

National Association of Catholic Chaplains - Members Survey - Goal IV

Question #1 How have you benefited from your membership in NACC?

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Q 1:

- 1 Networking with my fellow NACC members has enabled me to be a more professional & compassionate chaplain.
- 2 Just knowing I am board certified as a chaplain. And I went to the conference to get my certificate. And I went to the workshop in San Antonio..
- 3 People recognize us as well prepared to do our jobs as Board Certified Chaplains.
- 4 Conventions/Vision reading/ state meetings/relationships with members
- 5 I am now retired from active chaplain ministry. Looking back over my twenty-three years, my involvement with NACC was critically important to me. I worked on certification interview teams for at least ten years. I attended as many NACC conferences as I could because they nourished me and guided my ministry. NACC encouraged continual education and spiritual growth. And best of all, my peers were a great group of people to get to know and network with during my active years.
- 6 I've felt supported over the years. The audio presentations have been helpful to my growth as a working chaplain.
- 7 professional contacts
- 8 Certification Preparation.
- 9 Yes, attended the Regional Meetings and developed friendships. I attended a few on the National Level. The Validation and certification of chaplaincy through Board Certification and Specialty Certification. Educational
- 10 opportunities, and the opportunity to present my work at the conference.
- 11 As a resertify member I have profesional status and benefit from some of the imput about chaplaincy.
- 12 Certification and group sharing at workshops.
- 13 I have been able to apply for certification.
- 14 I have met wonderful Chaplains.
- 15 Education and resources, Certification
- 16 Each year since I have to get 50 hours for recertification, I keep abreast on many areas that maybe I would not access.
- 17 Hard to determine
- 18 Education...strengthens the particular gift of Catholic chaplains thus renewing the sense of mission in ministry he shared sense of purpose among Catholic chaplains is an inspiration to service.
- 19 Even though the NACC certifies only those persons espousing the Catholic faith-I personally-and our CPE programs were always given much respect. Having been a dually certified supervisor for a number of years, I was able to pick and choose the methodologies that could best fit the needs of the diversity found in my students both culturally and in their faith traditions. It was also a gift to intermingle with supervisors who offered me valuable diversity. However, with all of the diversity I experienced, I was always able to appreciate my own "faith roots" more and more. I always think about the rabbis who came to our program because they felt they could learn more about the Catholic faith, especially, the pastoral aspects received at St. Mary Medical Center. Some of the rabbis have never delved into spirituality, let alone theological reflection. They were rather amazed how they could make theological reflection an aspect of their prayer and ministry. I am so grateful for all the blessings I received in so many ways through NACC.
- 20 The fellowship, mentoring, friendships and support have been invaluable. Our conferences are times when I can come and "fill the well" with people who understand that work.
- 21 Participate at the national level to connect with other professionals in continuing education and developing policies and standards of care for our professin that are in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church and based on a long and fruitful tradition of caring for the whole persson.
- 22 Through conferences, networking with others and support of the staff
- 23 Networking and meeting new people

24	I have gained credibility as a chaplain and been provided with opportunities for growth
25	Can call and ask questions of the professionals, calling group to share info, newsletter, national conference, certification
26	being certified as a BCC is well-respected. The various communications -Vision, etc.
27	1. Catholic identity 2.Network 3.Education and learning opportunities 4.Professional Board Certifying Body which is focused on the Catholic tradition yet is purposeful and intentional in Inter-Faith alliance and Trans-cultural orientations 5.Resources:rituals, vignettes, support, prayer life, spirituality
28	It opened ways for me to learn and be professional in chaplaincy.
29	I am able to keep my chaplain position because I am a Board Certified member
30	I am able to keep my Chaplain position
31	It is wonderful being a member of NACC. My membership affords me an opportunity to participate in the annual conferences and monthly webinars. Also, it gives me a chance to meet, and interact with other chaplains.
32	Knowledge.
33	Salary increase
34	Yes
35	yes
36	More Spiritual grow
37	The NACC is the only part of the institutional Roman Catholic church that acknowledges my chaplaincy work as a ministry.
38	Immeasurably: credentialing for career, continuing ed. opportunities, excellent conferences annually, valued relationships.
39	22 years of wonderful chaplaincy ministry; great educational experiences
40	Networking with fellow chaplains; education via conferences and webinars
41	webinars, annual and regional conferences, and use of available resources
42	NACC keeps me informed on the track to growth.
43	Certification and Conferences
44	National certification; on-going professional development opportunities; networking opportunities with other NACC Chaplains at National Conference and other professional chaplain presentations throughout the year.
45	The NACC provided the process for my board certification which led to my employment as a hospice chaplain. It also provides opportunity for continuing ed through volunteering on the board certification interview team. The NACC provides an annual conference that gathers together the best minds and hearts in the chaplaincy world.
46	Probably keeping in touch with the larger group of chaplains and the news from a broader perspective.
47	Education through tele-conferences, networking, conferences
48	Affirmation of call to Chaplaincy through Certification process, continuing education and formation and most important community of faith and service.
49	It helps to stay connected with the world of chaplains.
50	It keeps me informed about both Catholic health care and issues of ministry.
51	some helpful job postings to relay onto to those seeking employment
52	I have been hired because I have credentials through NACC.
53	love the reflections offered in the emails from the director; they are worth their weight in gold
54	Membership in NACC has underscored the professional nature of Catholic chaplains. Even though I have not participated in the webinars due to cost, the topics look intriguing and I am sure are helpful.
55	collegiality when there was regionalisation now not sure probably knowing there are folks out there waving the same banner
56	I don't know
57	Education, fellowship, ecclesiastical blessing, certification, vision.
58	Yes,I have.
59	Yes,I have.
60	Yes,I have.
61	I was able to be hired as the Chaplaincy Program Director of a Women's State Prison in PA
62	Yes

