

**(UPDATED FOR FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL BRIEFING, JANUARY 27-30,
2010)**

(Updates in *blue italics*)

**Report Of The Chaplain Endorsing Agent
To The Members Of
The Chaplain Committee and Board of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation
On The
Status Of Chaplains and The Activities Of The Endorsing Agent
August 2009**



INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This report will update the status of our chaplains. It also includes any information I have regarding chaplain prospects and status of chaplain candidates.

***VISITS TO CHAPLAINS: (Since February '09)**

1. John Arnoldbik – June 3-5
2. Jeff Wirick – 17-20 August
- Planned:
3. Lou Urban and Billy Graham – September 1-9
4. Charles Pridgen – October/November time frame

TRAVELS ANTICIPATED FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2009

1. As of this writing (Aug. 26)
 - Korea
 - GBIF Board
 - Chaplain Pridgen (Visit anticipated for Spring).
 - Possible visit to Fort Jackson in April to attend the graduation of Richard Hurst from the Basic Chaplain course.
2. National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF), January. Annual conference for chaplain endorsing agents. I will also chair the meeting of the NAE Chaplain Commission which also meeting during that time.

****Visits to chaplains will total 8 since January. Equip '09 allowed me to visit all the other chaplains except for the 4 who were deployed at that time.***

CHAPLAIN ROSTER:

Attached is a chaplain roster with information current as of this report. It is an evolving document and experiences many updates during the year, all of which are forwarded to, Judi Rose, Larry, Robert McMillan and Jerry Young.

PROMOTION INFORMATION:

James Schaefer was not selected for promotion for the second time... Pete Stone was promoted to the rank of Captain in late March. James is to be considered again but I do not have information on when that information will be known

CHAPLAIN CANDIDATES:

James Murray:

James' plan is to apply for active duty in December 2009. (*James has changed his plans and has accepted a position as youth pastor with the Aiken, SC, GBC.*)

Mike Landers: On track with his studies at Liberty Seminary and desire to serve actively with the Army.

James Gillelan: Continues working now with David Kennedy toward joining his church and working toward ordination and chaplain candidate status.

John Greer: No change in his status with his physical issue. He has sought a waiver for mild cerebral palsy so far without success. I consider him doubtful for the future.

Charles Ross: Continuing in Seminary. Attended Phase 1 of the Basic Army Chaplain Course and anticipates attending Phase II & III in the summer of '10.

Justin Hayes: Status unchanged in his working toward ordination and active service with the Navy.

Jonathon Herr: Grace Seminary grad and exploring the possibility of chaplaincy service. From Mansfield, Ohio.

Dr. Richard Hurst: To be considered by the Accessioning Board for the Army on or about September 20. Was granted recommendation for ordination with the understanding that he will be working with Robert McMillan to be mentored more deeply in his understanding of ordination and the doctrine and theology of the FGBC. *Richard was selected for active duty and reports to the Chaplain School January 1, 2010 for basic chaplain training. His follow on assignment will be Fort Drum, New York. I was able to intervene on Richard's behalf to resolve an issue that initially kept him from being considered for active duty.*

CHAPLAIN UPDATES:

ARMY

John Arnoldbik:

John remains on medical hold at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he was assigned upon completion of his training in the basic chaplain course. Questions about his medical condition remain to be resolved and this has prevented him from deploying to Iraq with his unit.. I am most willing to discuss details with the Chaplain Committee and the full board.

While doing this report, I received an email from John telling me that his lesion is not cancerous and that he will deploy to Iraq to join his unit on September 10. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to John in allowing him to move on with his life and not have to be worried about the lesion.

John is now in Iraq with a Stryker Brigade that deployed from Fort Lewis this fall.

Bill Graham:

Bill and family remain in Taegu, Korea. The Grahams will redeploy to the US at the first of the new year. As of this writing he does not have a specific assignment. Robin's book, He Touched Me, continues to impact the lives of many, especially women who have suffered abuse.

Bill and family are on their way to rotate from Korea to Fort Jackson, SC, where Bill will attend the Advance Chaplain training program.

John Jacobsen and Pete Stone:

John and Pete continue their ministry in Iraq with the Air Cavalry Brigade of the 1st Cav Division. Both are upbeat, challenged, and excited about the ministry they have developed among their soldiers. Things seem to be going well with the safety issues of the Brigade along with exciting ministry reports. Their families have adjusted well to the separation and are in contact with Martha.

