

Chaplain to Pastors –Phase 1!

Introduction for February 24, 2022, PMRV Stated Meeting

Hello Friends in Christ,

Several pastors last November voiced an interest in having some flavor of a pastor to pastors in our presbytery. While the Leadership Team continues to discern this need more deeply, we thought it would be good to try something out, too. We've invited the Rev. Cindy Harvey to serve as a chaplain to pastors the first quarter of 2022. We've developed a position description and protocol to start with (see more detail below) and we'll discern further across the next few months what seems to work.

We'd like to introduce you to Rev. Cindy Harvey, and we'd like to invite pastors to reach out to her with prayer requests and needs for support. She will hold things in confidence unless it's something you'd also like others to know and hold in prayer as well.

Welcome Cindy!

Rev. Cindy Harvey is an Omaha native who was under care of and ordained by Missouri River Valley in 1991 at Benson Church. Cindy is the part-time parish associate at Church of the Master and lives in Omaha with her very spoiled cat, Rosie.

Cindy attended Benson High, UNO, and San Francisco Theological Seminary. She has served as pastor of congregations large and small in Ohio, New York, and Nebraska.



"I know what it is like to be a pastor in need of a friendly ear. In my first call, I went from living in San Francisco to living in a rural county without a movie theater or Chinese restaurant! I would never have survived without the support of two wonderful colleagues who listened to me and saw me through tough times."

Please feel free to contact Cindy at 308-224-0476 or crharv@aol.com especially if you or a member of your family are hospitalized, need a good listener, or could use supportive prayer.

More details: Position description so far:

Ministry of Prayer

- Centralized prayer keeper for pastors
- Understand level of prayer confidentiality/sharing
- Offer prayer in various settings

Ministry of Listening/Presence

- One on one conversations
- Hospital visits

Resource provider

- Understands range of resources and how to access, such as:
 - Counselors
 - Spiritual Direction
 - Denominational - Board of Pension/EAP, Christmas Joy
 - PMRV
 - LeaderWise
 - Coaching

Relational

- Reach out to pastors with support proactively
- Be a part of Pastors' Zoom

Grace & Peace, PMRV Leadership Team