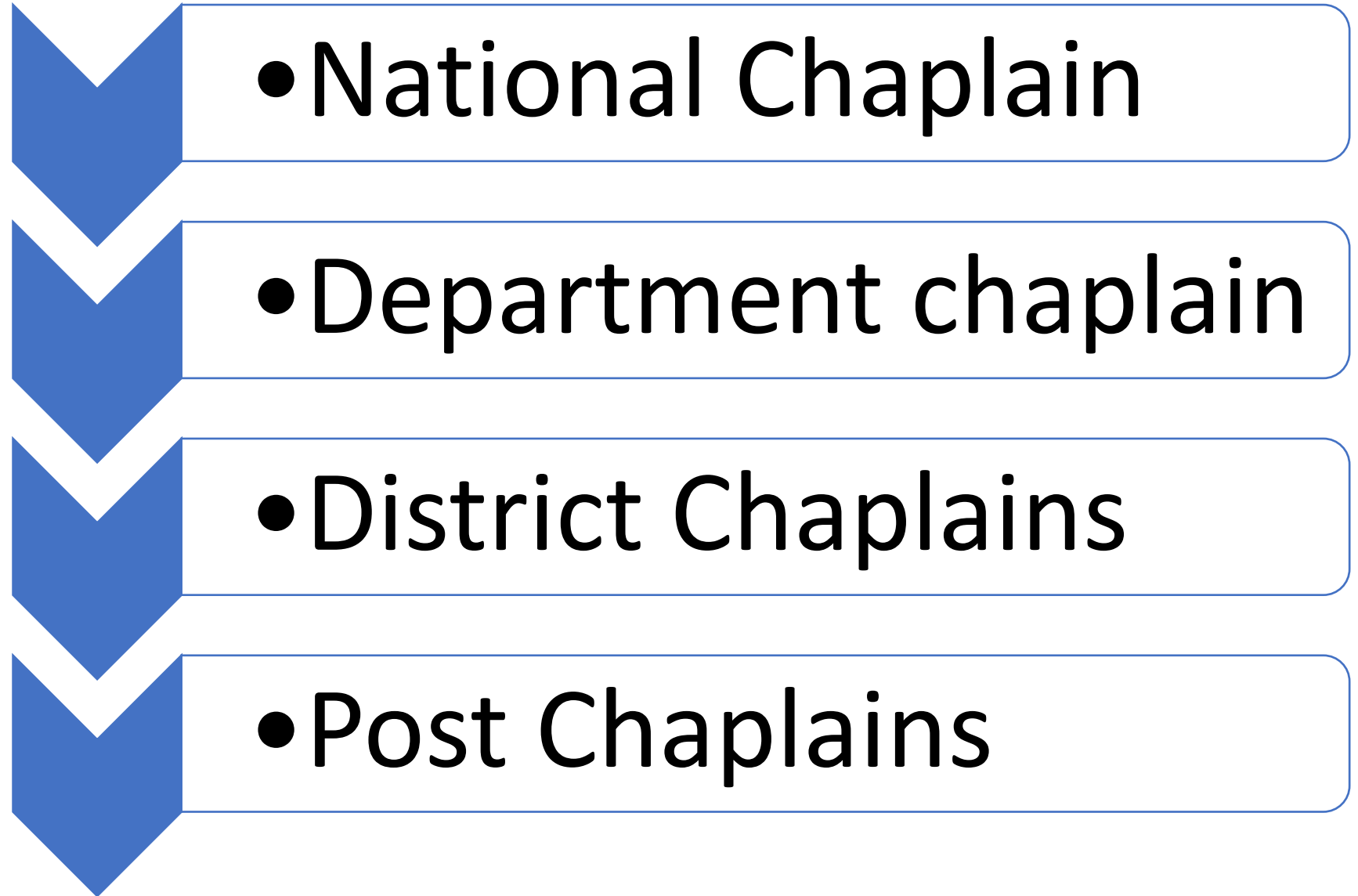
Goals

1. Effective Communication
2. Clarify your role
3. Available training & resources for Chaplains





Communication flow

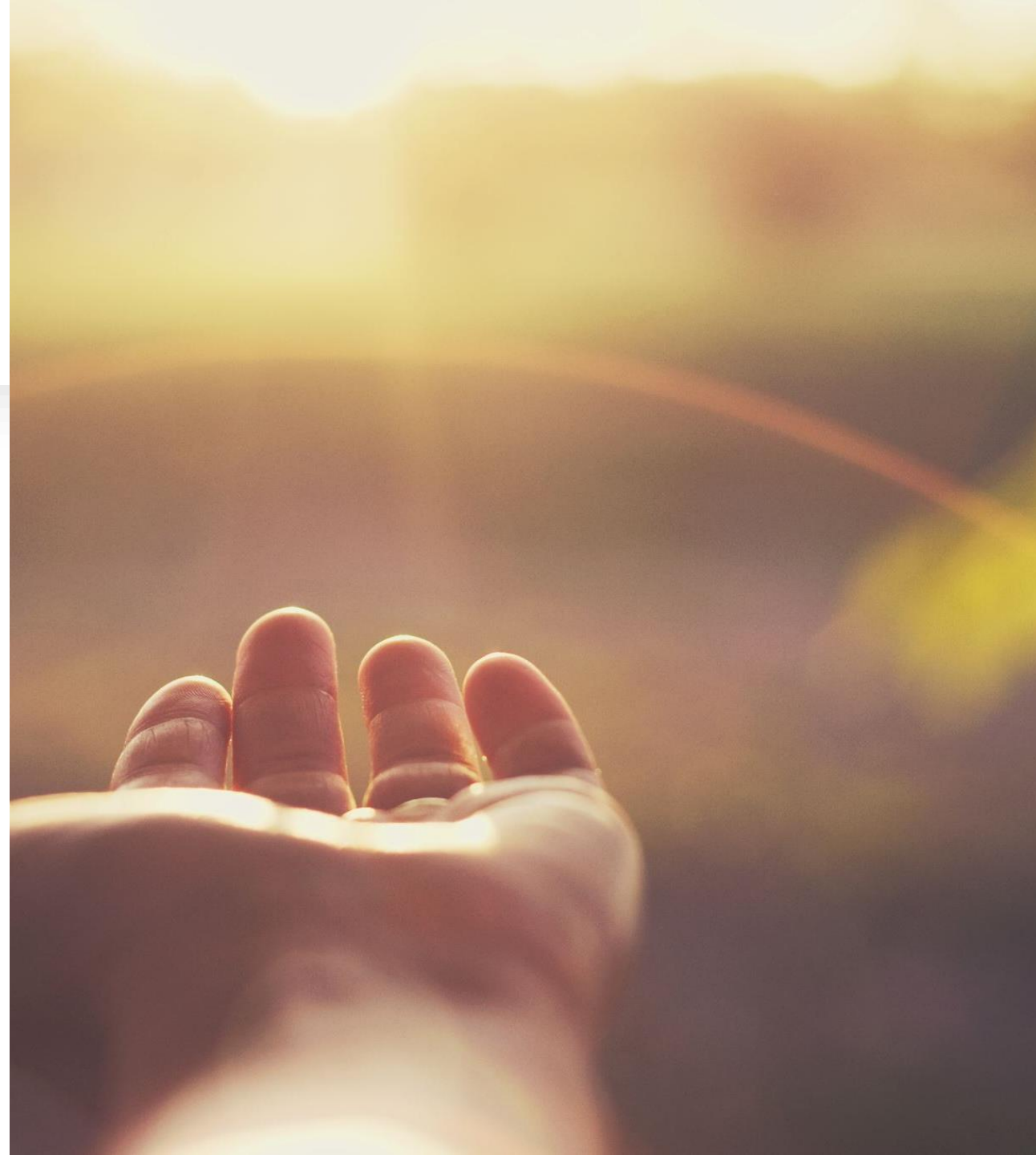




Dept of CA Chaplain Frank Correa

Spirituality in America

- 89% of Americans believe in a god or universal spirit
- Only 50% of these believers regularly attend any religions services



Implications and opportunities for chaplains

- Chaplains are uniquely qualified to bridge this growing gap in our society which has pushed back against organized religion yet still strives to find meaning and relevancy in their spiritual selves



How we can serve our members

- Chaplains can help fill that gap for the unchurched.
- Broach the topic of spirituality
- Be available and a good listener
- You don't have to be an expert, you just have to care.
- How to achieve this: Be a friend! We all know how to do this



