



Pentecostal



Renewal



Charismatic

September 3,2021

Dear Coalition of Spirit-filled Churches Federal Chaplains,

We trust that you are well and enjoying your ministries, especially in these challenging times.

Continuing education, reflection, and review is a critical requirement for a professional chaplain. Enrichment and sustainment are accomplished through networking and fellowship with other chaplains. It provides for a healthy exchange of ideas and opportunities to develop professional relationships. Similarly, it is essential to meet with AND consult with your Endorser on personal and professional matters. We did not meet last year due to the pandemic protocols; however, **I still expect to meet with our chaplains at least every three years.**

With this in mind, we strongly encourage you to attend the Military Chaplains Association's 2021 Conference, during which we will have a required Coalition of Spirit-filled Churches breakout session, Annual Federal Chaplains Gathering. This meeting will satisfy our 3-year denominational/faith group presence requirement, some continuing education as professional chaplains — and hopefully provide some spiritual R&R and encouragement! We will be scheduling time for each of you to spend with me reviewing your professional goals during the combined 4-day conference.

Military Chaplains Association's National Institute and Annual Meeting 2021 & The Coalition of Spirit-filled Churches' Annual Federal Chaplains Gathering

Registration:

Registration is now available for the MCA event, both virtual and in-person at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/military-chaplains-association-national-institute-and-annual-meeting-tickets-169895860091>

Location:

Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbia Northeast

120 Blarney Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29223 1-803-760-1700

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/caefs-fairfield-inn-and-suites-columbia-northeast>

Dates:

Hotel Check-in by **2 October 2021** - gather in lobby for dinner at 1800.

Hotel Check-out **6 October 2021**

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Details:

About Lodging. The MCA-negotiated price for lodging is **\$109 per night**. This is at, or just below, the military/federal per diem rate at Fairfield by Marriott. When you call them directly at **803-760-1700** to make reservations, let them know you are with “**The Chaplains,**” to get the discounted rate. I understand the rate includes a decent breakfast as well. The rooms are the same price for a king or two queens.

Our first meeting is dinner, October 2. We will meet at 1800 hours in the lobby. We look forward to enjoying some great networking and fellowship. **More details to come.**

About the Venue. This year the MCA Meeting will be held in **Columbia, SC** at **St. Martin’s In-the-Fields Episcopal Church** (www.smifsc.com). Columbia is a great place to relax, see sights, and do tourism. Some folks may wish to use the occasion to supplement their permissive TDY with personal leave to really make a vacation out of the week. The MCA meeting will take place Monday evening and all-day Tuesday, October 4 and 5. More details — and perhaps a registration form — from MCA to come.

About Travel Dates. We are asking CSC Chaplains to gather ahead of MCA conference dates. This means:

- Consider using October 1 as a travel day- if needed.
- We meet as a distinct faith group on the evening of Saturday, the 2nd and Sunday, the 3rd.
- The 6th is RTB, return to base or home.

With the new COVID surge, there is a likelihood of fast-changing protocols or any other modifications. Please stay tuned!

I wish I could tell you more than the above, but since we work with the MCA, and since we are amid rising COVID rates of infection, this is the best we can do. **When your coordinations are made and approved, please let us know to be expecting you.**

Any questions about this endorsing office request may be addressed to the undersigned at Chaplaincy@Spirit-filled.org or **877-CSC-CHAP**.

May you be blessed, enriched, and refreshed!

Sincerely,



David B. Plummer
Endorsing Executive