

Rev. Jihey Esther Roach

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- Profile:**
- **Ordained Minister, 2002-Present**
In good standing with the United Church of Christ
 - **Board Certified Chaplain, 2004-Present**
Certified by Board of Chaplaincy Certification, Inc. (BCCi), which is an affiliate of Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)

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- Education:**
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| Doctor of Ministry, Degree Candidate
San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, CA
Dissertation: <i>“Death and Dying Among Centenarians: How the Anticipatory Grief Affects Caregivers’ Grief Process”</i> | 2016 |
| Master of Divinity Degree
San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, CA | 2002 |
| Bachelor of Science Degree
Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL
Major in Chemistry
Minor in Music Performance | 1998 |

Work History & Ministry Experiences:

Vitas Healthcare, North Miami Beach, FL

Chaplain, Team 106 (Nursing Homes)

2009-present

- Providing spiritual care and counseling to patients and families who are facing with end-of-life and palliative care issues along with excellent written documentation skills.
- Supporting families who lost their loved ones by providing bereavement support with plan of care, such as but not limited to, follow-up phone calls, visitations, conducting funeral and memorial services, and facilitating various bereavement groups.
- Maintain ongoing community relations with over fifteen different nursing homes that the team travels to care for patients, families, and staff in the north-eastern part of the Miami-Dade County by providing excellent communication skills in pastoral care and conducting various in-services to support nursing home staff and residents.

- Selected by the Vitas as a Chaplain Mentor since 2012 to educate fellow twenty-two chaplains on continuously educating skills on providing spiritual care to terminally ill patients and families and orienting and training newly employed chaplains, on chaplain's duties according to company's transforming policy and regulations.

Christ Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Palmetto Bay, FL

Four-Way Covenant Minister

2009-present

- Served as Board of Deacons (2010-2014)
- Providing regular pulpit supplies for preaching
- Being available for pastoral ministry as a Four-way Covenant minister including but not limited to: funeral services, weddings, baptisms, pastoral care, sacraments, liturgist, ushering, etc.
- Representing church for Florida Conference meetings and for General Synods.

Children's Bereavement Center, Country Day School, Miami Shores, FL

Bereavement Group Facilitator:

2011-2013

(Every Tuesday from 6PM to 9PM following school calendar for children ages 5-18)

- Selected by Vitas Hospice, as one of three chaplains and five social workers, to lead facilitate children bereavement support groups consist of various ages. I initiated to lead a bereavement group for high teens (16 to 18 years) who lost their immediate family members. Provide bereavement care to their caregivers as well.

Association of Professional Chaplains, Inc.

2010-2014

State Chair (Florida) for Continuing Education

- Providing support and aide Board Certified Chaplains to maintain certification through Board of Chaplaincy Certification Inc. (BCCi) by making sure everyone to fulfill their annual continuing education requirements, every five years Peer Review Report, and ecclesiastical endorsement of good standing from individual's denomination.
- Continuously introduce and advertise continuing education opportunities to chaplains and possibly present one: Provided two lectures/workshop discussing about How to Become a Board Certified Chaplain: It's Requirements and the Application Process to Vitas Hospice Chaplains.

Board of Chaplaincy Certification, Inc. (BCCi)

Presenter of a candidate for Board Certified Chaplain

June 2013

- Successfully present one candidate to become a Board Certified Chaplain at the annual conference of the Association of Professional Chaplain at Orlando, FL. Thoroughly

reviewed all written materials submitted by the candidate and wrote up a Presenter's Report to distribute to all parties of the chaplain certifying committee, including the candidate prior to the meeting. Informed the candidate regards to additional preparations and growing edges to meet the committee successfully in advance.

- Served as a Chair of the chaplain certifying committee for one candidate and served as a committee member for two other candidates.

Agency for Pastoral Education and Counseling Services, Detroit, MI

Chaplain (Part-time) & CPE Supervisor-In-Training

2006-2008

- Offering spiritual care to patients, families, and staff at Detroit Medical Center (Sanaï Grace Hospital), the level I trauma center.
- Receiving CPE Supervisory Education by participating in weekly peer group meeting, bi-weekly individual supervisions, and observing Level I CPE units.
- Conducting admission interviews and writing interview reports for perspective CPE students, helping the training CPE supervisor to organize, prepare the Level I and II CPE units by doing administrative and managerial work.
- Successfully organizing, creating curriculums, and conducting a CPE unit for Level I students and writing a supervisory evaluation for all students under the supervision of the certified CPE supervisor.

Kindred Hospital San Francisco Bay Area, San Francisco, CA

Chaplain and Coordinator of Spiritual Care Services

2004-2006

Took an organization that never had a chaplain before. The organization was known for its staff carrying high stress level and low work motivation but turned it into vibrant, hard-working place.

- Offering spiritual care to staff, families, and loved ones of all hospitalized patients.
- Creating and leading weekly prayer group meeting for staff and separate one for patients and families. Organized and conduct a monthly bereavement/support group. Participated in various patient care meetings and bio-ethics meetings.
- Developing and running a volunteer program. Supervising and training volunteer chaplains.
- Developing relationships with local religious organizations and seminaries. Developing and running an internship program for local seminary students.

Sycamore Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, El Cerrito, CA

Four-Way Covenant Minister/Parish Associate

2003-2008

- Served as a member of Board of Christian Education at this primarily Asian congregation.
- Provide regular pulpit supplies for preaching
- Available for pastoral ministry as a Four-way Covenant minister including but limited to: funeral services, weddings, baptisms, pastoral care and counseling, hospital visitations, providing all sacraments, etc.
- Represent the church for Northern California Nevada Conference meetings and for General Synods

San Francisco Community Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, San Francisco, CA

Associate Pastor

2003-2004

- Leading Sunday worship services, preaching, offering pastoral care and counseling, hospital visitations, conducting weddings and funerals, and providing all sacraments.
- Responsible for all the church related administrative work and outreach ministry missions: selecting and networking with local non-profit agencies and organizations, and grant writings.
- Representing congregation for the conference and at the national level.

First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), Tiburon, CA

Minister-In-Training (Part-Time)

2000-2001

- Preach occasionally and present at every worship service to assist a Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor as a liturgist.
- Serve as a youth group leader on every Saturday, taking youth out for various activities, such as to movies, bungee jumping, bible studies, etc.
- Shadowing pastors on conduction weddings, funerals, pastoral care, and various other pastoral duties.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Experience

- **Rhode Island Health Care Ministry, Providence, RI**
Specialty Chaplain Resident at Women and Infant Hospital (1 unit of Level II CPE)
September – December 2002
- **Saint Mary's Medical Center, San Francisco, CA**
Chaplain Resident (2 units of Level I CPE and 2 units of Level II CPE)
September 2001-August 2002
- **Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT**
Chaplain Intern (1 unit of Level I CPE)
May – August 2000