

For many years Rich Hines received requests for more in depth chaplaincy training. That’s one reason he produced the Jail Ministry Training Manual. But it became obvious we needed something more. Many unattached Chaplains are asking for training and for us to validate them as “Fit for Biblical Correctional Chaplaincy.” Here’s an example of a letter sent by a Chaplain from Ohio.

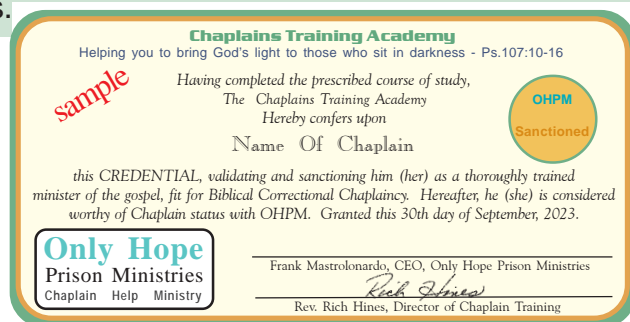
“Do you offer training for Chaplains? I am called a Chaplain, but I’d like to be trained and certified or credentialed. ... I have been involved with the Jail and Juvenile ministry for about 3 years now and the Chaplaincy I am involved in does not offer any credentialed training. ... I have a true calling I’m just trying to get my credentials to fulfill what He has started in me.”

Starting in 2006, the Chaplains Training Academy began. It will continue to take on new students in 2023. Much of the study and course work will be done by distance learning and correspondence, but we do require 20 units (four weeks, 5 units each) of on site work at one or more of our campus locations. To date, there are 108 graduates ministering in seven states.

About the Academy

The Chaplains Training Academy (CTA) has been established to serve Chaplains and trainees by providing training in biblical expertise, as well as a credential validating and sanctioning them as approved and fit for gospel ministry within a correctional facility. The course consists of individual training sessions (quarters), which will be a series of Monday or Tuesday through Friday night classes and day classes on Saturdays. Normally, the course will take 18 -19 months to complete and we require students to finish in no longer than 30 months.

Homework and outside course work will be required. Upon satisfactory completion of a quarter session, a student will earn five units. A CREDENTIAL (see the sample on the right) will be earned upon the completion of 20 units.



Rev. Rich Hines, who was a correctional facility chaplain for over 20 years, serves as the Director of the Academy. For more information, or to register for the Chaplains Training Academy (CTA), please contact us at (360)722-2429, or e-mail us*. You may also visit us at www.onlyhopeprisonministries.com/academy-training/ and then click the **blue link** to our **Application** and print it out, complete it and send it to us. Applications will be prayerfully considered on a first come first served basis. There will be an initial application fee of \$55.
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Some of our Teaching Staff

Rev. Rich Hines, M.A. Min.



The Director of our Academy and Chaplain Training. He wrote our Jail Ministry Training Manual. He’ll teach practical applications of God’s word to the special challenges inmates face. He was a full-time correctional Chaplain for over 20 yrs.

Pastor Jack Jenkins, MA Rel. (in IL)



Associate Pastor at Lakeside Community Chapel in Clearwater, FL. Jack is also a Certified ACBC Biblical Counselor. He teaches Biblical Counseling for us. While pastoring in Michigan, he was an a member of the pastoral staff at Lakeland Corr. Facility.

Pastor Steve Kreloff, M.A. Biblical Studies (in IL)



Has served as Pastor-Teacher of Lakeside Community Chapel in Clearwater, FL for over 30 yrs. He will teach on how to prepare and apply biblical exposition.

Bruce Mills, M.A. Bib.St.



He’ll Teach on submission to governmental authority and how best to be a good testimony of Christ to correctional authorities. Bruce is also an ordained minister.

Dr. Bill Shannon (in CA)

He is a fully Certified Biblical Counselor and an Associate Fellow with the ACBC (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors). He will help us with our approach to counseling inmates. His Doctorate is in Expository Preaching. Bill has served in various Associate Pastor roles at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA for over 30 years. You will both enjoy his approach and be challenged by his teaching.