63	only in terms of employment for a per diem hospital position
64	Networking, education and faith based renewal
65	Man is a social animal. It is good to belong to NACC as a professional body so as to socialize among other benefits.
66	i don't see a lot of benefit, i do chaplain work, there are no conferences on the west coast to attend. We are required to belong, I otherwise would not choose to because i don't receive anything.
67	Being Board Certified opens doors to Chaplain Positions & professional respect.
68	Conference calls and emails are informative, formative and rich.
69	It has helped me to get some resources for my education.
70	Not sure.
71	In a very spiritual, professional and personal way.
72	Board certification
73	It has accompanied my certification and gives me a professional group to support what I do in ministry.
74	I utilize the webinars, I am able to maintain my chaplaincy certification, connect with colleagues at national conferences
75	National certification, education opportunities, networking with other chaplains, promoting the professionalism of chaplains.
76	I have had the opportunity to attend a few of the National Meetings very enriching. I appreciated the regional gatherings that we had several years ago.
77	My first response is that I know this is a professional organization that help me to receive education information and programs plus is there to support me and has professional standards
78	Certification only so far after 5 years
79	The varied resources and webinars have been invaluable.
80	Very little
81	Very little
82	I have grown in my knowledge of chaplaincy and the NACC is a great support system.
83	networking with colleagues and opportunities for educational and professional growth
84	education, resources professional standards and certification and connecting with colleagues
85	Reading educational articles, knowing that my pastoral care training and maintenance of standards is being looked after by the association
86	Quality national conf and webinars. Being represented to the bishops effectively.
87	Helped with my certification to be a chaplain
88	Certified Member 1983-2012
89	I am a brand new member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains
90	It gives me a network of colleagues and access to conferences, webinars and discussions to continue my learning.
91	(1) certification process, (2) spiritual care resources & continuing education, (3) professional membership.
92	The multitude of on-line resources and conventions
93	Authority for employment
94	The newsletter has been helpful. I enjoyed it more when it was sent hard copy in the mail. I saved them and referred back to them at times .t
95	Professional recognition as nationally board certified
96	CPE Certification
97	Being board certified member has helped do my job better
98	I participate in monthly calls re death and dying.
99	Networking, forming peer community, work opportunity
100	Team work
101	Certification, ongoing education
102	peer interactions, webinars, convention participation, ITE work, engagement with interviews, Vision , etc.
103	NACC has provided me professional and ministerial collegiality. We are an ecclesial community sharing a common faith experience and a call to ministry. Together, we support and challenge one another for professional chaplaincy in the Church.

