



Hello I'm Margie Atkinson, president of APC, here with another video to update you about what the board and APC is doing. As members we know the many ways APC has helped us, we're always looking to spread the word about the value of membership and certification, so we invite you to be an ambassador for APC.

As a result of your feedback we developed some new promotional material. This information kit helps you communicate our value with potential members, with chaplaincy certification candidates, with your organization administrators, and with BCC's who want to specialize in hospice and palliative care. Please, help us spread the word about the great things we're doing, you have free access to this material in the about us section of the website or you can call the national office for more information.

In other initiatives, we continue to collaborate to build strong partnerships with organizations such as the Joint Commission, military chaplains NAVAC, and leadership in the Veterans Affairs. And advocacy is very important to us this summer we appointed an APC member to the International Institute of Medicine's roundtable on quality care for people with serious illness, these efforts ensure that professional chaplaincy has a seat at the table on a national level.

As my time as the president and board member comes to a close, I want to say thank you to our wonderful board of directors and national staff, they really make our organization great, but most of all it's been a true honor to serve you, our members. I leave you in good hands with Kimberly Merman, president-elect, will be taking over the reins November 1, you'll be hearing from Kimberly soon.

I plan to stay active with APC. I understand what it's like to be a chaplain. I know that you give your heart and your soul to the work of ministry, I know it's not easy but I know how rewarding it is and I'm going to continue to advocate for our profession.

It's an exciting time to be a board-certified chaplain with APC, as a parting thought your voices are needed, get involved, be an ambassador, keep your comments, your ideas, and your suggestions coming, remember this is your home.