



Greetings Chaplain Corps Family,

I trust this letter finds you healthy and rejoicing in God's faithfulness.

As our nation faces the Corona pandemic, we have an opportunity to minister to those around us. National emergencies are not new. However, for some this is their first, and we can help them. We are a family of faith and in times like these what we believe shines! Be a present reflection of your faith and the strength and comfort it brings you. Three Hebrew young men were faced with their own emergency in Daniel 3. They gave us principles to help us today:

1. They responded to their emergency with faith, not fear.
2. When we are in great trials, we learn our greatest faith lessons.
3. We are not alone. God was with them and He is with us. We now have the privilege to reflect Him through our ministry of presence.

General Smith has sent out a memorandum to our membership regarding how we will function considering all the restrictions that have been put in place. I have attached a copy of his letter.

Here are some suggestions on how to practice our ministry of presence. I have gleaned some from Ch, Lt Col Nancy Smalley from South West Region, and those are used with her permission.

- be available to your commanders and squadron members.
- keep open communication with the members of your squadrons (follow our CPPT guidelines).
- be a calming presence in your communication.
- Instead of emails, texts and tweets, maybe an old-fashioned telephone call would be in order. Stay in touch with your commander and leadership. Use the "call down" list to check on everyone on a regular basis. Pray for those in your care.
- Make your conversations intentional, honest and factual. If you don't know the answer don't make it up. Find out and inform.
- For your cadets who need character development refer to Chaplain Tim Miner's email about the online character development lesson so they can stay in line for their promotions.
- Do not take unnecessary risks. CAP talks about being safe...follow your safety plan.
- Listen to your local authorities. Their job is to try and keep the entire community safe.
- If you or any one of your family get sick, let us know so we can pray for you.

May God grant us wisdom, safety, and success as we minister in these challenging but exciting days.

You are in my prayers!

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