104	Worked as a chaplain
105	Professional colleagues in a national organization; accountability in ministry = support and challenge; resources and research
106	yes
107	benefited thru our inspiring leadership and p
108	National Conferences have helped update me an hone my skills; opportunity to serve on many new chaplain certification teams.
109	Contact with other chaplains
110	To good extent
111	I have been able to remain board certified since 1992.
112	Wonderful seminars -great prayers and contacts
113	Professional growth and achievment.
114	Point of entry for hospital chaplaincy positions
115	Not too much yet
116	Educational updating, networking, job opportunities, endorsement from a certifying body
117	Finding other members who are working on similar quality improvment efforts; David Lichter's reflections on emerging trends
118	Just to be a bcc
119	Yes
120	CERTIFICATION; ON-GOING EDUCATION ON CHAPLAINCY
121	Regional and National conferences. Networking for job possibilities and friendships.
122	Networking with other members, staying abreast of news via newsletter, continuing ed offerings
123	It basically keeps me informed, the conferences have been good to connect, At first it was a strong boost for a new chaplain.
124	The recent group chat for new NACC applicants was helpful in planning milestones for submission for board certification.
125	networking; job leads; national standards; credentials; continuing ed announcements
126	yes
127	Institutional recognition of being part of a nationally reputable professional group that keeps me accountable;Ongoing opportunity for continuous education and professional development
128	8yrs
129	Certification process, several seminars- Catholic support for chaplaincy
130	news letter
131	I have enjoyed meeting other chaplains at meetings. However my oppportunities are very limited.
132	some
133	Educational; friendships; spiritual enrichment; personal and emotional growth.
134	Monthly web casts
135	It has been a great place to engage colleagues, to continue to learn, to be part of shaping the future etc.
136	By offering conferance on the copunter as it cost a lot to go to any session out of ones state.
137	Conferences have been uplifting and inspiring to me, allowing me to stay updated and renewed!
138	More information about chaplaincy. Connection to resources.
139	certification, workshops, convention
140	I am in the process of certification and obtaining that credential is essential for my job. I appreciate the Newsletter/emails that i get. They help me increase my knowledge and skill in my job. I also appreciate the community of like minded people.
141	thru the connections and meetings I have gone to, thru the resources available & the Newsletter
142	During my years working as a Chaplain I truly appreciated the Regional meetings--never was able to attend a national meeting.Now I very much appreciate the Vision to keep me up on what is going on.
143	From the ongoing education and ability to talk with others and gain new insights on best practices in Chaplaincy
144	I believe it gave credibility to my resume
145	Primarily by obtaining and maintaining board certification as a chaplain.

146	Professional updating; link to faith-based ministers; promoting the role of essential role chaplaincy in elder cdare
147	My employer values the NACC certification
148	Continuing education. Peer support. Respect within the healthcare field.
149	participating in hospice chaplaincy calls; getting emails about chaplaincy issues
150	I have not engaged in the NACC as of yet -- I am still a student member and working through my cpe and school.
151	The entire experience has given me confidence in dealing with all types of situations. I have dealt with medical people and also with church authorities. The basic training gave me a life long ability to deal with insane situations. Thank you
152	I loved the time I spent as an active member and miss it now that I am officially retired w/6mos in Florida
153	When I first joined, NACC was part of my very being as a chaplain. Overtime, it has changed, becoming super professional and does not have the same meaning for me now.
154	I felt more connected in the days of the Regions and was involved.
155	Help in getting jobs and helped me personally to grow.
156	Membership in NACC has been helpful in connecting with others professional chaplains and enhanced my ministry.
157	Learning what others are doing in their ministry and the nation, support, job information, and the conference.
158	Unfortunately I am so busy at work that I miss webinars, conferences, haven't the time to read VISION etc. BUT it is so very important to me that you do all these things so faithfully to serve and mentor and hold together our mission for us. Thank you.
159	Helped me to advocate for staff as the professional spiritual care expert
160	Professional Educational opportunities, previously colleagueal support in New England States
161	education opportunities
162	I appreciate the CEU workshops.
163	through networking, resourcing, education, connecting with other chlaplains.
164	Hold the chaplain position I do with the salary I receive only because I'm certified. The modestly priced Spiritual Care, Ethics, and (now) Social Sensibilities Champions make it possible to get valuable continuing education that otherwise would not be easily available or affordable.
165	Professional standards that guided my training; board certification; national conference; collegial support; excellent newsletter and publications; support for continuing education; ministerial recognition (important for married men serving in Catholic ministry); assistance with episcopal authorization for ministry; etc.
166	Keeping my membership keeps the doors open to positions in the community.
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168	educational opportunities
169	1. It has helped me to acquire a chaplain position. 2. I grow and develop from the class offered. 3. Ot strengthens my knowledge and undersanding of the opportunities chaplains can offer and be of service.
170	I receive relevant information about the organisation and the benefits of my membership
171	From receiving board certification and keeping up with the profession by attending NACC annual conferences.
172	Yes
173	Yes
174	Annual conferences and networking.
175	Good educational oportunities - which as a retired member I appreciate.
176	Support and education for position of Manager of Hospital Pastoral Care Department, NACC National Conferences and Regional Conferences
177	Continuing Education, Networking, information to help me with new responsibilities at work.
178	I appreciate receiving the news letter in the mail.
179	My job is dependent on NACC membership. Yes

