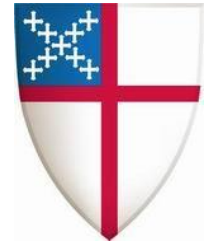




Episcopal Chaplaincy Program Hospital Lay Chaplaincy



The Mission

To provide trained Lay Chaplains to visit the bedside of every hospitalized Episcopalian at least once before he or she is discharged.

The Hospital Lay Chaplaincy Program

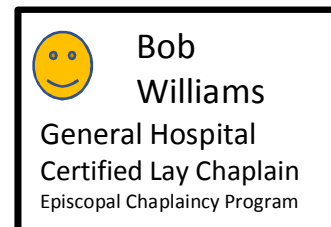
Lay Chaplains receive in depth training and oversight provided by a governance group at each stage of the training process. Every three years the Lay Chaplains are recertified. There is continued training to keep the Lay Chaplains current with policy and other requirements. This is done during quarterly meetings. Each program is periodically reviewed by the governance group to ensure consistent compliance with all requirements.



Integration with the Hospital

This program is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania which is based in Philadelphia and the immediate surrounding counties. The intent of this program is to work seamlessly with the hospital to comply with all safety, privacy and process policies governing the patient. The appointed hospital staff is welcome to audit training sessions, participate in any meetings, or review any portion of the program.

Certified Lay Chaplains will always wear a photo identification badge that provides their name, a current photo and the name of the hospital in which they are certified to visit patients. Chaplains are only certified for a particular hospital. The Lay Chaplains will sign in as dictated by hospital policy so that the hospital.



The Hospital Lay Chaplaincy Program Details

The program trains lay people, all recommended by their parish clergy, to care for patients and to bring an awareness that others, are concerned for their well-being.

Approved applicants will attend a twenty-week multi-step education program created by the Diocese in conjunction with the participating hospital. The program will include a module incorporating the volunteer requirements of the hospital. A certification board will review trainees as they complete each step and approve their advancement to the next phase. Upon satisfactory completion of training, and approval by the certification board, the layperson will become a Certified Hospital Lay Chaplain.

Program requirements

There are three policy documents that define the requirements of the program:

- The Hospital Lay Chaplaincy Bylaws
- The Hospital Lay Chaplaincy Government and Operations Manual

The Episcopal Chaplaincy Program anticipates that local hospital regulations and processes may require program compliance. To meet these needs, an addendum to The Hospital Lay Chaplaincy Government and Operations Manual (GOM) will be created to reflect the Hospital Lay Chaplain's compliance. The Board and the hospital-appointed staff will develop and approve this document.

Diocesan Oversight Board

A Diocesan Oversight Board will review Local Hospital Lay Chaplaincy Programs for consistency throughout the Pennsylvania Episcopal Diocese. This Board provides annual review of the hospital program and its compliance to the Bylaws and the Governance and Operations Manual.

The program is currently based at St. David's Church. For more information on the program:

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