Confidentially: *I anticipate that John will leave military service upon his return to the US this summer. The chaplaincy is a tough mission. John has served honorably but does not see the chaplaincy to be a career for him. John and I have communicated on this several times and I am committed to walk this part of his journey with him.*

Jeff Mason:

Jeff returned safely from Iraq in mid-July. Since he is a reservist and not on active duty he is back in Worthington, OH, and enjoying readjusting to civilian life. He has volunteered to be deployed again this fall and anticipates another tour of duty in Afghanistan. Due to Jeff's use of scholarship funds from the Army Reserves, he must serve with the Reserves for 5 years or until his scholarship funds have been repaid. *Jeff remains in a non-active status, hoping that he will be called to serve in Afghanistan.*

David Mvondo:

David. Called me just a few days ago to tell me goodbye just as he was preparing to board his flight to Iraq. He has successfully completed airborne training and has delayed his plans to attend Ranger training until he returns from this year in Iraq. His long term goal is to complete Ranger training and Special Forces training also so that he will be qualified to serve with the special operations forces.

David is in Iraq and communicates with me often. He hopes to attend Ranger training when he returns from Iraq.

Mark Penfold:

Due to Robin's battle with breast cancer, Mark has been reassigned to Fort Eustice, VA,. He is assigned at where he serves as the Deputy Installation Chaplain. Robin's condition has stabilized and she is doing quite well and is very active once again.

Charles Pridgen:

I do not have current contact information on Charles. He graduated from the chaplain basic course

only a week ago and, after a short leave, will be on his way to Fort Bliss, Texas. He will join a unit that is designated for deployment to Iraq likely some time this fall.

Charles is at Fort Bliss with the 3rd BDE of the 1st Armored Division. They are training for deployment to Afghanistan likely by mid-summer.

James Schaefer:

James has been reassigned to Fort Bragg where his assignment is as operations chaplain for the 1st Theater Sustainment Command. He and Elizabeth now live in Fayetteville, NC, which borders Fort Bragg. Interesting to note that his senior chaplain is Colonel Richard Quinn who was James' Brigade at Fort Lewis, WA, when I was the I Corps Staff Chaplain in '92-'95, at which time I retired. James was sent to Kuwait to meet with Chaplain Quinn before transferring to Fort Bragg.

Scott Shaffer:

Scott was accessioned in July but not for active duty. He has been offered a full time Army National Guard position in Indianapolis. He is very happy for this assignment which will prepare him more fully for active duty and also make him more competitive for active duty selection after a couple of years in this position.

Scott has been accepted as a military liaison member of the Grace College and Seminary staff and faculty.

Jeff Wirick:

Jeff remains as chaplain with basic trainees at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He and Mei are expecting a baby sometime during the Christmas holidays. Jeff is having a great ministry with basic trainees at Ft. Leonard Wood. Mie has a great heart for soldiers and wives and is clearly a great asset to Jeff's ministry.

Mie recently gave birth to a baby girl.

NAVY:

Lou Urban:

Lou is the only Navy Chaplain in Korea and continues to serve at the one naval base in that country. He corresponds with me with updates about monthly. These reports are always upbeat and reflect Lou's excitement about serving as a Navy Chaplain. He will leave Korea next summer and is attempting to be reassigned to Japan. This is not yet confirmed to my knowledge..

Lou has now been assigned to Camp Lejeune, NC, to serve with the Marines. He will return this summer.

AIR FORCE:

At present we have no AF Active Duty or Reserve chaplains in the Air Force.

We do have a man applying for the AF Chaplain Candidate Program. He is a graduate of Southwestern Christian College here in Phoenix. He is an outstanding young man, one of the finest potentials I have had the privilege to know. We have another man, who is a Reserve Air Force Captain, a C-130 pilot, who will finish seminary next year and who has expressed an interest in going active duty as an AF Chaplain with GBC endorsement.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION:

Mike Jones (part time)

Charles Card (contract)

Jack Galle: Jack has completed his one year fellowship in palative (terminal illness care) and has been successfully employed/assigned by the VA center in Dallas, Texas, to be the chaplain for a new program that has just become available through the VA.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: (Equip '09)

The chaplain dinner on Wednesday afternoon of Equip '09 was possibly he best attended dinner we have had with our chaplains to date. It was exciting with great testimonies especially from Robin Penfold and David Mvondo. Six chaplains/candidates were able to attend Equip '09.

