



October 23, 2018

TO: Chaplains endorsed for ministry in the Armed Forces – all branches and all components - by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

SUBJECT: Request to participate in General Assembly, Des Moines, Iowa, July 20-24, 2019.

As part of a covenantal relationship with your endorsing denomination, you are expected to engage in local, Regional, and General Church activities, consistent with your military duties. As such, your church requests that all endorsed chaplains make every effort to attend the biennial General Assembly, July 20 – 24, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa. It is understood that there may be compelling reasons such as deployment, reassignment, or personal hardship that would preclude attendance at this event.

Each Disciples endorsed chaplain is urged to request and obtain official authorization for Leave, TDY, or Permissive TDY (TAD), to be in attendance. This letter may serve as documentation to support your request.

Chaplain training workshops will be conducted on Sunday afternoon, July 21, 2019 at a location to be determined within the General Assembly site.

The Disciples Chaplains Association will gather for an informal time of check-in and community on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 1500-1700 at Bubba Southern Comfort near the Assembly venue.

I look forward to greeting you at the General Assembly.

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