

### *Mission Statement*

*In the loving and caring spirit of Christ,  
Disciples Benevolent Services will partner  
with Regions, congregations and others  
to develop ministries of care  
in response to the needs of their communities.*

Disciples Benevolent Services (National Benevolent Association) is the 122 year-old social and health services general unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). During 2008, Disciples Benevolent Services was privileged to serve more than 500 people through its residential and community-based programs for children, youth and families, people with disabilities and older adults.

In addition, Disciples Benevolent Services sponsors 53 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) housing facilities for older adults and people with disabilities. These HUD facilities serve more than 4,700 people.

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Disciples Benevolent Services  
PARTNERING FOR CARE MINISTRIES

# Chaplaincy

care

Los Angeles, Calif.  
A program of DBS Senior Adult Ministries

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*The mission of the Disciples Benevolent Services Chaplaincy care program is to provide compassionate and personalized spiritual and emotional care to the residents, family, staff and others in our caring communities.*

## Care

Chaplaincy care Program is a component of the Disciples Benevolent Services (DBS) Senior Care Ministries program. The Los Angeles Chaplain serves the communities by encouraging wholeness of life for the older adults and others entrusted to her care through...

- building relationships and trust
- being an active listener
- treating all persons with dignity and respect
- respecting the privacy and confidentiality of all
- offering spiritual care and guidance
- being sensitive to diverse spiritual needs
- helping overcome life's challenges
- leading or helping to lead people to a place of wholeness
- conducting themselves with integrity
- being an active member of the care plan and team
- comforting end of life issues
- providing grief loss/support
- being sensitive to staff and their needs
- providing individualized Bible studies or worship services

## Program

The DBS Chaplaincy care is provided at no cost or liability to the facility or to the persons choosing to receive services. Los Angeles area facilities served by the DBS Chaplain are California Mission Inn in Rosemead, Westminster Gardens in Duarte, and Bethany Towers in East Hollywood. The Chaplain's services are not limited to these three facilities and persons outside of these three communities are also invited to request the Chaplain's services

DBS' Chaplaincy care in Los Angeles is staffed by an ordained minister who provides pastoral care, weekly worship services and Bible study tailored to the needs of the individuals. Individuals also have the option of requesting personal visits by the chaplain. The chaplain is available to provide pastoral care for persons of different religious needs or for those who profess no faith, and is available on-call 24 hours a day.

Individuals requesting DBS Chaplaincy care may be assured that...

- they will be treated with compassion and sensitivity
- they will be allowed to express their fears, anxieties, hurts and anger without judgment
- any information shared will be held in confidence
- they will never be charged for the services
- the Chaplain is trained to recognize when additional help is needed
- the Chaplaincy care program may be part of the care plan

## Contact

To speak with the DBS Chaplain in the Los Angeles area, please call Rev. Connie Morrow at 626-363-3929.