A basic introduction on
informal counseling

Excellent and short easy read

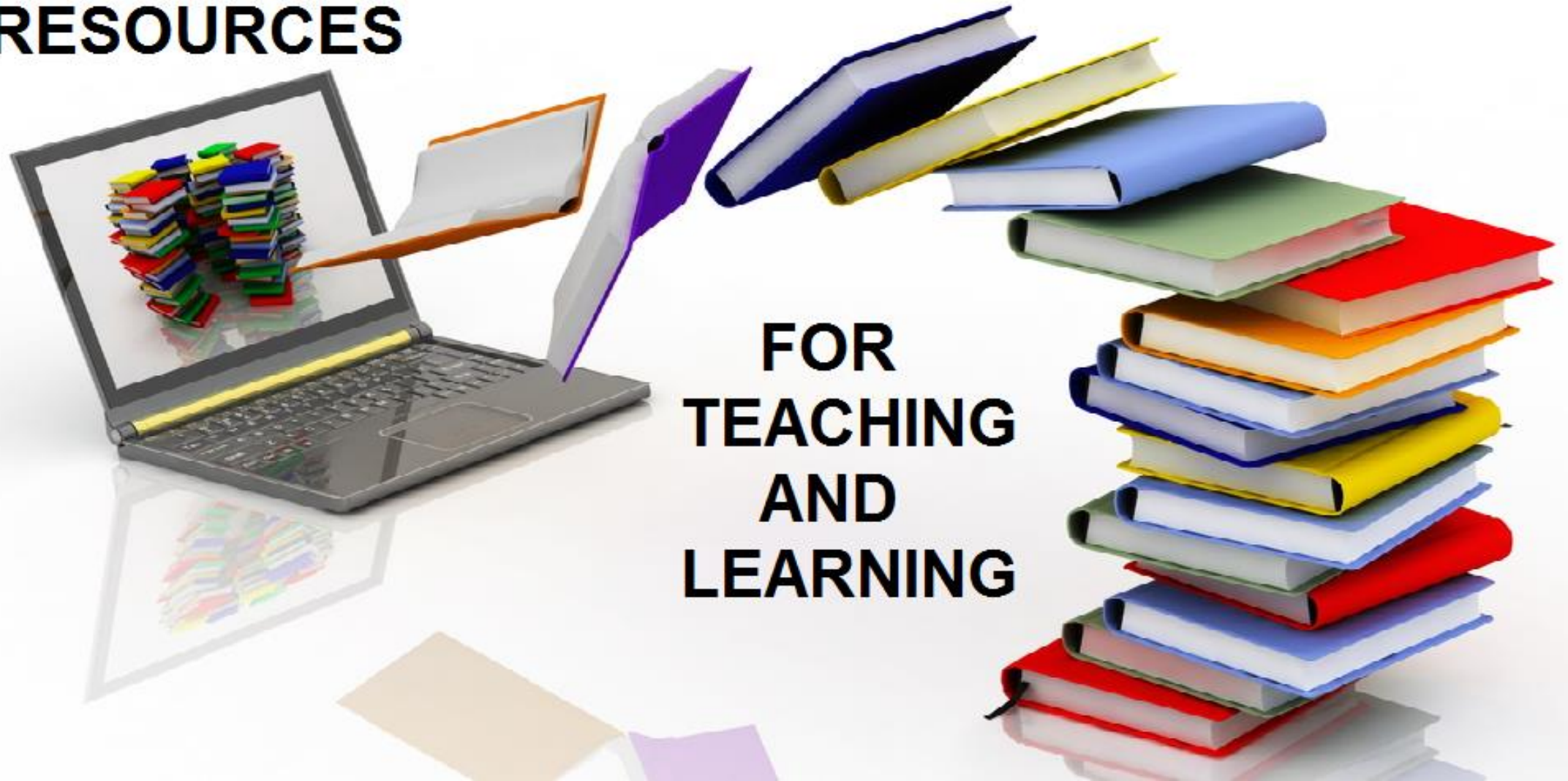
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How to be
ready when
friends ask
for help

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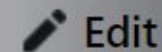


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Past National Chaplain Deb Halter started a monthly Chaplains training class on the 3rd Wednesday of most months. 15:30 CST To be placed on the notification list to get a reminder and Zoom link please email past National Chaplain Peter Hook at peterhook@verizon.net

The content varies each month and is well worth your time. It's a fantastic resource for training and equipping all our chaplains.