180	Between CPE and early employment as a chaplain, it is very easy to become myopic, missing the breadth that chaplaincy has to offer. NACC broadens my horizon and puts me in touch with people who also are on that journey.
181	On-going education.
182	Yes
183	Accessibility to webinars for continued professional development; the privilege of being in association with a professional group of chaplains;
184	It helped in developing my ministry and my faith as a chaplain. Also provided many meaningful and supportive relationships.
185	Support...enrichment...education...David Lichter's NACC Now scriptural reflections
186	I receive the news letters - it's also important to me to have an organization to rely on
187	Catholic identity for my chaplain ministry. Enjoyed the Cincinnati meeting and past national conference I attended in Pittsburgh--enjoyed the fellowship, sense of belonging, and Red Cross training.
188	Being certified by NACC of itself is respected. I gain too by ongoing professional resources provided.
189	I have not benefited at all so far.
190	A great improvement as a professional chaplain at my place of work and have grown as a person in the spiritual way.
191	professional certification that holds some standard of professionalism
192	On-going Professional training and networking with other chaplains.
193	Support, education, formation , community, credibility
194	By attending the fall meeting which is always very helpful.
195	Feeling a sense of cohesion with other chaplains
196	was necessary requirement for position in 2000. Currently no benefit. Certified in 1992.
197	Moral support and education for our critical mission
198	Able to attend excellent conferences; opportunity to read good articles in Vision; encouragement for continuing education to re-certify; support of other members;
199	Yes.
200	The professional on-going education provided by NACC in the the health-care arena challenges/encourages my chaplaincy.
201	I am kept up to date about topics, annual conference, issues, certification, seminars, etc.
202	The professional association offers on-going education regarding health-care trends for our chaplain ministry.
203	Helps me feel connected to other chaplains as well as educational opportunities.
204	Advocacy, education, communication, networking
205	Continuing education
206	Primary benefit is access to board certification. Created the need to be a member. It is also a resource to me for reference materials pertinent to my iWork in ministry.
207	NACC membership has given me the opportunity to be a Board Certified Chaplain essential for employment. Additionally, I have the opportunity to support certification Applicants through the Board Certification interview process.
208	Good to be in contact with others that share the same type of work.
209	Definitely
210	professional support from my membership body
211	Continuing education, innovations and best practices, connection with Church authorities, fellowship
212	I've benefited from an educational perspective as well as from the perspective of being certified with NACC as a chaplain.
213	I will be able to apply for certification.
214	I am retired it years ago we were able to establish a Pastorsl Care Dept. in a local hospital.
215	General support, learning/sharing opportunities nationwide
216	Peer recognition of Professional preparation for work in ministry in a healthcare setting.

