

Meet the chaplains . . .



Tim Kehl

How would you describe your personality and communication style?

I am an open-minded, caring, and positive person with well-honed listening skills and perceptive insights. I communicate in a respectful, discreet, and professional manner.

Tell us about your family, friends, kids, pets?

I am married to my soul-mate Rita, a teacher and quilter. We have two grown daughters who are also educators.

How would others describe you?

Others would describe me as friendly, considerate, insightful, and enthusiastic.

If someone was looking to work with you as their chaplain, what would you like them to know?

I would want them to know that: (1) I am a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience; (2) I am non-judgmental and treat all people with dignity and respect; and, (3) I consider confidentiality to be paramount.

What is, in your opinion, the most interesting or strangest thing about you?

In addition to serving as a workplace chaplain, I am a public speaker, professional storyteller, and the author of *Multicultural Wisdom Tales* (a book scheduled to be published in April, 2012). My wife and I recently travelled to Mount Everest. (No, we did not climb it . . . We just took pictures!).

Tell us about your career, education, and experience that led you to workplace chaplaincy.

I hold a B.A. Degree from Elmhurst College and a Master of Divinity Degree from Chicago Theological Seminary. I served as a parish minister for twenty-three years, including sixteen years as the senior pastor of Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ in Madison. My numerous community involvements have enabled me to work effectively with people from many different backgrounds, professions, and persuasions (both religious and nonreligious).

What kinds of life issues do you have experience with?

I have extensive experience in helping people with personal problems, family and relationship issues, work/life balance, substance abuse, depression and stress management. My focus is to help people develop practical strategies that lead to growth and change.

What do you like most about being a workplace chaplain?

My mission is bring help and hope to people who are facing difficult personal, professional, or family challenges. I enjoy helping people overcome obstacles and lead happier, healthier, and more productive lives.

