



United Methodist Endorsing Agency

General Board of Higher Education & Ministry Division of Ordained Ministry

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Volunteer Chaplain Approval

The United Methodist Endorsing Agency provides ecclesiastical approval for United Methodist clergy to serve as volunteer chaplains in certain civilian settings. An ecclesiastical approval is not an endorsement as defined in the 2016 *Book of Discipline* (§ 1421.5)

Volunteer Chaplain Settings

- Civil Air Patrol (CAP), www.cap.gov
- Coast Guard Auxiliary, www.uscg.mil
- Volunteer State Guard (varies by state)
- Law Enforcement
- Fire, disaster services, EMS
- Other unpaid volunteer chaplain programs (hospitals, prisons, etc.)

Volunteer chaplains with law enforcement are expected to complete appropriate training with one of the following or other approved training sources.

- International Conference of Police Chaplains, www.icpc4cops.org
- Federation of Fire Chaplains, www.firechaplains.org

Ecclesiastical Approval

- Complete the application form online at <https://methodist.smapply.io>.
- Write a brief description of your ministry (one page) and upload with your application.
- Upload a photo with your application
- Provide contact information for your DS and one personal reference.

Approved chaplains will be provided documentation of their approval as required.

For further information contact:

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