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Department of CA District chaplains Zoom meeting planned for August 30 1700.
Get to know all your fellow post chaplains in CA. I have some valuable information and resources to equip us all for our chaplaincy work. For more information and the Zoom invite. email me at fcorreavfw@gmail.com
Department leaders and district commanders are welcome to join us
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



I'm honored to have been elected Dept of California state chaplain this weekend at the convention. I'm looking forward to connecting with all our California chaplains. My first task is to make contact with our district chaplains who will in turn help me connect with all the post chaplains. Once I have the contacts Ill plan a Zoom meeting so we can get acquainted. My top two priorities for the coming year are communication and training. I can be reached at FCorreaVFW@gmail.com

Chaplain Frank Correa

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Please check out our [National Chaplain's Page](#) (its hosted on the Cootie Site)

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DEPARTED COMRADE

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Past District 15 Commander Robert "Bob" Morehouse. He served as district 15 Commander during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. He turned 97 last month. Bob lost his wife Sheri, age 91, on April 16, 2023. Bob served 30 years in the Navy during WWII, the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War. He earned the rank of senior chief petty officer. He spent most of the time in the South Pacific during WWII on an amphibious LST — Landing Ship Tank.





The Chaplain's Handbook

Articles - Information - Prayers - Guidelines

Revised by Rev. Peter R. Hook
Past National Chaplain
August 14, 2023

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New 2023 Chaplain's Handbook (Revised)

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Responsibilities of a Chaplain

BEING A CHAPLAIN

You were elected to the office of Post/District Chaplain.

You have an important responsibility to your Post/District.

Whether you have been selected for your religious training or past VFW experiences, you are expected to be the spiritual advisor to your organization and its members.

You are not expected to know everything but are expected to search for the answer and get back to the individual. Do not be afraid to ask questions when necessary. There are many ministers of faiths/denominations and chaplains that are willing to assist you. As you meet them,

VFW Chaplains



National Chaplains Training meetings

3rd Wednesday of most months

7:30 p.m. CST monthly ZOOM
training

Contact to be on notification list
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Use your Resources



Many faiths and
Worldviews

Use your
resources!



“Demographic and Military Service Characteristics of Military Families”

National Institutes for Health

- Christian faith (69%), with the most common denominational preferences being Catholic (20%) and Baptist (14%)
- Non-Christian reported affiliations that made up 1 percent or more of the force were
 - Humanist (4%),
 - Pagan (1%)
 - Jewish (1%)
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK547615/#:~:text=The%20majority%20of%20military%20personnel,2>) accessed 8/13/2023



THE WARFIGHTER'S STUDY BIBLE

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➤ DEEP WOUNDS

Combat and traumatic events can sear painful images in the deepest recesses of a soul like ancient hieroglyphics etched on the walls of hidden underground caverns. Unlike hieroglyphics, which only record historical events, the painful memories of a soul struggle for discovery. The battle deep within rises to the surface and disrupts life the way an earthquake deep within the earth's crust shakes the surface. You don't see the earthquake, but the evidence manifests from a few broken dishes that fall from a shelf to homes left in piles of rubble. Often, the wounded and their loved ones cannot see the pain carried, only the evidence from disruptive behavior.

For some, a traumatic event can result in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). When an ethical or moral principle is violated in the transaction of a traumatic event, the result can also produce moral injury. Moral injury can happen when an individual is personally responsible for a traumatic event or associated with one in authority who was responsible. On the surface, moral injury symptoms can look like PTSD. However, when a person has a moral injury they experience the added components of guilt and shame.

— 111 — images and memories that returning Veterans carry home

Teaching Guides and Introductory material

INTRODUCTION TO EPHESIANS

c. A.D. 33/34

Conversion of Paul

c. A.D. 52-57

Paul's third missionary journey

c. A.D. 62

Paul arrested, writes Ephesians

AUTHOR, DATE, AND RECIPIENTS

The apostle Paul wrote this letter to the churches in Ephesus and the surrounding region c. A.D. 62 while imprisoned in Rome (Acts 28). During this time he also wrote Colossians and Philemon. All three letters were sent with Tychicus and Onesimus.

THEME

There are three main themes of Ephesians: (1) Christ has reconciled all creation to himself and to God; (2) Christ has united people from all nations to himself and to one another in his church; and (3) Christians must live as new people.

PURPOSE

Ephesians offers general instruction in the truths of God's redemptive work in Christ; the unity of the church among diverse peoples; and proper conduct in the church, the home, and the world.

