

County-Wide Chaplaincy

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Happy 2017 from County-Wide Chaplaincy!

We are grateful for your interest and investment in this ministry, and as the new year progresses, we deeply appreciate your continued prayers for our chaplaincy team. Thank you!

This month's letter comes from the heart of Chaplain Sandy Turney. She and her husband, Ken, have been co-laboring together as chaplains with CWC since 2014. They are on call each Friday for 24 hours. Sandy is a delightful lady with a caring and tender heart. Her contribution as a female chaplain is significant and outstanding especially when called upon to comfort women and children in crisis. - Sam



With That Moon Language

Admit something:

Everyone you see, you say to them, "Love me."

Of course you do not do this out loud, otherwise someone would call the cops.

Still, though, think about this, this great pull in us to connect.

Why not become the one who lives with a full moon in each eye

that is always saying,

with that sweet moon language,

what every other eye in this world is dying to hear?

Hafiz (14th Century Persian Poet)



With each Chaplain call, our prayer upon arrival is always to be a positive presence, the presence of Jesus. What does that look like? To speak or not speak? To touch or not touch? To be silent or make conversation?

No two calls are ever alike. No two people are ever alike. Each person handles grief and shock uniquely. As Chaplains we endeavor to enter into their place of grief, absent of our own judgments and prejudices. We strive to be sensitive and intuitive to the needs of those we are sent to minister to.

Hafix's poem speaks to the desire for love and connection. At no time is that need greater than in the crisis of grief. Our dilemma as chaplains is to know how to be that connection of love to the grieving and at the same time temporarily set aside our own need for love and connection. We, for a short period of time, become Jesus to the hurting. I John 4:17 "In this world we are like Jesus". (NIV)

May this be our prayer that we will become "the one who lives with a full moon in each eye that is always saying, with that sweet moon language, what every other eye in the world is dying to hear."

Chaplain Sandy Turney

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