217	Belonging to a professional organization is very important to me. I am especially grateful for the support offered within my own faith tradition and the tradition of the hospital and long term care facilities where I minister. The connections we make, the sharing of ideas, and the support we receive are essential.
218	It has allowed me to have access to continueing education, as well as provided me with certificationa and re-certification (necessary for my position).
219	i have been enlightened with the seminars and webinars and i thank the management's.
220	Good articles- way to be connected
221	Allows me the opportunity to view chaplaincy from a Catholic point of you
222	NACC membership has been very fulfilling and enlightening. The administration has been up to date.
223	NACC Coference and classes offered as wedinars
224	receiving news regarding current issues in Chaplaincy; discounted prices for webinars,conferences.
225	Being certified
226	colleageity, information sharing, support in the ministry
227	Professionally, nothing really. My place of employment does not honor it and no salary increase, unlike in other profesions
228	For some time now I have not benefited except for the certification which in some circles gives a better credibility to my work and input for the medical moral commission.
229	Yes - Professional Membership for work.
230	Support and resource in many different ways.
231	No
232	I appreciate all the information, almost undivided members receive, including newsletter, webinars, quarterly conferences between between related parties, state visitations and more
233	I flet at home. Loved, supported. belonging
234	As a member I am able to connect with other members and share the programs and activities that enhance my life as a chaplain.
235	Yes
236	2 scholarships to annual meeting. cert and recert
237	Just knowing I belong to a national professional organization
238	Allows for one to work hard and be recognized as a professional; provides continuing education.
239	Ability to connect with chaplains throughout the US; information relevant to who is doing what - enabling follow-up; networking through Assembly
240	I just joined; I sense no benefits to date.
241	Job security.
242	professional support, interact with colleagues, contribute to advancing the work of NACC
243	Staying updated with current events, and networking with fellow chaplains.
244	Professional certification
245	I just joined.
246	a sense of comunity - wish I did more in the community - I know I have many options but am so busy it just doesn't happen
247	yes
248	Membership keeps me connected with best practice and with chaplains doing different work in unique settings
249	Webinars and other resources.
250	It is important to belong to a professional organization - and the goals and values of NACC is aligned with a set of goals and values I hold important as a professional.
251	Professionally:membership has added to my knowldege base. The referral information by HCCN has also greatly benefitted me grow professionally. Personally: Friendships throughout the country allow me to feel connected and draw on the insights, various experiences, and work approaches of others.
252	Seminars/Conferences. Educational offereings.
253	Honed my pastoral care skills & have become more compassionate
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256	Keeps me updated with current trends in Pastoral Care - offers educational events
257	I have been able keep up my Chaplaincy certification; gained valuable knowledge through the conferences and webinars
258	Conference workshops, webinars offered
259	Got a job!
260	renewed my certificate
261	yes
262	It has allowed me to obtain certification and offered continuing education opportunities.
263	News and updates great!
264	Have attended the regional meeting for 20 years. I read parts of Vision.
265	Support and education as a chaplain.
266	Collegiality/information/education
267	Theological presentations
268	I have benefited due to the fact NACC is recognized as representing professional standards in training its members and hiring institutions are looking for professionals with endorsement from well recognized and credentialed sponsors.
269	I have not taken advantage of services, but I know they exist.
270	Continuing information re: chaplaincy
271	Colleagues to call upon for support.
272	NACC Board Certification; required for continued employment at current hospital. On-going current updates with NACC websites. Annual NACC Conference: plenary speakers, current trends, best practices for chaplaincy, presenters, exhibitors, etc. Continuing education through webinars, seminars, etc.
273	Webinars are very helpful. I've been to the national conference twice.
274	The resources that are available, professionally, especially "Vision."
275	Support, education, leadership
276	Fulfillment of hospital employment requirements; Attendance at regional and national convention
277	They offer lots of education
278	Just joined
279	Membership affiliation sheds a favorable light when interviewing for a job. Looks good on the resume.
280	Wonderful articles, good telephone conferences. Working with regional meetings. assistance with certification.
281	Recognition respect from military chaplains who are officers and ordained men for the most part
282	It has given me a sense of belonging.
283	An important benefit for me (before I retired) were the regional meetings, when David Lichter would come out, which served as a touchstone for busy NACC chaplains who otherwise would never gather together. I also appreciated the three national conventions I was able to attend (time and money were factors for me) they were always so well done and offered good professional learning opportunities.
284	The status of certification is very important and implies a professional organization that has standards
285	Board Certification, networking, Catholic identity, opportunity to learn and present at conference
286	VISIONS magazine is the most consistent benefit, but I have felt very supported by David Lichter and others at NACC. Being Board Certified by the NACC has had a major impact on my continuing ministry to the point where I am now a Manager in Pastoral Care. Being certified by the NACC has also had a major positive effect in terms of my relationship with the Church as an internationally known Pastoral Musician.
287	colleagueship, deepening of Catholic identity and role
288	Certification has been an asset in hiring and tenure. MY hospital has the most certified chaplains in our system,
289	Certification is required for full-time staff positions in my hospital. I have found my mentoring of persons seeking certification and recertification to be personally enriching.
290	webinars, job searches, certification interview team involvement
291	Support and

292	Benefit of staying connected to others in the field of professional chaplaincy.
293	I'm hoping to obtain certification soon, I've enjoyed and learned much from the webinars, David Lichter's presentation/gathering for those in the SA area in February was fantastic.
294	By certification; by the conferences; by resources online.
295	Board certification is a requisite in many healthcare settings & I have advanced along the professional ladder as a result. I also delight in the fact that this is a ministry of, for, and with the Church.
296	professional certification and affiliation
297	A place to be within the church; the resources it has provided; the companionship of others; legitimacy in the eyes of those who do not understand chaplaincy or lay ministry
298	I have had an opportunity of networking with other members especially during the conference calls.
299	Yes.
300	Wonderful organization. Met wonderful friends in the ministry. Good way to stay updated.
301	I'm fairly new to chaplaincy. NACC has been helpful in guiding me towards certification.
302	Provides articles, videos that help inform my ministry as a chaplain.
303	I do not benefit anything. After two years of CPE I ended up in a public hospital that does not have anything to do with you.
304	I have only been a member since December 2015. Becoming a member of NACC is the first step in becoming a NACC certified chaplain.
305	I learned about the certification process, and am engaged in it.
306	Collegiality, workshops and one-person dept calls
307	Opportunity for support and ongoing education.
308	Job opportunities
309	Support and information from NACC
310	On-going accountability and rich conferences with training and meeting wonderful chaplains!
311	Continued support through networking calls, supportive leaders to the Bishop of our Diocese(s), shared best practice's and reading how others are providing ministry such as in the outpatient setting.
312	I have received invaluable education resources through local gatherings and workshops as well as through the webinars that are presented monthly
313	It has kept me connected to other chaplains, education, etc.
314	Supportive of what I do and provides new insights which develop me as a person and minister.
315	Professional Education; professional contacts, friendship,
316	I was a certified member for thirty years or so. I benefited in multiple ways, networking was one of them.
317	I have the support of fellow chaplains through monthly networking calls (palliative care); opportunities to restore and reflect through conference day of reflection; opportunities to learn through the annual conference
318	Being certified and able to find gainful employment initially; it was very important
319	Annual conferences, webinars, regional gatherings, serving in the past on committees, interviewing when I can
320	Most importantly NACC membership allowed me to keep my job at a level I trauma center. Additionally, NACC offers outstanding speakers at the annual conference, in addition to allowing me to network with other professional chaplains.
321	yes. education opportunities, networking, conferences.
322	Fulfilling a work recommendation, not yet required
323	regular news letters, webinars
324	Professional development. Networking. Renewed sense of mission.
325	I have enjoyed connecting with other Board Certified chaplains at the Annual Conference where we have excellent educational opportunities, good networking, and spirit-filled liturgies to renew us.
326	Support network, education opportunities, resource consult, professional support, on and on
327	The news from NACC, and years ago a small gathering in the Beaumont, TX diocese and the presence of David Lichter there with us.
328	The primary benefit is in forming new and existing chaplains for ministry; networking with others; trends in the ministry
329	NACC has provided excellent conferences, webinars, monthly newsletters & resources