RECRUITING:

As indicated in other parts of this report, recruiting remains active and strong. We now have 12 chaplains serving actively with the chaplain of the FGBC. We also have the potential of one additional chaplain this fall and three additional chaplains in the near future. This would give us 16 chaplains which I predicted would be a possibility in my last report.

You will see on the chaplain roster that we have 26 names of men who are, in some way, connected to our chaplain family. This is remarkable in the history of the FGBC's relationship with the chaplaincy ministry. It is exciting to know that the BIF has now recognized the Chaplaincy as a valid missionary outreach.

I remain most grateful for the opportunity to serve the FGBC as the chaplain endorsing agent. It is a great honor to have a mentoring/pastoral relationship with these heroes.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**ADDENDUM TO THE UPDATED CHAPLAIN
REPORT TO GBIF REPORT FOR
FGBC FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL, JANUARY 27-30, 2010**

Some additional issues that I wish to present to the Fellowship Council regarding my activities as Chaplain Endorsing Agent for the FGBC are listed below.

RECRUITMENT:

Over the past two years we have seen a significant increase in recruitment. I think there are several reasons for this.

1. Our Chaplain James Schaefer was assigned as an Army Chaplain Recruiter and worked out of Atlanta, GA. Men who contacted him and had no endorsing agent were often referred to me.
2. Many have become interested in chaplain service but come from independent churches/groups that are not registered with the Department of Defense (DOD) to endorse candidates for the military chaplaincy. This is mandatory and those who feel strongly about the chaplaincy are simply unable to move on unless they are able to connect with a DOD approved religious group. This is a new dynamic in recruiting chaplains that I have not seen previously.
3. Those who have contacted me have received my best advice on how to proceed. I have talked with men (and one woman) who needed help. I was objective with them but told most of them that I could help them only if they were interested in becoming members of the FGBC. No all were interested and I encouraged them to find the church/denomination that met their needs. A number of inquirers did indicate a desire to pursue a relationship with us.
4. In each case I spoke with them about seeking a relationship with an FGBC pastor in an area somewhere in their general geographical location. Arkansas is not "user friendly" when a man from that area inquired. He had roots in Nebraska and was encouraged to contact the pastor in Beaver City. Two others from the Phoenix area were encouraged to contact Don Shoemaker in Seal Beach, CA. Several have contacted Vick Young in Johnson City Tennessee. One has been in touch with Randy Smith in Florida. Most of these contacts have worked very smoothly and a number of these men are now on active duty or in the Reserves.
5. Each individual was counseled on ordination and how to go about seeking ordination. All candidates for the military chaplaincy must be ordained in order to qualify for a chaplain commission. As some of you know the ordination process we have in many of our churches and district ministeriums is not very

"user friendly" for young men seeking the opportunity for chaplaincy ministry. Dr. Jerry Young has offered a plan to help this process by forming ordination examining committees for chaplain candidates. Though I encouraged this process, and am the chair of these committees, I have no voting authority. Jerry organizes them and most have met during National Conference or, in one case, at the BIF board meeting events.

6. You can see from the roster and chaplain report that we have increased in size of our chaplain team significantly and it appears that others are lining up to come on board as members of our chaplain team. In the summer of 2007, three of our chaplains retired. We had had 7 chaplains prior to that and this put us down to a total of 4. As of today our numbers have grown to 11 active duty, 1 Reserve, 1 Ready Reserve, 1 National Guard, 2 as chaplain candidates and 5 others seeking chaplaincy service in the future (Note JP Prado, who only recently was endorsed for the AF Chaplain Candidate program. I also list our Civil Air Patrol (2) and VA chaplains (3) as members of the team. This accounts for the 26 names on the chaplain roster.

Attachments included to provide more information on preparation and recruiting:

1. Overview of basic information a prospective chaplain needs to know.
2. Policy on steps to endorsement, including ordination information.

Jerry Young can speak in detail about the ordination examination process. Both of us will be glad to discuss this with you and answer any of your questions. We seek your support.

BUDGET:

The increase in numbers will tell you that our budget has required a significant increase in available funds to properly carry out the responsibilities that I have as the endorsing agent. We have two sources for funds for the increase:

1. The Eagle Commission:

Funds from this source have not increased proportionately with the growth in the number of chaplains. These funds are deeply appreciated and reveal an expression of support from many in the constituency of the Fellowship. Please consider what you can do to encourage people in your churches to sign on to this great missionary outreach.

