



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 the webpage. (Common questions are found on that page as well)
- 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/2023/08/DR-2024-Training.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 to submit.**
- You may also print the form and mail to:
Florida Baptist Convention
Attn: 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 another related leader.

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

Attend the new Two-day in person DR Chaplain Training and Operational Stress First Aid (OSFA). The OSFA class can be taken online, and a certificate of completion submitted for our records.

- Trainings will typically be held in the summer months after the regional trainings (dates to be announced).
- Training days will be Friday – Saturday (14 Hours Total).
- Lodging (If staying at a host church) and onsite meals will be provided at no or low cost.

(Bring toiletries and bedding, it will be like a callout)

- Cost of travel will be the responsibility of the student.
- Additional training dates may be scheduled if logistics, personnel, and student number requirements are met.
- Upon successful completion, you will be issued a Certificate of Completion.

Experience

- One week call-out experience with a chaplain or under supervision of a team Blue Hat.
- Upon successful completion of on-site experience, a chaplain's badge (mailed later) and black cap will be issued.
- Please inform us of any pastoral/chaplain related experience that you already have.

If you have any questions, contact Dale Simmons: dsimmons@flbaptistdisaster.org or 850-366-3076

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

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