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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: FY26 Chaplaincy Annual Professional Development Training

The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) provides annual Chaplain Professional Development Training (CPDT) training for all endorsed Southern Baptist chaplains. This training allows our chaplains to maintain the highest level of proficiency in the chaplaincy ministry.

The Chaplains Commission of the North American Mission Board, SBC expects all endorsed Southern Baptist chaplains to attend at least one CPDT event annually to remain current with their endorsement certification and mandatory training requirements. Chaplains attending a CPDT training receive no registration funding from NAMB and are responsible for paying their own way to participate.

The CPDT provides the opportunity annually for chaplains to focus on spiritual renewal, continuing education, ministry best practices, and networking with other chaplains. In addition, the CPDT provides theological discussions and denominational updates that specifically address endorsed SBC chaplains.

Annual Training Events for FY2026:

Dates	Event	City
Feb. 12, 2026	Spring Quarterly Webinar	(Virtual)
Mar. 23-25	Asia OCONUS CPDT (<u>Military Chaplains</u>)	Seoul, South Korea
Apr. 13-15	Spring Branson CPDT	Branson, MO
May 14	Summer Quarterly Webinar	(Virtual)
Jun. 8-10	SBC Annual Meeting & Chaplains Reception	Orlando, FL
Aug. 24-26	New Chaplain Orientation (<u>Invitation Only</u>)	Alpharetta, GA
Sept. 17	Fall Quarterly Webinar	(Virtual)
Nov TBA	Europe OCONUS Meeting (<u>Military Chaplains</u>)	Garmisch, Germany
Oct. 26-28	Ridgecrest CPDT (FY27)	Black Mountain, NC
Dec 10	Winter Quarterly Webinar	(Virtual)

Current events and registration information can be found on the North American Mission Board [Chaplaincy website](#). If you have questions regarding this denominational training requirement, please contact us at chaplaincyevents@namb.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Douglas L. Carver'.

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