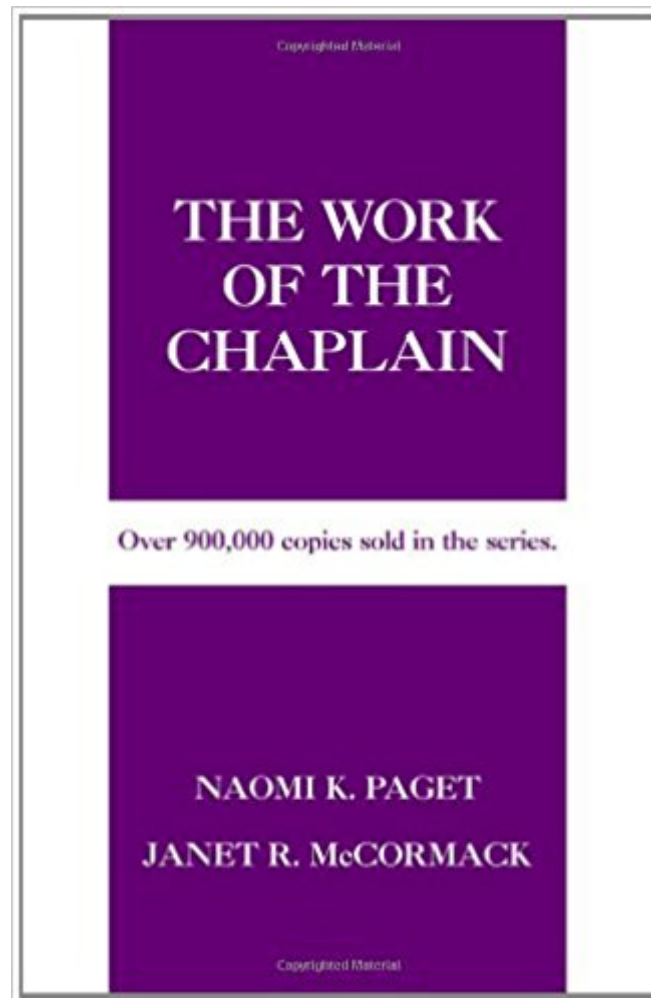




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Synopsis

An ideal starting point for all, including seminarians, who are exploring a call to chaplaincy ministry. Unlike most other books in this field which are specific to one form of chaplaincy and are often written from an autobiographical viewpoint only, this new resource meets a critical need for an introductory and overview look at chaplaincy in general.

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Customer Reviews

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As someone interested in how religion fits into our modern society and the work of the different types of clergy, this book offered a terrific introduction to where the chaplain fits into our world. This book provides many definitions and explanations for what a chaplain is, what one does, and why

they are a necessary part of religious outreach. I am not a Christian, so the idea of a chaplain was a little confusing to me. After reading this book, I am much more aware of how a Jewish, Christian, or even a Pagan chaplain can step into the trials of a person's life and provide assistance. I learned how a chaplain can help people who are mad at God, hate God, or don't even believe in God. No one escapes this life without pain and suffering. The chaplain, as offered in a French proverb within the text has the task "To heal sometimes, to remedy often, to comfort always." The author points out the power of presence. I think of it like when a cop is present in a high stress environment. Although the cop is doing nothing except "being there," his presence can offer a sense of order. The chaplain does the same. Sometimes, just by being there, he or she offers a sense of calm and assurance. After providing an overview of the work, the author provides the requirements for chaplaincy in the military, healthcare, workplace, prison, campus, sports, and first-responder. If you are considering chaplaincy as a career choice, these chapters are full of advice on how to become qualified and what the work might entail. The section on preparing for the job is wonderful. The author describes what you must BE to fit the job. Details on responsibility, accountability, ethics, and legal aspects are all covered. Also covered are ways to get a job, keep that job, find associations, education, and much more. Overall, this is a great book for those interested in becoming or working with a chaplain of any denomination.

I am using this as part of a course I am taking. This book is required to complete it. But, I can honestly say, I would have bought this book anyway. Very informative, easy to read, and the index makes it easy to find what you are looking for. The authors obviously know the subject well and, I believe, have some "boots on ground" experience.

This is a very solid introduction to the field of chaplaincy. The only reason I wouldn't rate it higher was the middle section (with a chapter each detailing the work of a chaplain in a variety of settings: military, hospital, prisons, etc) seems to be a bit repetitive at times. I would say, unless you are interested in a particular type of chaplaincy, you can probably skip that chapter.

Well Written, easy to read. Full of pertinent information on being a Chaplain. Good Read for anyone exploring the chaplaincy field.

At age 78, being pastor 52 years, I found this book most helpful as I now finish my ministry years as a volunteer nursing home Chaplain. So much have I learned about being a chaplain and how it

differs from just being a church pastor. Great knowledge in this book.

Dr. Paget's writing is clear and easy to follow as she describes the work of chaplains. This should be among the first books all chaplains should read as they enter into this specialized ministry.

I absolutely love this book! It is very informative of what a chaplain is, a little bit of history, and the multiple ministry roles for chaplains, and chaplaincy pitfalls. It is a no-nonsense book, and establishes what every chaplain should aspire to know on a philosophical level. It is Christian based, but it establishes the role of a chaplain. Very well done! It is a short book, not given to fluff, and every page is full of information including a good resource section.

I was privileged to hear Dr. Paget at a conference, a few years back, she was wonderful. We bought her book at that time. I was a newly ordained chaplain, at the time, and this book is a great resource for anyone considering the chaplaincy or already serving as a chaplain. It covers everything from hospital chaplains, military chaplains, crisis chaplains, workplace chaplains, sports chaplains and so on. The greatest thing I learned from Dr. Padgett and from her book is the ministry of presence. I am reading this book again and highly recommend it to others.

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