

# Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families

## \$1,500\*



The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces supports more than 160 LCMS chaplains who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. They are meeting the needs of God's people where needed most, including in bunkers and fighter jets, on battleships and bases, and in fields and training camps. This includes any who serve in the vocation as members of our Armed Forces.

Military benefits provided by the government include an allowance from the United States government for Chaplain travel expenses to Church Worker retreats. The retreats focus on the unique challenges of military chaplaincy. They accomplish this by helping the Chaplains feel connected to their Church body, network with other Chaplains and focus on teaching God's kingdom workers

to care for themselves and their families so that they can better care for those they serve.

While LCMS's Ministry to the Armed Forces support all military chaplains and their families, the military benefits do not cover costs for spouses or children to attend the Wellness Retreats. This makes it financially challenging for families to attend. In Ephesians 4:11 - 12, it states *"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of the ministry for building up the body of Christ."* This mission grant supports those who have been called as military families.



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\*Note: Original request was for \$3,000.

