District & Prayer Conference is concluded and we are about to enter a new chapter with a new District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Scarrow. This is very exciting stuff.

As in the last few years, chaplains who serve in the North Central District gathered together to connect and keep up on the unique ministry of these “Silent Benevolent Warriors’

Of the 26 chaplains within our District, twelve were able to attend the Chaplains’ Breakfast. We had police chaplains, medical chaplains, marketplace chaplains, military chaplain, Civil War re-enactor chaplain, chaplains who are certified instructors, chaplains who are relatively new to their assignment, chaplains who are very seasoned, chaplains who are volunteers and chaplains who are paid workers. Plus, our group was represented by all three states within our District (MN, ND & SD).

The morning contained friendship & breakfast, of course, as well as introductions of people and positions. Chaplain Keith Beckwith set up the breakfast this year, to which I extend a huge thank you. Plus, Chaplain Michelle Griffith volunteered to create and launch a monthly chaplains’ connection email page, which would allow us to hear from each other more often and take opportunity of training and activities that we have in common. Thank you, Michelle!

A wonderful story of ministry was shared during this gathering. One of our chaplains from prison ministry was prevented from attending because he very recently had triple-bypass surgery, however, the hospital treating him was staffed by another one of our chaplains, allowing the patient to be ministered to by a colleague, friend, and brother in Christ from the C&MA North Central District. God is always good, but that is just cool!

We had heard through the C&MA grapevine that the manner in which institutional chaplains are managed in the USA C&MA might be changing. How so, we really do not know. But, obviously, we were inquisitive and anxious to discover if and how that all plays out, especially with the upcoming new, first-time-ever District Superintendent taking the helm to lead the North Central District forward for Christ.

The North Central District is truly blessed to have so many chaplains serving those who serve others. I thank them all and I praise God for these Silent Benevolent Warriors of the North Central District.

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