



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.  
Federal Chaplaincy Ministries

## What is the ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Ministries?

Since the beginning of US History, chaplains have served with distinction. Today that same service continues through our women and men who serve as pastors in uniform in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines along with Veterans Affairs hospitals, Federal Bureau of Prisons, US Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation chaplains. These individuals bring the hope, help and healing of Christ to service members, veterans, the imprisoned and federal law enforcement.

## How can you support Federal Chaplaincy Ministries?

- Pray for our ELCA Chaplains
- Send care packages to chaplains deployed, mobilized, afloat, overseas
- Purchase and send *Prayer Book for the Armed Services* to our military or VA chaplains or *Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book* to prison chaplains. Both books are available through Augsburg Fortress or you can make a donation to the prayer book fund to purchase books when the need arises.
- Donate to the Fund for Leaders Federal Chaplaincy Ministries scholarship.



## ELCA Federal Chaplaincies Fund for Leaders Scholarship



Pictured above with Bishop Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Rev. Christopher Otten are Rebekah Nelson and Roger Randolph III, recipients of the ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Fund for Leaders Scholarship in 2019 and 2020. Not pictured is Luke M. Beaver, the third scholarship recipient in 2020.

The ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholarship supports those called to nurture our service members, veterans and those in federal corrections and law enforcement. One primary stated obstacle for women and men answering a call to chaplaincy is educational debt. Prayerfully consider making a donation to the scholarship fund.

- Checks can be mailed to: ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1806, Merrifield, VA 22116 Reference E271994 on your check
- Online at [www.elca.org/fundforleaders/donate](http://www.elca.org/fundforleaders/donate). Select *ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Scholarship* from the dropdown menu.
- Leaving a Legacy: *charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, donor-advised trusts, donor-directed distribution agreements, memorial endowment fund gifts (cash, appreciated securities and real estate)*

The ELCA Foundation can help you choose the option that's right for you and enable the support of future chaplains for years to come. Call 800.638.3522. Information provided by the ELCA Foundation should not be considered tax or legal advice.

## Medallion Congregations

What is a Medallion Congregation? Congregations are designated as a Medallion Congregation by Federal Chaplaincy Ministries for donating \$1000 to the ministry. Medallion Congregations are awarded a beautiful plaque in honor and recognition of their commitment to this ministry. For every subsequent \$1000 donation, a star will be added to the plaque.

## Federal Chaplaincy Ministries by the Numbers (2020)

<b>Army (Total: 41)</b>	<b>Navy (Total: 34)</b>	<b>Veterans Affairs:</b> 26
Active Duty: 12	Active Duty: 13	<b>Bureau of Prisons:</b> 3
Reserve: 16	Reserve: 20	<b>Secret Service:</b> 2
National Guard: 13	USCG ACS: 1	<b>Bureau of Investigation:</b> 1
<b>Air Force (Total: 51)</b>	<b>Chaplain Candidates:</b> 23	<b>Retired Chaplains*:</b> 352
Active Duty: 11		
Reserve: 12		
Air Guard: 6		
Civil Air Patrol: 22		
<b>TOTAL CHAPLAINS AND CHAPLAIN CANDIDATES: 181</b>		

\*Retired from Federal Chaplaincy Ministry, not necessarily from active rostered ministry

## Prayer Book for the Armed Services

The first of its kind since World War II, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer Book for the Armed Services was developed with the contributions and review of chaplains and other service members. This durable pocket-sized companion is ideal for those in the military, families and friends of those in active service, veterans, as well as pastors and congregations of those who serve.

Features include:

- Morning and evening prayer for individual use
- Prayers for many service-related contexts, including preparation for missions, confronting crises, grieving fallen companions, life circumstances during deployment and more
- Corporate worship services with resources from Evangelical Lutheran Worship and the ELCA's full-communion partner churches
- Affirmation of baptism for returning veterans
- Prayers for congregations whose pastors serve as chaplains or whose members are deployed
- 26 psalms for a variety of circumstances
- Words to 65 hymns and songs, including an expanded section of national songs



If interested in sending copies of Prayer Book for the Armed Services to deployed, afloat, mobilized chaplains or to make a donation to the Prayer Book Fund, please reach out to the ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Ministries in Washington, DC.

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## Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book

Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book is a beautiful print resource intended primarily for those in correctional facilities; for use by chaplains and others with relationships to those who are incarcerated. Developed through a collaborative process with the ELCA and Augsburg Fortress, *Hear My Voice* draws upon the gifts of writers with diverse connections to the criminal justice system. Congregations are encouraged to purchase and distribute to those in their communities who are serving sentences in the criminal justice system.

This prayer book, enhanced with color artwork by Robyn Sand Anderson, provides prayers for many times and circumstances. This enduring and conveniently-sized book invites those who are incarcerated to spend time in prayer, trusting in God's never-failing love for them and the whole world.



Features include:

- Devotion-like reflections and prayers that follow the Christian year
- Prayers for situations faced by those who are incarcerated
- Services of Daily Prayer
- Group Liturgies and prayers, including suggestions for bible study
- Topical scripture suggestions
- A selection of psalms and words of hymns for a variety of circumstances



If interested in sending copies of *Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book* to our Bureau of Prisons Chaplains or to make a donation to the Prayer Book Fund, please reach out to the ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Ministries in Washington, DC.

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