KEY THEMES

1. All people are by nature spiritually dead. They disobey God's law and are ruled by Satan (1:7; 2:1-3, 5, 11-12).
2. God predestined his people to redemption and holiness in Christ (1:3-14; 2:4, 8-9).
3. God's rich mercy in Christ has saved sinners. This free gift is by grace through faith alone (1:7-8; 2:4-14).
4. Jesus' saving work was part of redeeming a fallen creation for God. For this he deserves glory, honor, and authority in this age and the next (1:15-23; 3:1-13).
5. Jesus unites Jews and Gentiles into his one body, the church, as a new creation (1:23; 2:10-22; 3:1-21; 4:1-6).

Extensive footnotes

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for ^awhatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For ^bthe one who sows to his own flesh ^cwill from the flesh reap corruption, but ^dthe one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And ^elet us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, ^fif we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, ^gas we have opportunity, let us ^hdo good to everyone,

¹Or *Brothers and sisters*; also verse 18 ²Or *through whom*

6:1-10 Paul illustrates a life of love in the Spirit.

6:1 you who are spiritual. This does not refer to an elite class of Christians. It describes mature and experienced Christians. They are able to help their troubled brother or sister.

6:2 and so fulfill the law of Christ. In a broad sense this means the entire body of ethical teaching that Jesus gave and endorsed (see note on 1 Cor. 9:21). In a specific sense it probably refers to the command to love one's neighbor as oneself (Matt. 22:39; John 13:34).

6:7-8 whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Paul's reference to "reaping" has in view the blessings of eternal life that belong to the believer as the result of "sowing" his life **to the Spirit**.

6:10 While believers await their rewards (vv. 7-9) they should **do good**. The primary focus should be on serving other believers, but not to the exclusion of people outside the church.

Lord Jesus Christ, by which⁷ the world⁸ has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For ⁹neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but ^aa new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, ^fpeace and mercy be upon them, and upon ⁵the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸^tThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be ^uwith your spirit, brothers. Amen.

6:14 the world has been crucified to me. The world no longer attracts and influences Paul.

6:15 On Christians as a new creation, see 2 Cor. 5:17.

6:16 Israel of God. In contrast to the children of the "present Jerusalem" (4:25), the true people of God are the *believing* children of Abraham (3:7; 29). They belong to "Jerusalem above" (4:26-27).

6:17 The false teachers, and perhaps some of the Galatian Christians, have been misrepresenting Paul. Paul insists on the respect that is due his ministry. He is a genuine minister of Christ and has the scars to prove it—what he calls **the marks of Jesus** that resulted from his being persecuted (see 2 Cor. 11:23-27).

6:18 Paul's final prayerful blessing shows that he has not given up on the Galatians. He still refers to them as **brothers** and calls on Christ to give them grace.

VFW *War Fighters Bible* Ordering Information

“The Armed Services Ministry of the American Bible Society printed 1,000 Warfighter Study Bibles stamped with our VFW logo. These are available free of charge, VFW member. Learn more about this special Bible at <https://warfighterstudybible.org/>.

Ordering: contact Rev. Dr. Paul McCullough directly at pmccullough@americanbible.org. He'll need to know that you are part of the VFW, how many WSBs you want, where send, and an email address and phone number for you.

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☐ Youth Development

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☐ Other

☐ Honor Guard

☐ VA Volunteer Services (hospital/clinic)

☐ Public Servant Recognition (LE/FF/EMT)

☐ Stand Down Participation

☒ Flag Etiquette

☐ Buddy Poppy Drive

☐ Teacher of the Year

☐ Safety Recognition

Hours*

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Description *

Flag picks up in community|





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Description *

Visit to hospitalized post member

Duties of District Chaplains

1. Communicate your needs and interests
2. Network with other chaplains
3. Ask for help
4. Take advantage of any training available
5. Share all resources with every post Chaplain in your district