2. BIF contributions:

The BIF board of directors recognized the chaplaincy as a valid missionary effort and has contributed significantly to the chaplaincy ministry.

USE OF THESE FUNDS:

1. Recruiting costs:

All candidates for Reserve or Active duty are interviewed by me either at their location or come to Phoenix to meet with me there.

2. National Conference Chaplain Dinner travel expenses for chaplains.

3. On site visits to chaplains by the Endorsing Agent: This has included even foreign travel to Germany and Korea. The attempt is to visit all new chaplains fairly soon after they report to their duty stations and to visit others at least once per assignment.

4. Endorsing Agent salary and travel expenses.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

Larry has set up scholarship assistance for seminary students who are preparing for the chaplaincy. The student understands that a decision to not pursue the chaplaincy after graduation requires that he return the scholarship funds he has received. A number of our chaplains and current students are recipients of scholarship assistance

Larry Chamberlain can speak to the funding and scholarship information in much better detail than I can.

CONCLUSION:

I have attempted to address issues that may concern the member of the Fellowship Council. I am not at all certain that I have covered everything that you may have questions about and I welcome your dialogue on these matters I have covered and any that come your mind that I have not covered.

Respectfully Submitted,

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OVERVIEW OF THINGS A PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAPLAINCY NEEDS TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING

Prepared by Chaplain James Schaefer when he was in Chaplain Recruiting

If you want to grow in Spiritual preparation for your potential ministry, I am recommending the following books to learn from those who have been in your future ministry "shoes".

- "A Soldier of God Remembers", by Chaplain (COL) ret, John Schumacher. He is a Endorser for the National Association of Evangelicals. His book reflects on the life of a Chaplain during his career and especially his two combat tours in Vietnam. You need to experience life as a Chaplain in combat. This 2000 book is available by emailing him at ChaplainSchumacher@cox.net or linking to: www.AsoldierofGodRemembers.com or www.gbnamorg.com.

- "Abu Ghraib: Reflections in the Looking Glass", by Chaplain (MAJ) Michael E. Cannon, Jr. He is a Reserve Presbyterian pastor. His books reflects on the horrific failures and ethical decision making that affected and impacted the 800th MP BDE meltdown in Iraq. You need to experience the life of a Reserve Chaplain as he ministers to his Family, Soldiers and undergoes tremendous turmoil in a Reserve Unit desperately in need of God. This 2005 book is available by linking to: www.xulonpress.com (ISBN: 1-597810-09-6).

I DO give the LORD thanks you for your interest in the Army Chaplaincy (<http://www.goarmy.com/chaplain/>)! I have attached a document that I would like you to fill out and send back to me as soon as you can. This will help me best advice you and if you decide to apply it will have most of the information I will need to fill out all the forms you will require to apply. Let me tell you what it is like to be an Army Chaplain.

I began as a battalion chaplain. A battalion is commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel and has four to ten companies commanded by army captains. I was the minister and religious provider for all of the soldiers and their families of the unit I was assigned. No day was "typical" but I can tell you what a day looked like. I would start by exercising with one of the companies in the morning. After breakfast I would stop in my office to check on the plans for the day. Most companies will have training scheduled and I would join the company with their training. We call this "ministry of presence". Imagine being able to visit your congregation at their work. Pray with them and share a spiritual thought and oh by the way if a coworker had spiritual questions it was alright for them to come to you and ask. That is Army military ministry. Being with our soldiers, where they work, ministering to their needs as they happen. I would do all the things you would do as well: prepare to preach on Sunday, visit the sick, provide marriage and other counseling, plan weddings, and funerals as needed. It is a great ministry and I pray that you will be able to join us.