Dr. Larry McCall

Founder of Walking Like Jesus Ministries and Pastor of Christ's Covenant Church in Winona Lake, IN. He'll teach on God's nature and how best to prepare to be a spiritual leader. You will receive his book, "Walking Like Jesus Did."



Classes and Details

Academy classes will include:



- Biblical Counseling
- Biblical Preaching and Teaching
- Biblical Worship
- Evangelism
- Giving Death Notifications
- Inmate Culture and The Word
- Marriage and Divorce
- Pastoring Inmates
- Submission To Authority
- Suicide (Counseling Suicidal Inmates)
- Working With Corrections Staff
- Working with & Developing Volunteers

Campus Locations

Sun Valley, **California** - at Grace Community Church, Los Angeles, **California** - at Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church, Imperial, **California** - at Centinela State Prison Training Center. Orlando, **Florida** – at Faith Baptist Church. St. Charles, **Illinois** - at New Covenant Bible Church Endicott, **New York** - at W. Endicott Baptist Church.. Snohomish, **Washington** - at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church
3557 Fletcher Drive.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

A Grace Community Church
13248 Roscoe Blvd.
D Sun Valley, CA 91352

D Centinela State Prison, Training Ctr.
2302 Brown Road
R Imperial, CA 92251

E Faith Baptist Church
500 N. Bumby
S Orlando, FL 32803-4031

S Wayside Cross Ministries
215 E. New York St.
E Aurora, IL 60505

S West Endicott Baptist Church
515 W. Wendell Street
Endicott, NY 13760

Emmanuel Baptist Church
2727 Lake Avenue / P O Box 128
Snohomish, WA 98291-0128



Academy Graduation and Commissioning

What To Bring: Bible, teachable spirit, and any personal provisions you may need. We supply Note-books.

Cost: Normally we ask \$95 plus cost of textbooks (\$105 for your first two weeks), for each one week segment. A \$55 deposit is necessary to register. This deposit will be held until you are accepted into the course, in which case it will go toward the first quarter's fee of \$100. If your application is not accepted the \$55 will be returned. Summarized: **your Quarter 1 - \$105. Quarter 2 - \$105. Quarter 3 - \$95. Quarter 4 - \$95.**

Dates in 2022-2023: In CA: In Sun Valley, Nov. 14-19, June 12-17, 2023 and Nov. 6-11, 2023. In IL: In St. Charles, March 27 - April 1, 2023. In Aurora. Sept. 25-30, 2023. Possibly in Imperial, CA, and Bozeman, MT starting in 2023. **FUTURE DATES and LOCATIONS: T.B.A. (To Be Announced).**

Some have asked two good questions. "Out of curiosity, what does the 'Credential' actually do/prove?" Here are some answers to those questions.

IT DOES some of the following:

1. Gets you recognized as some kind of Correctional Chaplain - in somebody's evaluation. In this case Only Hope Prison Ministries'. It is a CREDENTIAL, which is like, but not the same as, a license from a church body or denomination to practice a certain ministry, because they have tested you and found you adequate for the ministry. You need to be a mature, normally Spirit-filled, walking in step with Christ, believer. Character of life, not just biblical knowledge, but biblical integrity is all important.

This is better than being a volunteer or even a recognized volunteer Chaplain working under another head Chaplain.

2. In some cases it has gotten our graduates access and a standing as a Chaplain, where they did not have it previously.

3. It either teaches you NEW things you had not thought about before or it AFFIRMS things you already knew about working as a Christian minister with criminal offenders.

4. One of the best things it DOES is to give you direction for future study and CONFIDENCE that you know you have learned some things.

IT PROVES:

1. You can follow through with a course of study to prepare you for a work.

2. You are responsible.

3. Others in the "field" have recognized you. Therefore, you are not out there doing ministry in your own name.

We also offer those who are taking the complete course of study, a Certificate stating they are a Chaplain-In-Training. This Certificate is available after the first week's session of classes and homework assignments are completed. See the sample to the right.

