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AF/HC TALKING POINTS

~ Note: These Talking Points are sent from the Chief of Chaplains' Office. If Chaplain Corps members at the Wing level have questions or concerns, please direct them to your MAJCOM/FOA/DRU.

THE LATEST TOP ISSUES:

Air Force Association (AFA) Winner

On behalf of Ch Stendahl and Chief McGavran, we are pleased to announce **SMSgt Tommy Tipton**, JB Langley-Eustis has been selected as the recipient of this year's Air Force Association Chaplain Corps Award. The award is for outstanding performance by a member of the United States Air Force Chaplain Corps. SMSgt Tipton will be recognized at the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition, Washington DC, in September. Congratulations SMSgt Tipton!

FY16 AF COLS Rollout

AF COLS metrics for the Chaplain Corps are changing significantly for FY16. In order to provide appropriate lead time for installation-level ministry, rollout information will be provided NLT early August. Stay tuned!

Chaplain Development Team (DT)

The Chaplain DT met in June to review chaplain career paths and nominate individuals for staff positions and Professional Military Education (PME). PME notification will go out to the field in November after meeting an Air Force level board. Please ensure that contact information in the ADPs is correct. An ADP is current if the latest supervisor/reviewing official's comments are visible. We also recommend that the supervisor/reviewing official's comments reflect your career, i.e., the top line in a PRF. During visits from MAJCOM/HCs feel free to discuss the process and your career goals. Always refer to AFI 36-2640, *Executing Total Force Development* for complete instructions.

Leadership NOW Magazine

The Chaplain Assistant Leadership magazine (titled "Leadership NOW") was distributed on 18 June. It will be a semi-annual publication.

Marriage Enrichment Events

Strengthening Airmen's marriages is an important aspect of Chaplain Corps ministry and needed by Airmen and their families. We encourage you to continue to conduct marriage enrichment events and provide or "provide for" this important aspect of spiritual care to Airmen and their families. We believe MarriageCare is still a viable tool for retreats. Also, if you conduct a MarriageCare event, please remember to submit an After Action Report. The template can be found on the Chaplain Corps secure site.

Strategic Communication through Social Media

This quarter, we highlighted "This Quarter in Chaplain Corps History," "Annual Award Winners," and two Short Videos from the Chief of Chaplains and Deputy Chief of Chaplains as a part of our effort to make greater use of social media. Please follow us on the Air Force Chaplain Corps Facebook page.

WIG

Need a WIG refresher? Please feel free to re-visit the WIG details on the Chaplain Corps secure site:

<https://cs1.eis.af.mil/sites/ChaplainCorps/SitePages/wig.html>

AFCCARS Unit Audits

This is a reminder that AFCCARS installation unit lists will be audited upon submission of July AFCCARS data. The purpose of this audit is to ensure that only authorized units (squadrons or equivalent) are being used, which is critical to ensuring our statistics are accurate. Detailed requirements have been forwarded to MAJCOM/HCs for distribution. Audit results will be returned to MAJCOMs for review. Accurate AFCCARS data is vital for ministry planning and resourcing. Thank you for helping us keep Chaplain Corps data as accurate as possible!

AFCCARS Data Summaries

Interested in a strategic snapshot of recent AFCCARS data? Please feel free to download the most recent AFCCARS Data Review from the Chaplain Corps secure site: <https://cs1.eis.af.mil/sites/ChaplainCorps/SitePages/afccars.html>

HCX Resource Development Center Team, Ft Jackson, SC update

This summer RDC Branch Chief, Ch Kristoffer Cox transitions to the Air Force Chaplain Corps College, and Ch Herbert Shao will arrive from JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam to assume that role July 31st. Ch Regina Samuel will enroll Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB leaving a vacancy to be filled by Ch Steven Survance from the AFCCC. MSgt James Smith has become the Career Field Technical Writer at the AFCCC, MSgt Jason Knight is en route to Osan AB, and MSgt Lisa Tomlinson will arrive from Andrews AFB. Thankfully, TSgt Nikesha Tilton will remain to oversee it all. Thank you and best wishes to those moving on and welcome to our new arrivals!

On the Horizon...

AFI 52-102V2, *Chaplain Assistant (Revision)* - It incorporates the AFIMSC responsibilities and also provides the new IG tier system.

AFI 52-104, *Chaplain Corps Readiness* - Has been sent to publishing and will be available soon