

**“Extending  
Christ’s Ministry  
of Healing”**



**“Truly I tell you,  
just as you did it to one  
of the least of these who are  
members of my family,  
you did it to me.”**

— Mt 25:40 (NRSV)

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Presbyterian Association of  
Specialized Pastoral Ministries

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**Presbyterian Association of Specialized Pastoral Ministries (PASPM)** is a front line fellowship offering support and encouragement for those involved in specialized ministries particularly chaplaincy, pastoral counseling and clinical pastoral education. PASPM serves as a fellowship through which those in specialized ministries can share the burdens and blessings of their ministry, receive support, and share their experiences of God's grace in the world. Our ministry is mission work fulfilling Christ's ministry of healing (physical, emotional, spiritual and social) in the world and is an extension of the work of congregations, presbyteries and the larger Church.

### **Ecclesiastical Endorsement of Ministers Serving in Specialized Pastoral Ministries**

This booklet, published by PASPM and affirmed by the PC(USA) Office of Vocations, assists Committees on Ministry and Preparation as they work with candidates seeking board certification from the national certifying organizations. The information clarifies what presbyteries need to do in regards to endorsement of candidates. This can be downloaded from the PASPM web site below.

### **John Rea Thomas Award**

The John Rea Thomas Award, presented by PASPM, is given to persons, organizations, institutions or congregations that have demonstrated excellence in the fields of pastoral care and counseling. This award is celebrated at each General Assembly

### **Presbyterian Gatherings at Certifying National Conferences**

The PASPM Leadership Team hosts a breakfast for Presbyterians to network and discuss issues of importance to specialized pastoral ministries. Gatherings:

American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)  
Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)  
Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)  
College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy (CPSP)

### **Chaplains at General Assemblies**

PASPM provides chaplains for PC(USA) General Assemblies and are available for other PC(USA) conferences.

 **Presbyterian Association of Specialized Pastoral Ministries**

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