Chaplain
Learning
opportunities



Chaplaincy Bibliography

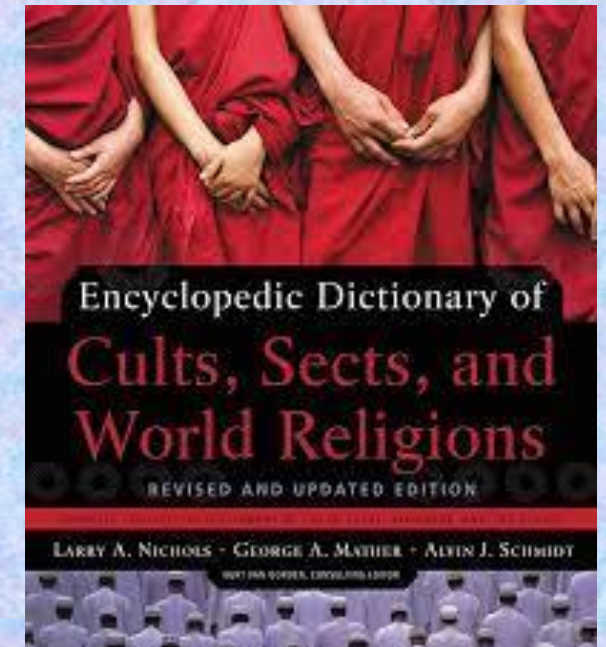
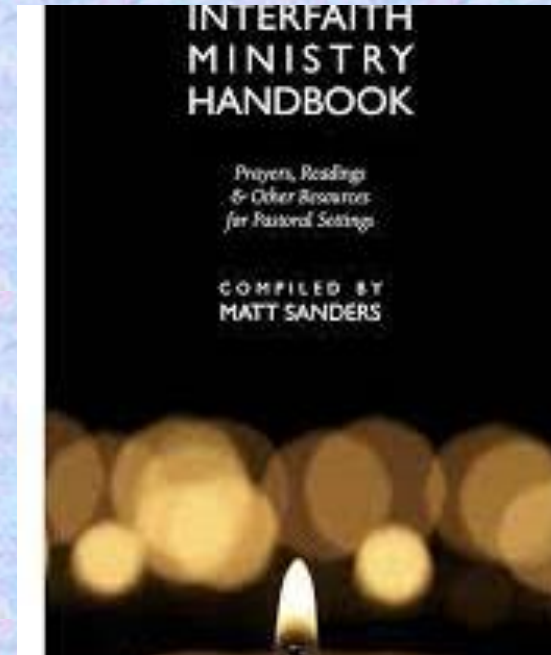
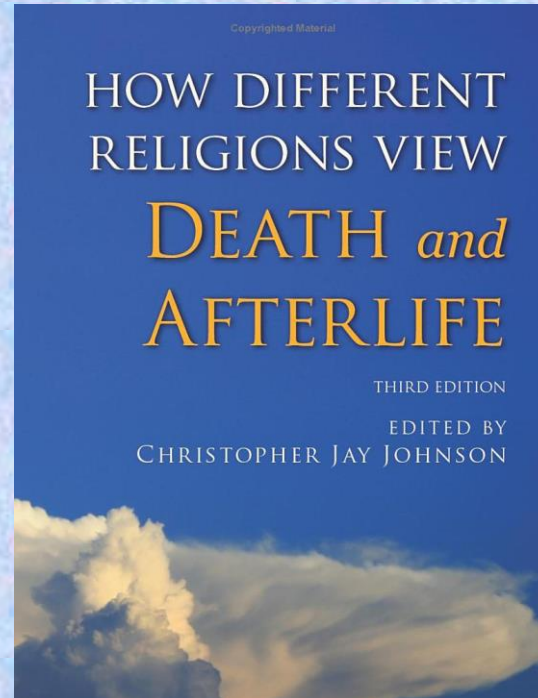
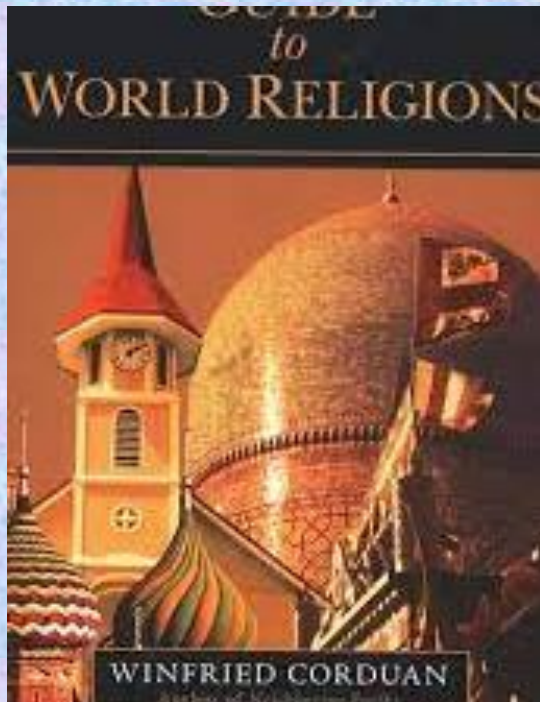