330	I have benefited from my membership by sharing with other members and in all forms of education and spiritual support.
331	Yes, through the annual conferences, sharing of pastoral experiences have indeed enhanced my pastoral care ministry.
332	Professional contacts and resources available on line. Oregon is somewhat limited by few NACC members and geographical distances from most conferences and Assemblies.
333	I was granted a scholarship to attend the 2015 Annual conference. I also learn much from webinars and the online journal
334	Yes
335	yes
336	continuous education opportunities; enhanced job security
337	Seminars, workshops, teachings
338	Great networking, national conferences and educational opportunities.
339	Credibility
340	1990
341	Main benefit is David L. reflections in the newsletter and articles from Vision.
342	By getting the lateness of information to keep up on the number of credits we need in a 5 year time.
343	15 years
344	1. advocacy (with the Bishops, with Health Care leadership, with other peer-professional organizations); 2. establishing/prpmoting consistent and quality professional standards; 3. peer support; resources (research, education tools, etc.etc.); professional education
345	Mostly maintenance of certification. NACC Now! and the conferences help with networking, education.
346	As a certified chaplain, I am regarded as qualified for my chaplaincy position.
347	The membership helped me to become the Chaplaincy Program Director in the women's State Prison at SCI Cambridge Spings, PA The program itself provided the necessary training to become an affective Chaplain.
348	News, updates, conference calls
349	I have remined conected to a professional group.
350	not much
351	Certification; Ongoing educational opportunities; A sense of community (not being in this alone)
352	Needed accreditation; support; fellowship; creative guidance
353	I have benefited by the community support and being with people who are "like minded." It has been more supportive to me.
354	I have been empowered to remain focused, competent and professional in my engagement with the healing ministry of Christ in the name of the Churasc
355	Many ways: professional topics, meeting colleagues throughout the country, workshops, conferences, certification and recertification x 2, always responsive to phone and/or email questions, etc.
356	I had the opportunity in the past to participate in interviewing candidiates. I have participated in some of the on line webinars.
357	The credentials help legitimize my vocational calling
358	As a Certified Chaplain, I qualify for my position as director.
359	education, onferences, certification
360	Peer support, continued education,
361	Being able to attend the conference on scholarship.
362	Mainly through relationships with other members.
363	Continuing professional education, recognition of professional credential within the Roman Catholic Church establishment
364	Enrichment of annual conferences and email newslettersc
365	I have received professional support during my active years as a certified chaplain. NACC has provided networking opportunities that enhanced my skills as a chaplain, making me a more valuable employee to the organization for whom I worked.
366	yes, I continue learning and sharing spiritual gifts
367	Resources and networking

