

FLORIDA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF CHAPLAINCY

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Process for becoming a DR Chaplain

Complete DR Background Check

- <https://flbaptist.org/disaster-relief-background-check/>
- Follow the instructions on this page. (Common Q&A's are found here)
- You will be able to pay the fee via credit/debit card. This "must" be completed before you can be credentialed as a DR Chaplain.
- The Florida Baptist Convention DR office will be notified when the check is complete.
- Thank you for completing your background check prior to attending training.

Attend a Disaster Relief Regional Training

- Seven trainings are available each year throughout the state (Saturdays)
- See training schedule for dates and locations here:
<https://flbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DR-training-flyer-2022.pdf>
- Take the "Introduction to Chaplaincy" class in the afternoon session.

Submit a DR Chaplaincy application

- Find the application here: <https://flbaptist.org/disaster-relief-chaplaincy-application/>
- Be sure that the application says "**Disaster Relief** Chaplaincy Application" at the top.
- When complete, click the "SEND" button at the bottom of the form.
- You may also print the form and mail to:
Florida Baptist Convention
Atten: Disaster Relief Admin.
6850 Belfort Oaks Place
Jacksonville, FL 32216
- FLDR Admin will receive your application and FLDR Chaplaincy will reach out to you.

Submit Spiritual/Character Reference(s)

Submit to address above or email to dr.assistant@flbaptist.org.

Ordained persons: One reference from pastor or other church leader.

Layperson: Two references, one from home church pastor and one from church or chaplain leader.

Attend the three-day DR Chaplains/Operational Stress First Aid (OSFA) training.

- Two scheduled trainings will be available between June and September at the Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center near Leesburg, FL (dates to be announced).
- Training days will be Thursday – Saturday.
- Lodging will be provided (bring toiletries and bedding)
- Cost of meals, travel, and training materials will be the responsibility of the student unless otherwise noted.
- Additional trainings may be scheduled if logistics, personnel, and student number requirements are met.
- Upon successful completion, you will be issued a Certificate of Completion.

Experience

- Pastoral ministry will be considered.
- One week call-out experience with a chaplain or under supervision of a team Blue Hat.
- Other ministry experience may qualify – email FLDRChaplaincy@gmail.com or call Fred Edwards at 352-210-6497 if you have any questions.
- Upon successful completion of on-site experience, a chaplain's badge and cap will be issued.

If you would like to serve as a chaplain in other Florida Baptist ministry areas:

- FL Baptist Chaplaincy (other than Disaster Relief)

Contact Marc Johnston, Community Ministry Catalyst at: Marc.Johnston@flbaptist.org for more information or check out the website: <https://flbaptist.org/chaplaincy>.

- North American Mission Board Disaster Relief Chaplain (Endorsement)
 - Complete the training "Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief"
 - Complete the training "Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Chaplain's Manual"
 - Complete one unit of training in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Go to <https://www.namb.net/chaplaincy/disaster-relief>