



Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

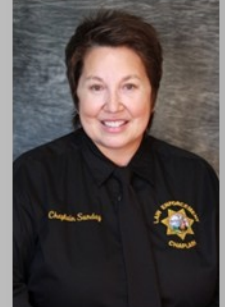
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Chaplain Of The Month, Chaplain Sunday Pearson

Chaplain Sunday Pearson holds a ministry license through the Evangelical Covenant Church of America and is the on-staff Chaplain at Lake Hills Covenant Church in El Dorado Hills, California. Sunday has completed 800 hours of clinical pastoral training, first at the Veterans Hospital in Mather, California, and then at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended Fuller Theological Seminary where she pursued a master's degree in Christian Leadership (with a heavy emphasis on crisis counseling) and is currently enrolled in North Park Theological Seminary where she is taking classes as part of the Covenant ordination requirements. Sunday is married to Chaplain Tore Pearson who often accompanies her when she is on duty with Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy.



Comments from the Executive Director , Tim Thompson

As a chaplain with thirty years of experience, there are calls that I still dread but nonetheless never think of them as “routine” even though I am a veteran of many of these crises. One such call requires making death notifications. The dispatcher called the chaplaincy to inform us that a 74 year-old man had been killed in a motor vehicle accident mid-afternoon on his way home. A man driving from the opposite direction fell asleep at the wheel and crossed over into oncoming traffic, hit this man head-on, and killed him instantaneously. The chaplain who was on-call went to the home to inform the wife that her husband had been killed — they had been married for fifty-five years!

Your heart breaks when you have to make such a notification. As a chaplain, you want to do everything you can to comfort them in their grief and help them notify other family members to rally them to be there for support. The children responded quickly and provided comfort and support to their mother. We also notified the family's priest who provided spiritual support for this dear lady and her family. The son, who had just buried his father-in-law, was well-acquainted with what needed to be done to help his mother make the necessary funeral arrangements. We left them with resources for grief and bereavement support groups offered by our local churches.

Please pray with us for...

- the wife and children whose husband/father was killed on his way home in a traffic accident
- another wife who lost her husband in a traffic accident
- the mother whose 19 year-old son was killed on his way to school
- a mother and father whose son committed suicide after being very ill for many years
- praise that the wife of one of our chaplains is now “cancer free” after her chemotherapy
- pray as we search for a new chaplain who will help us meet the increasing needs we face
- a deputy's step-mother who is terminally-ill and his father as they face this huge challenge
- Chaplain Tim as he supports a church by providing for them as their interim pastor