

TAPESTRY

A Bimonthly Newsletter of the Siburt Institute Chaplains Fellowship (SICF)
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Contributor Information
By The Editorial Board

Tapestry curates reflections on Christian chaplaincy in the marketplace of contexts such as hospitals, military, hospice, and prisons. Like threads of a wall tapestry, each colorful but alone, the offerings in our newsletter weave together to form a tapestry more beautiful than the sum of its parts.

Suggested threads for our tapestry:

Work environment: Describe your ministry setting (e.g., hospital, prison). What are the special challenges in your setting? Help the reader see, feel and hear the experience. This could include stories of self-care, staff care, work-life balance, or spiritually moving visits within your context.

Competency: What does effective chaplaincy look like in your ministry setting? (See [**Common Qualifications and Competencies for Professional Chaplaincy**](#)). This could include stories of ethical dilemmas, using one's pastoral authority, or effective practices/tools used in your context.

Culture: What cultural challenges do you face in practicing chaplaincy in your setting? What is the tension between your integrity, faith, and your institutional requirements, if any? This could include stories of interfaith ministry, of one's theology of pastoral care, or tensions between your institutional setting and your care.

These **suggestions** are intended as a guideline, not as restrictions. We invite you to explore your expressive gifts.

To submit an article to *Tapestry*, send it to chaplaincy@acu.edu.

Please observe the following guidelines:

1. Consult our mission statement. ***To honor the ministry of chaplains through storytelling.***
2. Consult our vision statement. ***To reflect on the ministry of chaplaincy through story, word, space, and the lived experiences of those within the SICF.***
3. Submit your story regarding a chaplaincy experience or practice.
4. Articles should be 500-700 words in length (Word format preferred)

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5. Sources should be cited by *author, publication, and page number* (e.g. Sims, P., *Journal of Pastoral Care*, p. 36).
6. We will review each article before publishing it and will perform a final edit for grammar, spelling, and format.
7. Use a concise title.
8. Scriptural references need only chapter and verse (e.g., Gen. 4:16 *NIV*).
9. Please submit a short bio (100 words or less) and a professional picture with your article.
10. Please **share** your published articles via **social media**.
11. Articles should reflect a spirit of civility and respect, especially when addressing controversial topics, and of course should be free of slurs, insults, and other offensive language (Galatians 5:23).
12. Responsibility for selection of articles for publication rests with the editorial board.