To become a US Army Chaplain you must meet the age qualifications (less then 47 years of age for Active and up to 50 for Reserve for those with 3 years prior military service), have a Masters in Divinity /Theology/ religion (72 total graduate hours), be in good health and no prior serious health issues, and have a clean legal and financial background. The educational requirements are most important so let me go into a little more detail. Chaplain applicants must have at least 36 hours in theology/Religious Philosophy (min 6 hours), Religious ethics (min 3 hours), Religious History (min 1 course), General Religion classes (min 6 hours), World Religions (min 3 hour), Verbal Communications / preaching (min 1

class), Practice of Religion (min 6 hours) and Foundational Writings of your faith group (min 6 hours). Courses in religious education, pastoral counseling, religious administration, church music, etc can only account for ½ (36 hours) of the total (72 hour) educational requirements. You can have any Master of Arts in Religion Degree plus the addition hours to make up a total of 72 hours. Example if you had a MA in Religion that was 36 hours and you took another 36 hours beyond that (72 total) that meets the requirements. At the time you apply you must be ordained (or soon plan on being ordained). Here is the complete list:

To pre-qualify as a chaplain:

- a. You must obtain an ecclesiastical endorsement from your faith group. This endorsement should certify that you are a clergy person in your denomination or faith group.
- b. Qualified spiritually, morally, intellectually and emotionally to serve as a Chaplain in the Army.
- c. Sensitive to religious pluralism and able to provide for the free exercise of religion by all military personnel, their family members and civilians who work for the Army (this does not mean that a Jewish Rabbi who is an Army chaplain must conduct Christian worship services. The Jewish Chaplain's job is to conduct Jewish services according to their tradition and ensure all other religiously oriented personnel in the unit have the opportunity to practice their religious faith as well).

Educationally, you must:

- a. Possess a baccalaureate degree of not less than 120 semester hours.
- b. Possess a master's degree in divinity or any graduate degree in theological studies. The applicant must also have a minimum of 72 graduate hours in theology, religion, ethics, philosophy, and like classes.

For active duty, you must:

- a. Be a U.S. citizen. We will accept permanent resident aliens for United States Army Reserve, only.
- b. Be able to receive a favorable background check.
- c. Pass a physical exam.
- d. Be less than 46 and 6 months old. The application process takes about 6 months. You do not have to be finished with your school before you apply but you must be finished before you can be commissioned.
- e. Have 2 years of post graduate ministerial experience (this can be "waived" if you have more than 2 years of life time ministerial experience) Inquire for details. No ministerial experience is needed for Army Reserve.

Once you are qualified to become a chaplain you will need to consider if you want to be a chaplain full time or part time. Our part time program (Army Reserve) enables you to be part of a local ministry and support our soldiers and their families. You are committed to working two days a month and fourteen training days a year. This is a wonderfully way to be involved in both your church's ministry and with the Army.

Annual Salary (rounded to the nearest \$100) for an Army Reserve Chaplain (basic commitment 1 weekend/m 14 days/y)- There is currently a \$10,000 signing bonus for fully qualified ministers with no prior commissioned service and joining the Army Reserve, and attending monthly battle assemblies).

1LT = \$6,500 - \$8,700 (0-6 years)

CPT = \$10,200 - \$11,500 (6-12 years)

MAJ = \$12,600 - \$13,700 (12-18 years)

LTC = \$15,200 - \$16,100 (18-22 years)

COL = \$18,300 - \$19,600 (22-over 26 years)

Annual Salary (basic pay plus housing allows with dependants - rounded to nearest \$1,000) for a Full time Active Duty Chaplain: CPT (you would be a 1LT for only 6m) = \$52,000 - \$71,000 (0-8 years) MAJ = \$77,000 - \$89,000 (8-16 years) LTC = \$96,000 - \$101,000 (16-21 years) COL = \$114,000 - \$127,000 (21-30 years)

If you are applying for a full time job (Active Duty Chaplain only), there are three times a year you would start: January, June, September. The Department of Defense needs a minimum of 3 months to process your application once it is accepted and you have been offered a job (This, by the way, is true for all applicants- Chaplain Candidates, Reserve and Active Duty Chaplain). So if you are notified that your application is accepted and your are "accessed" in July, Aug, Sept, Oct you will probably go to January school - Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb you will probably go to Jun school - Mar, April, May, Jun you will probably go to the September school. There are only two application boards a quarter and we (recruiters) do not have any control over those dates. Once you are close to completing your application we will inform you when (which month) your application will go before an application board. Once the board has reached a decision we will personally call you and let you know the results.

We can help you with any part of this process. Ministry to Army personnel will be one of the most rewarding experiences in your life. The Army is a microcosm of the United States culture. You will be exposed to many different people from many different backgrounds. It is a challenging but very gratifying place to do ministry. Please contact me back via replying to this email or call the number below and we can discuss the process of putting in an application.