368	Updates on changes to the catholic ministries of health, On-line Web Presentations, Diversified and Integrated Theologies, Interaction with other Best Practices for Chaplain Needs
369	Educational opportunities, conference calls, networking.
370	As a lay person it has given me recognition as a competitive chaplain.
371	Support for the professionalism of the ministry.
372	Connection to national, professional standards, certification, and ongoing education
373	It has allowed me to communicate with other Chaplains in my particular ministry.
374	Supports me as a professional chaplain-not a voluteer in a facility.
375	i am able to demonstrate to colleagues that i have the credentials to sit with MDs as an equal and a partner with RNs, as part of an National organization thst requires CEUs for continued certification
376	Support of fellow members. Educational opportunities
377	Membership has challenged me to grow, helped me to connect and learn from colleagues, and allowed me to share expereince and my gifts with others. Ultimately the persons that I minister to benefit by having a trained professional journey with them
378	N/A
379	Professional credentials
380	Yes,
381	support of chaplaincy and continuing education opportunities
382	I find jobs.
383	Rec'd. National Certification which helped to some extent in career advancement.
384	Certification in NACC is a requiemnt for my employment as chaplain
385	It keeps me professional and constantly learning
386	supports excellence in chaplaincy, offers education opportunities and opportunity to participate in organization in interview teams
387	Professional identity, source of knowledge and support
388	Networking
389	Provides ongoing supportive opportunities, resources, encouragement and inspiration to continue the ministry of chaplaincy - a vital service to every human being in the throes of suffering of one form or another. This is a counter-cultural profession in that it addresses the transcendent which is an unseen and often unacknowledged, yet huge part of every person.
390	Good newsletter and articles; great laedership; and advocacy
391	Recertification
392	very good working relationship with leadership and administrative staff in the national office
393	certification
394	NACC has provided me with quality continuing education events and a chance for interaction with my peers both at national conferences and with focus group conference calls.
395	My position expressly requires board certification.
396	The re-certification process encouraged me to update my on-going knowledge / skills/ collaboration with other chaplains
397	NACC supports me professionally through regional workshops, national conference, webinars, teleconferences; NACC also stimulates me intellectually and gives me a venue to publish articles i its professional journal
398	NACC enables me to keep connected and informed about the path to the chaplaincy
399	Certification is a benefit with some potential employers. Also educational opportunities.
400	Certification, on going education and conventions, mutual support
401	It provided credentials required by the instituon I employed by.
402	I have been certified by NACC and the onging education as benefitted me personally + professionally.
403	18 years
404	Uplifting Inspirational and a Godsend is how I experience NACC membership
405	NACC offers me professional support that makes me a better chaplain and offers a community of support which helps me to continue in this intense work.
406	Excellent workshops & conferences which provide me with oppourtunities for deeper learning and reflection. Through my collaboration with other NACC chaplains in volunteering for certification interview teams, I have grown in my practice of chaplaincy as well.

407	I have been a member of a professional organization, which has kept stride with the changes in health care.
408	Membership gives me an extra boost of self-esteem as I identify with my cohorts.
409	Certification process, audio conferences
410	Certification, networking, leadership opportunities, resources.
411	Professional Certification
412	certification support
413	Wonderful continuing education opportunities are available to me and peer support from my fellow chaplains.
	it has been a life-line for me as I have ministered in an area with few chaplain colleagues. The educational opportunities afforded by this organization have been a great gift. I have also appreciated NACC's
414	collaboration with the other cognate groups in order to build a network to further the ministry of chaplains.
415	Yes in searching for employment, articles in the monthly publication that show how chaplaincy is carried out in different scenarios.
416	Because of my membership in NACC I was able to get a position as a Mission Director and keeping certified helps maintain that.
417	Certification is a good credential for finding a position as a Chaplain.
418	From the educational events and collegiality
419	yes
420	Yes, definitely. A most meaningful service I experience is as Pastoral Presence at NACC Certification Committee interviews; also, I serve on the book review committee; network; benefit from the newsletter, and I continue to network and develop relationships with Catholic Chaplains.
421	I have been able to be employed as a hospital priest chaplain. PPMC makes all its chaplain be certified.
422	It helped me procure one part-time position which I no longer have. The relief chaplain job does not require board certification....
423	The benefit of professional peers, educational opportunities and current state of chaplaincy as profession.
424	professional standards, supportive colleagues
425	Ministry and Spirituality Days, Webinars, excellent employment credentials; peer learning
426	yes
427	Very little.
428	website and webinar resources
429	I see it as a way of connecting and a reminder that the world of chaplaincy extends far beyond the walls of my facility. I also see my membership providing me numerous opportunities for continuing ed and for ways of honing my skills. It also provides me with resources when I have questions pertaining to the practice of pastoral care.
430	certification
431	Continuous ongoing education and opportunity for networking.
432	Easier to get into the doors for full time chaplain positions.
433	Yes related to my certification.
434	Nacc has help me be in my position for over 30 years now. Without it there would not be 30 years of service to the same hospital.
435	Support and education with and from the association and chaplain colleagues
436	Professional stimulation and certification.
437	I have the professional support I need to maintain the highest level of professionalism. Materials published by the NACC are enriching in both professional competency and spiritually life giving. I feel the Association provides a voice for us with the USCCB and among our peers from other faiths and their organizations.
438	I have come to know myself, be stronger in my professional and general ministry in many ways
439	The great information available, membership in an association that up holds standards and gives direction.
440	I have developed lasting professional relationships in networking.
441	It gives me professional standing.

