

## **COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL**

### **Commission Description**

**Needed:** Presbyterians with passion to support ministry in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. Four Presbyterian denominations elect members to the Council. The Constitution of the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel sets forth 10 specific responsibilities:

- 1) inform the church that its mission is carried into unique and difficult areas through Chaplains' ministries;
- 2) procure, screen, and endorse clergy to serve as chaplains to the military, both active and reserve status; to the Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, both full and part-time; to the Civil Air Patrol; and to the services' Candidacy Seminarian programs;
- 3) provide ecclesiastical supervision and support;
- 4) keep chaplains and governing bodies aware of mutual responsibilities and foster live and supportive relationships;
- 5) provide a unified influential voice in speaking to the government on matters relating to military personnel;
- 6) develop effective programs of ministry to military personnel;
- 7) encourage and enable local congregations in support of their members in the military services;
- 8) cooperate with other similar ecclesiastical bodies;
- 9) give representation to denominational agencies and ecumenical bodies in concerns with matters relating to military personnel and VA Hospital patients; and
- 10) consider other matters as referred by member denominations.

**Skills and Expertise:** Some knowledge of military/VA chaplaincy would be most helpful. Members would normally be retired, reserve or former chaplains or spouses, or have extensive military experience. As our work deals often with the middle and upper judicatories of the church, persons with past or current experience in elected or staff positions would be helpful.

**Time Requirement:** One annual meeting in November requires two full days. If elected to Executive or Interview Committee an additional two to four interspersed days during year. Visits/calls are made to active duty chaplains serving in local area.

**Nominated:** by General Assembly Nominating Committee: 3 At-Large Members