



Hi, I'm Margie Atkinson, President of APC. We want these quick videos to bring you information about what the Board and our Executive Team are working on.

The first thing we want to share is some news about our exciting collaborations. For years APC has reached out to professional chaplaincy organizations, to other professional disciplines and agencies to strengthen our profession. One of our key strengths is that we are an inclusive organization. This diversity has become a benefit to chaplains everywhere.

In one of our most exciting collaborations, we have initiated a Joint Research Council which is composed of members from chaplain organizations throughout the world. Meeting in person for the first time this year in Orlando at our upcoming conference, this global collaboration is going to be one of the strongest research networks to date.

On the healthcare front, APC, NACC and ACPE are working together with The Joint Commission to educate their Surveyors on the value of professional chaplains and the care that we bring to those in need.

And finally, APC and the Military Chaplains Association are working together to create a new board certified military chaplain specialization. We will continue to develop these specialty certifications for those who work in these unique settings.

With all of these collaborations to strengthen and ultimately advance our profession, it is an exciting time to be a chaplain.

Last year we surveyed our members, and hands down the Annual Conference is viewed as one of the highlights of APC membership. At the conference, the pinnacle is the Grand Banquet. At the Grand Banquet we recognize all of our newly certified chaplains and we celebrate the profession and our friendship and collegiality with each other. There is still time to register and we hope you'll join us!

In closing, APC is THE support team for chaplains who want to be an example of excellence to the profession. We have an exciting organization and I am proud to be a part of it and I know you are too. In fact, we have a new milestone. To date we have over 5,500 members! We invite you to get involved as ambassadors to APC, welcoming even more members, and raising the bar for our profession.

As we continue to grow and evolve to meet your needs, one thing remains the same: APC is our home and the door is open.

I'll look forward to seeing you at our Conference in June.