

## **FORUM ON THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY**

### **COMISS/NCMAF AFTER ACTION REVIEW**

**Michael Curd represented the Forum**

**7-10 January 2018**

#### **COMISS:**

##### **SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS:**

- Met Mitch Lewis, new endorser for the United Methodist Church, replacing retired Bruce Fenner. Good conversations and opportunity to volunteer to assists in endorsement interviews.
- Jason Torpy introduced me to his two guests from Holland who are humanists. One is the senior humanist chaplain (Navy O-6) in the Dutch Military and his civilian counterpart. Had several very pleasant conversations with all three.

##### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Was able to network with Bruce Fenner, Jack Lea, Stephen Boyd, Christy Moeller, The Patriot, and Russ Davis.
- I was invited to be a member-at-large of COMISS for the next two years by Nominations Chair, Dave Plummer. I declined for this year due to the many changes in my personal life with the promise that I would serve next year.

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Continue our membership in COMISS for at least the next three years.
- Encourage leadership to provide stronger programming and more interaction time.
- Encourage the Pathways leadership to attend next years meeting to consider membership the following year.

## **NCMAF:**

### **SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS:**

- Day one, had lunch sitting next to Brent Bond, Senior Director of Chaplaincy, North American Mission Board (new SBC endorser). Very pleasant conversation and I welcomed him to NCMAF.
- Met and dialogued with the new endorser for the Episcopal Church, Bishop Carl Wright, at the CORE dinner.
- The Forum table was immediately adjacent to the CARL table and Ron Crews, the dropped by a couple of times to get chocolate candy and was very cordial. I had some good dialogue with his assistant who staffed the table.
- Was able to visit with forum members Sarah Lammert, Bill Cork and Stephen Boyd, as well as other endorsers Paul Anderson (Seventh Day Adventists), Janet Thornton (Christian Science) and her replacement, Klon Kitchens and several others.

### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

- Distributed over twenty-five copies of the updated report for the Pathways' progress at the Forum table.
- Attended the CORE dinner meeting and was able to network with many.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Continue to have a table at NCMAF Conference.
- Create a new display for the Forum. The banner is showing its age.
- Have a representative from Pathways at the table and to possibly make a short presentation in the Endorsers' session.