



Four Chaplains Sunday

Presbyterians Caring for Chaplains and Military Personnel

On February 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport DORCHESTER was torpedoed off the coast of Newfoundland. On board were 940 service members—and four chaplains: George Fox, a Methodist; Alexander Goode, a Rabbi; John Washington, a Catholic Priest, and Clark Poling, Reformed Church.



As the ship began to sink, the four chaplains helped organize an orderly evacuation of the ship. When life jackets ran out, the chaplains removed their own and gave them to others. They helped men climb into lifeboats, linked arms, then prayed and sang hymns until the ship went down.

The four chaplains perished with the ship, sacrificing their lives in order that others might live.

The spirit of sacrifice embodied by the four chaplains is alive today. In every place where our people serve -- in every circumstance, no matter how challenging -- military chaplains, as well as chaplains serving the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Civil Air Patrol, are beside them, caring and providing hope.

Nearly 270 of these chaplains are Presbyterians. The Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel supports these chaplains and their families through visits, retreats, pastoral care and counseling.

The Council **needs your help** to care for your chaplains and their families. About half of our annual budget comes from our member denominations – the balance must be raised through donations. We make this promise to everyone who contributes through this Special Appeal: every dollar you give today will go to pastoral care for chaplains and their families.

How I can help...

- 1) **Pray!** Pray for our chaplains and their work. Pray for their families who sacrifice so much. Prayer is the greatest gift you can give us.
- 2) **Sign up for a copy of “Frontlines”** which highlights what our chaplains are doing around the world. It comes free via email or post. Go to pccmp.org, click on “Connect,” click on “What you can do,” then click on item number 7.
- 3) **Friend PCCMP on Facebook and ask your church to add a link to our website** at pccmp.org.



- 4) **Make a financial gift to the PCCMP.** You can give in one of four ways:
 - A) Through your church, as part of your church’s mission.
 - B) Directly by check. Make your check out to PCCMP, then mail to PCCMP, 4125 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington DC 20016.
 - C) Through GiveDirect. Go to pccmp.org, click on “Donate,” then click on “Click here for our secure online contribution site.”
 - D) Use the QR Code provided.

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