

Resort ministry chaplains trained at Chaplain University

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Thirty-one students who completed Chaplain University, a training program offered by [Christian Resort Ministries International](#), have been endorsed and qualified for service in RV parks and other recreational settings throughout the United States.

Eddie Bevill (left), a member of the Christian Resort Ministries board of directors, talks with student Eldon Glenn about the ministry opportunities for graduating chaplains. (PHOTO/Robert N. Ruesch)

Christian Resort Ministries requires lay chaplains, who apply for assignment without any formal training at a Bible college or seminary, to complete 30 hours of training within their first 18 months.

All new chaplains receive 40 hours of Hands on Ministry training developed by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, with an additional 12 hours of division-specific chaplaincy training taught by division managers at Chaplain University.

Chaplains also are required to complete six hours of continuing education annually.

In addition, chaplains are trained in NOVA disaster response, suicide intervention and first-responder intervention, said Dennis Maloney, general director of Christian Resort Ministries International.



“We want our chaplains to be equipped to be the finest they can be and be able to bring the word of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to those who don’t know and who know him. ... Jesus clearly states, in Acts 1:8, we need to be his witness in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Resort ministry in RV parks, campgrounds and resorts spans all the requirements in the Acts passage,” Maloney said.

Christian Resort Ministries has endorsed chaplains who serve in 25 Texas resorts, particularly in the Rio Grande Valley.

Chaplain University is a three- phase teaching process over three years and is offered in the Branson, Mo, area each year in the fall.

For more information about resort chaplaincy, visit www.crmintl.org.