Purpose
Provide counsel to NACC leadership in order to help members become educated in the field of professional research on the impact and importance of spiritual care and professional chaplaincy in health care and related fields.

Major Responsibilities
1. Assist NACC members to stay current on critical research issues and literature in Spiritual Care
2. Provide direction to and content for NACC on research education of its members
3. Provide strategic thinking and direction for NACC research related objectives:
   b. Assess and communicate current research on the value of professional chaplaincy to members and other stakeholders/constituents
   c. Partner with associations and clinical research faculties to engage our members in research
4. Assess and recommend to NACC appropriate partnerships for research (and be part of such efforts)
5. Contribute through writing and member communication (Vision and NACC Now) news of research articles, as well as, contribute to the research field, as possible
6. Recommend methods for, and help in, assessing certification candidates’ competencies in fulfilling Certification standard:
   305:7 Articulate how primary research and research literature inform the profession of chaplaincy and one’s spiritual care practice

Criteria for Members
- Board Certified Chaplain or Supervisor preferred
- Recognized professional knowledge of current research on the value and importance of spiritual care and chaplaincy in health care and related fields.
- Demonstrated commitment to improving colleague chaplains understanding and embracing Standard 12 of the Standards of Practice for Professional Chaplains:
  Standard 12, Research: The chaplain practices evidence-based care including ongoing evaluation of new practices and, when appropriate, contributes to or conducts research.

Time Commitment
- This panel holds conference calls on a quarterly basis.
- This panel does not require travel.