Welcome Home!

The Alliance of Baptists: Endorsing chaplains, educators & pastoral counselors

Everyone needs a home – a place to be your authentic, best self. The Alliance of Baptists is just that place for a diversity of God’s children, and it is particularly a safe haven for those called as chaplains, educators and pastoral counselors.

Since 1999 the Alliance has been endorsing chaplains, educators and pastoral counselors.

Why? Because the Alliance understands that everyone needs a theological home – place of support and nurture where race, gender, sexual identity, economic status, theology and all the other things that separate people aren’t an issue.

Alliance-endorsed chaplains, educators and pastoral counselors have continuous support, which comes through an Endorsing Council, staff, a fellowship of more than 140 congregations, several thousand individual members and a host of ministry partners.

Alliance-endorsed chaplains, educators and pastoral counselors also are part of a network of professionals whose leadership is experienced in bodies like the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) and the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC).

The Alliance of Baptists is committed to being a theological home for all who need it and welcomes all who seek a resting place. Learn more at allianceofbaptists.org/about/chaplains-pastoral-counselors.
"I am endorsed by the Alliance of Baptists because I deeply value participating in the life of a faith community that both affirms and challenges me to embody a bold, love-as-lived justice, and authentic call journey. The Alliance understands and supports the call of chaplains, pastoral educators and pastoral counselors as essential to the work of the Church in creating healing spaces and transformative partnerships."

Malu Fairley-Collins

"Becoming endorsed by the Alliance of Baptists has felt like a theological and relational homecoming: I have the sense I’ve joined a community that asks for my best and offers me theirs as we grow and learn together. I experienced the process as an affirmation of my personhood; my ministry; and my spiritual struggles, celebrations and questions. Perhaps most meaningful to me are the ways this endorsement represents my engagement with a denominational group that makes space for diverse people and experiences: drawing on historic Baptist principles, being present in this moment and working toward a more equitable future for all."

Lisa Jeffcoat