James E. Schaefer, Chaplain Recruiter
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CHAPLAIN ROSTER
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES
Active Duty, Reserve, Veterans Affairs
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ARMY

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Working with WLGBC toward
ordination
John Greer, Long Beach Grace Brethren Church,
Working toward ordination and duty
with
John Kerr, In process
Seminary Graduate (Grace and Golden
Gate)
Mansfield, OH

AIR FORCE
(Vacant)

AIR FORCE RESERVE (1)

JP Prado, pursuing AF Chaplain Candidate status

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**(Charlie is not assigned to the VA but is doing contract ministry with them.)*

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There are a total of 26 names on this list that are active duty, reserve, Civil Air Patrol, Veterans Administration, chaplain candidates and potentials. Such a number would have been unimagined in previous reports and in the history of the chaplaincy in our FGBC. Eleven of these men are on active duty. One (Murray) presently unassigned. Two are in the National Guard/Reserves. Two are Civil Air Patrol. Two are Chaplain Candidates. Three serve as VA Chaplains. Five others are potential chaplains.

**Lieutenant Colonel Bill Cochran, US Air
Force Reserve**

Captain Ralph Molyneux, US Air Force

RETIRED GRACE BRETHREN CHAPLAINS

September 2009

HONOR ROLL (*With the Lord):

- *Colonel Don Carter, US Army
Former Chaplain Endorsing Agent
- *Colonel Orville Lorenz, US Army
- *Commander Lee Jenkins, US Navy
Former Chaplain Endorsing Agent
- *Lieutenant Colonel Bill Schaffer, Civil Air Patrol
- *Chaplain Carlton Fuller, Veterans Administration
- *Lieutenant Colonel Lee Burris

ARMY

Colonel Burtin Hatch, US Army

Colonel John Schumacher, US Army

Colonel Jerry Young, US Army Reserve

Lieutenant Colonel Emyln Jones, US Army

Lieutenant Colonel John Patrick, US Army

Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lindberg, US Army Reserve

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Bearinger, US Army Reserve

Major Charles Card, US Army

Major Ben Collins, US Army

NAVY:

Commander Jim Dixon, US Navy

Commander John Diaz, US Navy

Commander Dayne Nix, US Navy

Commander Darrel Taylor, US Navy Reserve

Lieutenant Commander Jack Galle, US Navy

AIR FORCE:

Colonel James Elwell, US Air Force

Colonel Ken Townsend, US Air Force Reserve

STEPS TO ENDORSEMENT FOR CHAPLAIN MINISTRY BY THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES

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Introduction

1. The Fellowship has primary responsibility for chaplain endorsement through its Board of Directors, otherwise known as the “Fellowship Council.”
2. The Fellowship Council has primary responsibility for establishing an endorsing agency and naming endorsing agents.
3. The Fellowship Council has selected the Grace Brethren Investment Foundation to serve as the “parent organization” of the endorsing agency. In this role, the GBIF is responsible for – among other things – “the enlistment of chaplains, the raising and management of funds, and encouraging the prayerful support of Grace Brethren people.”
4. The current “Policy and Procedure of the Chaplaincy Ministry” was approved by the Board of Directors of the GBIF in March, 2005. John Schumacher is the sole endorsing agent currently serving the Fellowship under the auspices of the GBIF.

Enlistment of Chaplains

1. When individuals contact the Endorsing Agent, the Agent makes an initial determination regarding their potential ministry as a chaplain endorsed by the Fellowship. If the determination is positive, he sends them an application.
2. On the basis of the completed application, the endorsing agent guides the candidate through his training and qualification as a military chaplain.

Ordination of Chaplains in the Fellowship

1. The Chaplain Committee is empowered to organize an “examining board” to serve as an approval authority on behalf of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.
2. The examining board is organized as follows:
 - The Endorsing Agent serves as chairman of the examining board and a non-voting sponsor of the candidate.
 - The examining board normally has up to three ordained ministers who are members of the GBIF Board of Directors and up to three ordained ministers from the district where the candidate holds his local church membership, one of them being a non-voting sponsor.
 - The examining board has at least five voting members and all of them are members of the Association of Grace Brethren Ministers.
 - Non-voting observers are welcome to attend examinations.
3. Examinations follow generally accepted procedures which are in use throughout the Fellowship and are approved by the Association of Grace Brethren Ministers.
4. Early examinations of candidates are encouraged in order that ordination approval may follow in a timely fashion.