

**Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors
Chapter**

Ministers Council ABCUSA

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

With Karen Pickler's sudden, untimely death in February, we lost not only a dear friend and colleague, but her talents and skills as our Newsletter creator. Providing you with this [April News Brief](#) is evidence of our need for someone willing to come forward and help us with future newsletters. Please let us know if that could be you, or if you know of someone to recommend. The newsletters have been an important means of providing support to our members and we want to continue with them.

Zoom Webinar Meeting Invitation

How Goes Your Soul in 2022?

Just over a year ago, we came together as chaplains and pastoral counselors during the "Great Pandemic" of Covid. It was a time of reflection and connection. Our souls were battered by fear, isolation, and uncertainty—in our homes, workplaces, and country. Freely sharing our sorrows and disappointments, we found comfort and inspiration in fellowship, lament, praise, and prayer.

How Goes Your Soul in 2022? What changes and challenges are you facing? Please join us on **Thursday, May 19th, at 7:30 PM EDT**. We'll begin with a brief time of Memorial for our Past Chapter President and Executive Committee Member, Karen Pickler—11/30/55-2/9/22. Then, Rev. Petra van de Water will lead us in our time of sharing and reflection. Please don't miss it. It's a great opportunity to be with fellow American Baptist colleagues. Come, and get to know one another a little better. We'll take our collective pulse, hear what's going on with others, and discover where God has led us now in ministry.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Go to cpcmincouncil@gmail.com to say, "Yes, I'll be there!" Provide your name, Zoom name, and place of ministry or home address.

ZOOM access: Join Zoom Meeting

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Have You Joined the Chapter in 2022?

Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors (CPC)

If you haven't joined our Ministers Council Chapter yet, there's still time! Most members join or renew by the first quarter, since our dues cover the calendar year. Joining gives you voting privileges, notices of coming chapter webinars and events, news of other happenings of interest beyond the chapter, and occasional discounts or gifts.

For example, if you weren't a chapter member in 2021, you haven't received our beautiful Commemorative Coin, celebrating our 30th anniversary. If you join in 2022, we'll send you one. On the one side is our chapter logo; on the other, the Minister's Council logo.

If you join by April 30th (remembering to pay both your chapter and Ministers Council dues), Ministers Council will send you your choice of one of three books:

How to Heal Our Divides: A Practical Guide by Brian Allain, Brian D. McLaren, et al.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Resistencia Y Lucha, by Rev. Juan Angel Gutierrez

Freedom Faith: The Womanist Vision of Prathia Hall, by Courtney Pace.

Optional ongoing events connected to each book are planned.

The 2022 Membership Application is attached. Online sign-up is available at ministerscouncil.com or by sending the completed application and your check to the address listed on the form.

Follow-up from February 28 Chapter Webinar on Sexual Addictions

Many thanks to Chapter member, Rev. Bruce Chaplin, for sharing his expertise and experience working with sex addicts. It was very useful, especially to those of us who feel ill-informed about this area of ministry. If you want to know more, Bruce recommends delving into any of the following:

Movies: 28 Days (Sandra Bullock)
 The Lost Weekend (Ray Milland)
 The Man with the Golden Arm (Frank Sinatra)
 When Love is Not Enough (How Al Anon started)

Video: My Name is Bill W

Books: Mark Laaser, Healing Wounds of Sexual Addiction. (See Chapter 11.)
 Marie Fortune, Is Nothing Sacred?
 Cordelia Anderson, The Impact of Pornography on Children, Youth, and Culture.

Organizations that have good, helpful materials on sexual addictions:

American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC)
Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health (SASH)

You can reach Bruce at: 2majorbruce@bellsouth.net

Additional Resources Suggested by Webinar Attendees

Gabor Mate, MD. In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction.

Jay Stringer. Unwanted: How Sexual Brokenness Reveals Our Way to Healing.

Nadine Burke-Harris: The Deepest Well: Healing the Long-Term Effects of Childhood Adversity.

Announcements

Within the ABC Family

MC Chapter of Chaplains & Pastoral Counselors

May 19, 7:30 PM ET Webinar: "How Goes Your Soul in 2022?" (Begins with Memorial Moments for Rev. Karen Pickler)

National Ministers Council

April 21, 1:00 PM CT: Q&A on Our Covenant Code of Ethics (Our chapter has voted "yes" last year. Tune in here for further discussions.)

April 21, 8-9 PM ET: Third Thursday mclive webinar: Interview with Rev. Cheryl Harris on her two newly released books, Divinity, Diversity, Dialogue, and Workbook (Practical Resources)

April 30: Last day to join and still receive your choice of one of three books (See April MC Newsletter.)
MC Leadership Team will host discussions on each book. (More details in May MC Newsletter.)

October 31-November 3: Ministers Council Retreat, "Our Story, God's Story."

ABHMS

September 19-20: Spiritual Caregivers Conference, Kansas City, MO

September 21-23: Space for Grace Conference, Kansas City, MO

Ecclesiastical Endorser's Office

April 21, 7:00 PM ET: bi-monthly gathering

May 11, 8:00 AM ET: Endorser's Breakfast for APC/ACPE

Elsewhere in the ABC Family

June 15-18 American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM) conference, "Radical, Redeemed, Ready."
(Visit www.radicalredeemedready.com)

Elsewhere

Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)

May 9-12: APC/ACPE Virtual Conference

APC Weekly Professional Support calls: Chaplains provide support, share ideas and resources, best practices and self-care accountability for up to 4 one-hour CE credits. Registration is limited to 20.

Chaplaincy Innovation Lab

May 4, 3:00 PM ET: "Burnout in Healthcare Workers," with psychiatrist, Dr. Jessi Gold (registration)

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