

Certification Now Conducted through APC Affiliate, Board of Chaplaincy Certification Inc.

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During the past several months the board of directors, in consultation with APC's attorney, has been reviewing all APC policies, procedures and processes. In order to most effectively serve our membership and position APC for its future growth, our attorney advised us to move certification to a controlled affiliate.

APC's predecessor, the College of Chaplains, had incorporated and obtained tax exempt status for an affiliate called, "Board of Chaplaincy Certification Inc." BCCI was reactivated November 1st in order to meet the needs of APC as its affiliate. BCCI has its own Web address, which is accessible from the APC home page, and all aspects of certification have been moved to the BCCI site.



All issues that surround certification, including applications, fees and communications, will be handled through BCCI. It is important to note that this does *not* change the process, the qualifications or the competencies that are required for professional certification. Rather, the benefits provided by BCCI, operating as an affiliate of APC, will ensure that chaplaincy certification will continue to enhance the profession and serve our members.

All certification applications and certifications prior to November continue to be processed, and no additional work by candidates will be required. All certifications after November 1 will be processed through BCCI. The chair of certification for BCCI is Rev. Robert Grigsby BCC, who also continues to serve on the APC Board of Directors as the chair of the Commission on Certification. Ewa Aksamit, certification coordinator, will continue to be the staff person designated to handle all certification applications.

Questions regarding BCCI can be directed to bcci@professionalchaplains.org.

The BCCI site is located at: www.professionalchaplains.org/bcci.

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