

Reverend John P. Oliver, D.Min.



**Chief, Chaplain Service & CPE Supervisor
Durham VA Medical Center**

Current Position: Chief, Chaplain Service & Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor, ACPE
Durham VA Medical Center.

Degrees: Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) – Columbia Theological Seminary - Decatur, GA
Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisory Training – Duke University Medical Center -
Durham, NC
Master of Divinity (M.Div.) – Southwestern Baptist Seminary - Fort Worth, TX
Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Samford University - Birmingham, AL
Bachelor of Music (BM) – Samford University - Birmingham, AL

Certifications:

CPE Supervisor – Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.

Board Certified Chaplain – National Association of VA Chaplains

Denominational Endorsement – Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Research Interests, Projects and Papers:

- **Primary Educator** for 2012 Veterans Affairs Rural Health initiative. Responsible for development and deployment of curriculum designed to train Clergy about: the natural, normal psychological, physiological, cultural and spiritual reactions individuals face after traumatic events; the need to de-stigmatize receiving care for mental health concerns; the VA resources available for Veterans and their families in local communities.
- **Co-Facilitator** for 2011 Veterans Affairs Rural Health Initiative to train clergy in rural areas as to how they might best support their Veterans.
- **Lead Investigator**: “VA Spiritual Care for Post-Deployment Veterans and their Families: An Educational Model.” VISN 6 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center Grant in progress. Chaplain Oliver has led clergy and community training events throughout the US.
- **Co-Leader**: "Working Miracles in Peoples Lives: Connecting the Faith Community and Behavioral Health Professionals to Help Service Members and Their Families" Funded by Citizen Soldier Support Program (CSSP), the New Bern District of the United Methodist Church and Eastern North Carolina Area Healthcare Education Centers (AHEC). Funded in part by a grant from The Duke Endowment.
- **Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor**: Educates post-graduate ministry students in the art of pastoral care at the Durham VA Medical Center. Developed a resource sharing arrangement with Army to train Chaplains in CPE. Developed VISN 6 CPE program for Chaplain wishing to be endorsed by the National Association for VA Chaplains.
- **Lead Author**: Ethics Committee Advisory Statement: *Considerations for PEG Tube Placement in Patients with Advanced Dementia*, January 2005.
- **Contributing Author**: *"Home Oxygen for Patients Who Smoke"*, December 2006.
- **Author**: “Balancing Religion and Spirituality in Health Care” in HealthPower and Prevention News, November 2003. (Article was subsequently printed in the January-February 2004 edition of the Military Chaplains' Association and the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) Newsletter.)
- **Contributing Author for Spiritual Care**: “Clinical Practice Guideline for the Management of Post-Traumatic Stress” Department of Veterans Affairs & Department of Defense, 2004.
- **Chair**: Mid-Atlantic Region, ACPE (2008 – 2010)

Awards:

- 2011 Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) National Conference Chaplain.
- 2011 Durham VA Medical Center Nursing Service – Partner in Care Excellence Award.
- 2011 North Carolina Army National Guard and Air National Guard – Service Award.
- 2011 Department of Veterans Affairs Chaplain Service Community Clergy Outreach Award.
- 2009 Military Chaplains Association – Distinguished Service Award.
- 2005 Secretary's Award for Excellence in Chaplaincy – United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- R.S. & Pearl Hopson Mission Award – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Honors Music Degree with Recital - Samford University School of Music.

Other Information:

- Raised in Cali, Colombia, South America. Son of Baptist missionaries.
- Ordained Baptist Minister.
- If I could do anything else in the world. . . I'd probably sing, sing, sing.