

County-Wide Chaplaincy

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MARCH

As I have been thinking about the month of March, I began pondering the meaning of the word “march.” According to the dictionary, one meaning is, “to move along with a steady regular stride especially in step with others” or “to move in a direct purposeful manner.” As I think about that, I find it particularly meaningful for us as Christ followers. We often think of the word *march* as what is done in a parade by a marching band. We may think of fancy formations or high knees in step and not see ourselves as part of that. By definition however, we should see ourselves as those who march daily. Are we living our lives in a steady way, and are we moving in step with other Christ followers in a purposeful manner?

There are so many divisive things right now. It seems pretty clear that a group cannot march, in the true sense of the word, if they are divided. In I Corinthians 1:10, Paul exhorts fellow believers saying, “You must get along with each other. You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common.” *The Message*

Wow, it appears we have clearly been given our marching orders. I Corinthians 16:14 tells us, “Let all you do be done in love.” That kind of love looks like respect, caring, putting others first, essentially serving others. Yes, we are called to march, all of us. It is not a stretch to see how this ministry is aligning with those marching orders. As the Statement of Purpose reads; “To provide hope through emotional and spiritual support to the community and emergency responders in crisis.” In order to effectively carry out that purpose statement, our chaplains must stay in step with each other, firmly grounded in the Word, relying on our Lord and reaching out selflessly. This is a tall order, and we are all humans with frailties. This is why we appreciate your prayer support so much!

Thank you for your financial and prayer support as we march through this journey together. Let the message we convey to a hurting world be one of compassion and mercy and love. Lastly, we hope for you; peace, joy and unity as we march together into the month of March.

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