

Meet the chaplains . . .

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How would you describe your personality and communication style?

Warm, interesting, and engaging.

Tell us about your family, friends, pets, etc.

I've been married for 30 years to my childhood sweetheart, Diann. We have two grown kids and one son-in-law, all currently in their mid-twenties.

How would others describe you?

I'm a think-outside-the-box kind of person with a positive, "glass is always half full" approach to life.

If someone was looking to work with you as their chaplain, what would you like them to know?

I will do whatever I can to assist someone, knowing that they will do their part. All of life's challenges can be addressed, or at least put into perspective.

What is, in your opinion, the most interesting thing about you?

I enjoy adventure trips, sailing, biking, and making hand-crafted pens using exotic woods from around the world. I was once chased up a tree by a white rhino; on another occasion, I was chased in a car by a black rhino; and I once had a pet monkey!

Tell us about your career, education, and experiences that led you to workplace chaplaincy?

My education includes an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Indiana University and graduate work in Leadership Development and Marketplace Ministry from Regent College, Vancouver, BC, Canada. My work experience includes: 17 years in nonprofit leadership, 10 years pastoral experience in a local church, and leading Capital Chaplains since 2005. I learned early on in my career that I am wired to see potential. I see the potential in concepts (workplace chaplaincy, etc), individuals or teams, and things (a fixer-upper house, restoring old sail boats, etc.). This helped me to both see the need for chaplaincy in our community (starting Capital Chaplains and Corporate Chaplaincy Consulting), and serve as a chaplain.

What types of life issues do you have the most experience helping others with?

I have worked with people on a wide range of personal, family, and workplace related issues. After 30 years of work in this region, I also have a wide network of helping professionals who I can refer people to if there is a greater need.

What do you like most about being a workplace chaplain?

Giving the gift of hope to people on a daily basis!

