



What is Community Chaplaincy?

Community Chaplaincy consists of faith-based organizations that support offenders and their families as they re-enter society. These agencies usually include a chaplain and numerous volunteers who have received endorsement from their faith group. They serve out of a deep sense of vocation and conviction and offer a wide variety of assistance. Community Chaplaincies are usually governed by a board of directors, providing their services under contract and operating independently of the CSC.

Core Values and Objectives

Community Chaplaincy:

- respects the dignity of individuals, and the rights of all members of society,
- believes in the potential for human growth and development.
- respects the social, cultural and religious differences of individual offenders.
- recognizes that offenders have the potential to live as law-abiding citizens.

Purpose

Community Chaplaincy contributes to the protection of society by actively encouraging and assisting offenders to safely and successfully re-enter society by providing them with practical, spiritual, emotional and social support.

Key Roles

Journeying is central to the work of Community Chaplaincy. Key areas of involvement include:

- spiritual support
- emotional support

- support with medical concerns
- mental health support
- practical assistance
- finding appropriate housing
- addictions
- self-help programs
- community access
- various mentorship groups
- Circles of Support and Accountability
- others, as needed

Join Community Chaplaincy

Community Chaplaincy needs volunteers who are interested in serving their community and able to commit to journeying with individuals as they re-enter the community from prison. Volunteers receive extensive training and support for the wide variety of opportunities that exist.

More information is available at the following web site:

http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/prgrm/chap/pro06-3_e.shtml

Please contact the CSC Chaplaincy office at (613) 996-9580