442	I have been treated as a professional with integrity and honesty...I appreciate this..
443	As a retired emeritus member now I get communications
444	Educational opportunities, in-service training seminars and contact with my local members.
445	38 years.
446	Certification process, continuing education, professional development and collegiality
447	Membership in NACC as a Ministry Volunteer gives me credibility in the pastoral/spiritual care community. Many of the job openings in chaplaincy require certification. This makes membership in NACC very important
448	as it allows me to maintain my professionalism and keep updated to best of my ability.
449	I am a very new member but I would say, so far, yes
450	Certification preserves my job. Newsletter provides me "big picture."
451	Resources for ministry. Board Certification for employment
452	My membership has kept me in touch with other members from whom I have continued to learn and to grow
453	Professional CEU classes and a five year review for my board certification.
454	1. became NACC BCC; 2. educated thru large conference and regional ones; 3 resources from website
455	NACC - BCC is a point of entry for hire I have received certification through NACC. In addition, I participate in webinars and regional/national
456	conferences for continuing education, networking, fellowship, and inspiration. NACC offers me a wealth of resources and support. I also have access to a network of other NACC
457	members.
458	I am recognized as a Professional in my field. I believe that the work of David Lichter with the bishops and other leaders helps the organization. I don't
459	believe I have benefited in any direct way from belonging to NACC. As a member of NACC I feel it has been helpful, but does not offer enough - the only contact we have is
460	through the Vision and I find there is a lot lacking in that.
461	Job opportunities; professional updating through webinars and articles; networking; conferences, etc.
462	I have experienced a sense of support and 'peership' from belonging to NACC. NACC is a great resource for on going education, professional and effective spiritual care by providing
463	opportunities for chaplain's certification, renewal of certification and arranging annual conference, webinars
464	Certification in NACC is highly regarded by the professionals of other disciplines
465	Provides certification for Catholic chaplains.
466	certification
467	It was a requirement by the hospital for employment. As a Catholic Sister I appreciated the opportunity to be a certified Catholic chaplain. I appreciated the initial
468	certification requirements and interview process of NACC as well as the continuing education opportunities.
469	It has supported me in my ministry to the sick and dying with education and networking opportunities. Through my on-going effort to become Board Certified. As the connector between my occupation as a Lay
470	Chaplain and my Church
471	My certification, resource
472	To keep my license
473	Education and ideas I have a sense of belonging to an very fine Catholic organization. The organization provides the larger
474	perspective, resources and support that is so needed in healthcare ministry today.
475	Phone seminars, information sources NACC assures the highest standards of professional excellence are exemplified in each certified chaplain so
476	that the best possible emotional and spiritual support can be offered by members to those they serve. NACC is a national professional certification organization which provides on-going professional connections,
477	support, and education for its members.

478	Improved my professionalism and services through education, development, service and networking.
479	I benefit from the certification from NACC. It has provided me with credibility to journey with others who are seeking awareness of spiritual gifts and knowledge of living a discerning life.
480	Gotta be a member to be informed but that's it
481	Being a member of NACC has provided the vehicle to certification and thus the opportunity to demonstrate excellent pastoral care skills. This allows me to be respected and compensated for my work. NACC provides workshops, conferences and practice groups to help maintain my certification.
482	Credentialing. Educational resources. Networking (in person at conferences/gatherings, by webinar and interest-based network teleconferences, and in writing by NACC Now and Vision): especially important in regions of low Catholic density, and of few chaplains.
483	Little
484	Community blessings and spirit of involvement
485	Board certification demonstrates a level of training and competence which is sought by employers. The educational opportunities are also a great benefit.
486	By sharing ideas with members who identify with a common focus on patient care and spiritual support.
487	useful information
488	As a new Chaplain, I was very eager to have the support of others who do this work, and was very pleased to be board certified. It gives me pride in what I do.
489	access to many resource materials that provide the Catholic perspective
490	I have found Vision a great resource and since I am a certified chaplain it helps provide the credentials that I need to be the Director of the Pastoral Care Department
491	Professional chaplaincy credentialing recognized by Catholic health employers.
492	yes
493	Though webinars about relevant pastoral topics
494	I have not experienced much benefit. Meetings used to be held all over US. Lately it has been rare to leave Milwaukee. The enrichment of other cultural influences in these different areas is missing.
495	information on website in regard to advancement of Chaplaincy and research developments
496	Professional development, community of colleagues, preparation for certification
497	This helped me to work in the hospital as officially approved chaplain
498	It provides me on going formation and education
499	It has furthered my understanding of ministries outside of my normal area of expertise and outside my religious tradition
500	Membership provides inspiration, updates and information on research and new educational opportunities through webinars, etc.
501	certification
502	I grow professionally and experience affirmation as a lay minister.
503	yes, very much
504	Not sure. The benefits are not evident