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TEN PRETTY GOOD RULES

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- ONE -- NEVER WRESTLE WITH A PIG; YOU BOTH GET DIRTY AND THE PIG LIKES IT!
- TWO -- NEVER ARGUE WITH AN IDIOT; PEOPLE WATCHING MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE!
- THREE -- OBSERVE EVERYTHING: VERBALLY ADMIRE NOTHING!
- FOUR -- IT'S EASIER TO OBTAIN FORGIVENESS THAN IT IS PERMISSION!
- FIVE -- RARELY RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!
- SIX -- DON'T ASK THE QUESTION IF YOU CANNOT LIVE WITH THE ANSWER!
- SEVEN -- IF YOU WANT A NEW IDEA, READ AN OLD BOOK!
- EIGHT -- IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING, ANY ROAD WILL GET YOU THERE!
- NINE -- NEVER HAVE A PHILOSOPHY WHICH SUPPORTS A LACK OF COURAGE!
- TEN -- NEVER LOOK BACK UNLESS YOU INTEND TO GO THAT WAY!

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The UTTC Cafeteria Staff wishes all students and staff a HAPPY EASTER HOLIDAY!

The Cafeteria will be open and serving meals by the following schedule for the Easter Break:

MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY
Brunch 9-11 A.M. *Dinner* 4-5 P.M.
THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY
Brunch 10-12 NOON *Dinner* 4-5 P.M.

In the Friday, March 3, 1989 issue of THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE, Tribune Staff Writer Julie Fredericksen wrote an article about local chaplains. Included in the article was a feature about U.T.T.C. Chaplain, REV. MR. ED JOHNSON, The article is reprinted for the UTTC NEWSLETTER with permission from THE BISMARCK TRIBUNE.

Chaplains find 'being available' has its rewards

By JULIE FREDERICKSEN, Tribune Staff Writer

Hospital, police, prison, college, nursing home — almost every institution or organization you can name, has a chaplain.

A chaplain is a pastor or lay person who serves an organization in a religious function. Chaplains serve different groups of people, have different duties, challenges and goals, but a common thread unites them. They all see themselves as "being there — being available."

To the Rev. David McMillan, a chaplain is a pastor outside the church setting. McMillan is a part-time chaplain in uniform. He's a captain in the North Dakota National Guard. The son of a retired U.S. Army colonel, he wears his father's captain's bars along with his chaplain's crosses.

In April, he'll spend 17 days in Honduras as a chaplain to an engineering unit. McMillan, the pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dodge, says being a chaplain has broadened his vision of the ministry. "If you're a good pastor you can be good in the Army too. People are people, wherever they are."

The Rev. Hugo Blotsky, chaplain at the University of Mary, also ministers to people who are away from their home setting. He sees himself as a person who brings stability to the community. Besides conducting regular services on campus, Blotsky "mingles around the student body," eating with the students, visiting dorms, making contact.

His greatest challenge, he says, is helping students struggling with low self-esteem and poor self-image. "The fact that they don't see their gifts and talents is a waste. I try to bring them into activities to use their gifts."

The Rev. Wil Dachtler, chaplain at the Baptist Home, Bismarck, has had to come to terms with losing some of the people he serves. The hardest thing, he says, is losing those who have been a spiritual boost, especially one resident who had a "radiant relationship with God." Some patients in their 90s "have never darkened a church door." Dachtler says the most rewarding thing there "is to help these people find peace with God."

The four chaplains at Medcenter One —



The Rev. Joe Deichert enjoys working with youths as chaplain at the State Industrial School.

Deaconess Burnette Kunz, the Rev. Duane Wacker, the Rev. Gene McLaughlin and the Rev. Al Hagerott — are a team, each contributing certain strengths and talents. Kunz's gifts are compassion and sensitivity; Hagerott is strong in counseling and dealing with depression; Wacker is a good listener, a fairly quiet person; and McLaughlin has lots of enthusiasm, is an extrovert, easy to talk to.

Their daily work at the hospital may begin with a cheerful visit to a recuperating patient, only to be interrupted by a terse "Code Blue" emergency call.

McLaughlin says handling differences in emotional swings, "from a newborn baby to traumatic situations" is stressful. He deals with it by getting away. "There's therapy in that distance, in turning the beeper off, recognizing you need that bit of space."

Kunz relies on "silence, absolute silence." Hagerott spends time on his farm;

Wacker finds refreshment for his spirit in the outdoors.

"One more thing," adds Wacker: "Tears." Crying with patients and their family is a great release.

In a crisis situation, a police officer can request the presence of a police chaplain. A crisis could be a death notification, a suicide attempt, a domestic situation. The Rev. George Walker, chairman of the Bismarck Police Chaplain Service, says the most difficult area is death notification. "You never know how people are going to react."

Although he can't recall any chaplain who's actually been in danger in a crisis situation, "There has been the potential for danger."

Police chaplains serve on a rotating on-call basis. They're encouraged to sit in on officer training and to ride along with officers. "For the effectiveness of the program, officers and chaplains have to



By MIKE MCCLEARY of the Tribune

The Rev. Ed Johnson, United Tribes chaplain, says playing the guitar helps him relax.

get to know each other," says Walker.

He and the three other volunteer police chaplains, the Revs. Ed Johnson, Ed Bartel and Mark Duncan, also conduct a program within the department for officers and their families. Like other chaplains, they consider their work to be a supplement to, not a replacement for, a person's regular pastor.

Johnson, who was a police officer for 20 years, feels his background enables him to relate to and understand "the problems and frustrations the officers and their families go through."

Johnson, an ordained Catholic deacon, is also the first official chaplain for United Tribes Technical College. At the college, Johnson, a Native American, works mostly with other Native Americans, but he says, "the hurts are the same. I don't treat them any differently."

Johnson formerly served as chaplain at the North Dakota State Penitentiary but found it "very frustrating. It got to be too

much. It just wasn't my ministry."

The Rev. Joe Deichert, however, is enjoying his work as chaplain at the penitentiary. "The area of corrections is where I want to be for now."

Deichert is also chaplain at the State Industrial School and Heartview in Mandan, in addition to serving St. Martin's parish at Huff.

He tries to help people in correctional facilities "to really believe in themselves." To realize even though they may have failed at something, they're not a failure. There's a Being far greater than us that understands failure."

A personal goal is to see the people he serves as individuals. "Their histories are different, their personalities are different. They're imperfect, human. They're free to struggle and free to prosper. Free to stumble and walk again."

His reward is seeing people succeed: "The most pleasurable struggle I can see is people struggling to get well."

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