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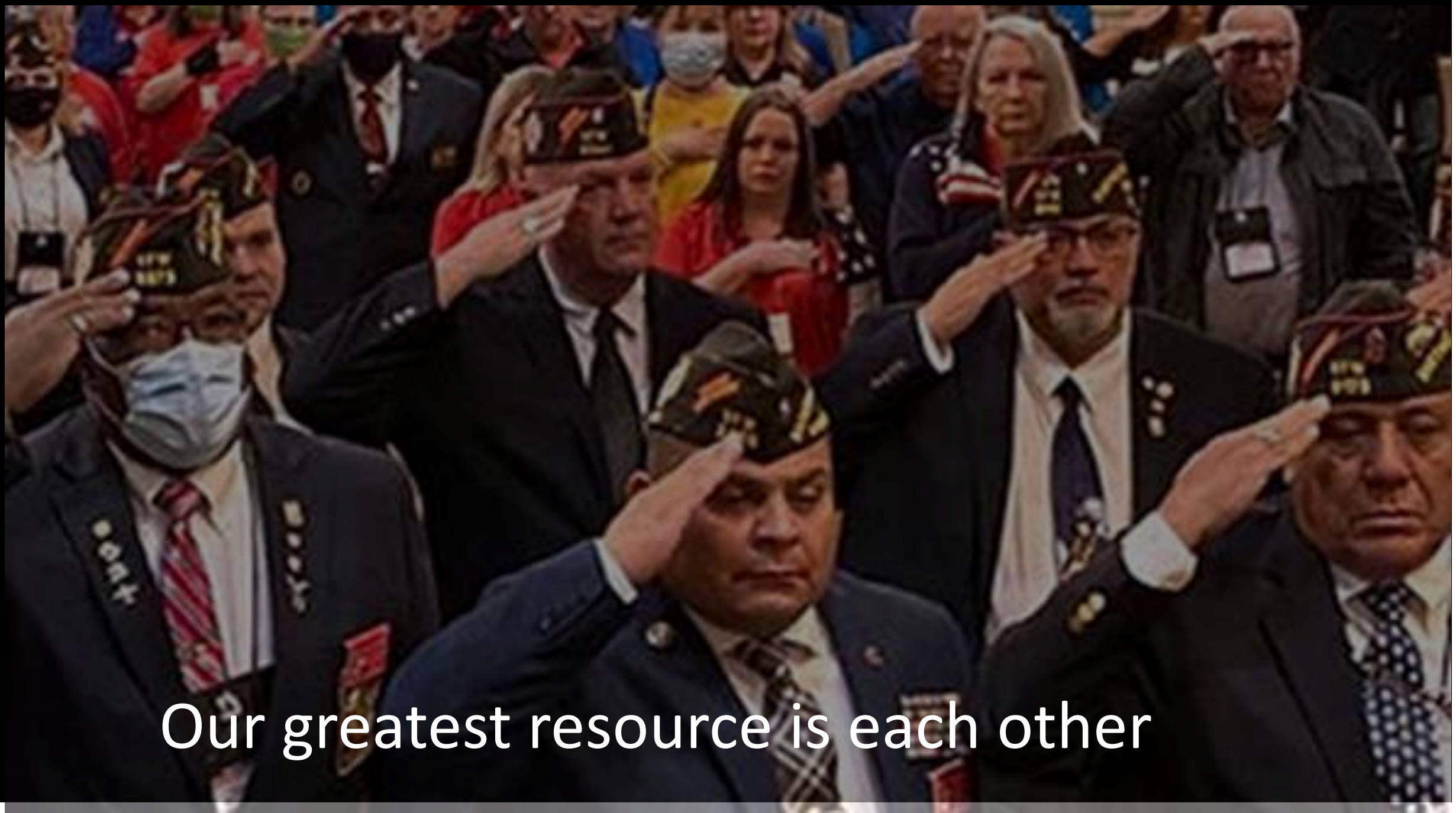
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Many Resources on world religions



Our greatest resource is each other



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