

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Somerset Chaplaincy to the Elderly is to help relieve the loneliness and respect the dignity of care facility residents in our community. We seek to nurture residents' total well-being through spiritual friendship and counsel.*

*Our chaplains, out of their deep commitment to Christ, offer their services on behalf of the community as tangible evidence of God's loving care for the elderly and disabled, regardless of their faith.*

### HOW THE SOMERSET CHAPLAINCY TO THE ELDERLY BEGAN

The Somerset Chaplaincy to the Elderly was founded as a not for profit organization in 1975. In the early 1970's, Norma B. Elling, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Pluckemin, noticed the extreme loneliness and isolation of many residents in long-term care facilities while a family member experienced a prolonged illness. Moved to action by her experience, she organized the Chaplaincy to bring spiritual help and community support to serve residents of such facilities.

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*"I shall pass through this world but once,  
if therefore, there be any kindness I can show,  
or any good thing I can do,  
let me do it now,...  
For I shall not pass this way again."*

*Etienne de Grellet*

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### OUR CHAPLAINS AND THE FACILITIES WE SERVE

The chaplain complements the efforts of the facilities to offer comprehensive care to the residents by responding to the need for worship, personal visits, counseling, and prayer.

The regular presence of a chaplain, one or more times a week, assures residents that they are not forgotten. Such continuity enables the chaplain to become someone the resident can depend on and turn to for support and comfort.

The services of a chaplain are provided in each of the listed facilities in Somerset County, serving more than a thousand persons for whom the facilities have become home. Our chaplains' serve Christ by offering comfort to any resident in need of spiritual care.

At the present time, Chaplaincy Service is provided at:

Arbor Glen Holly Health Center -  
Bridgewater  
The Avalon at Bridgewater -  
Bridgewater  
Bridgeway Care Center -  
Bridgewater  
The Chelsea -  
Bridgewater  
Foothill Acres Nursing Home -  
Hillsborough  
Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home -  
Green Brook  
Green Knoll Care and Rehabilitation Center -  
Bridgewater  
McCarrick Care Center -  
Somerset  
Raritan Health & Extended Care Center -  
Raritan  
Somerset Valley Rehabilitation and Nursing  
Care Center - Bound Brook  
Willow Creek Health & Rehabilitation Center -  
Somerset

**SOMERSET CHAPLAINCY  
TO THE ELDERLY  
ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING**

The Somerset Chaplaincy to the Elderly is locally based, autonomous, and ecumenical. It is administered by a volunteer Board of Directors composed of both clergy and lay persons, and has no denominational or other affiliations.

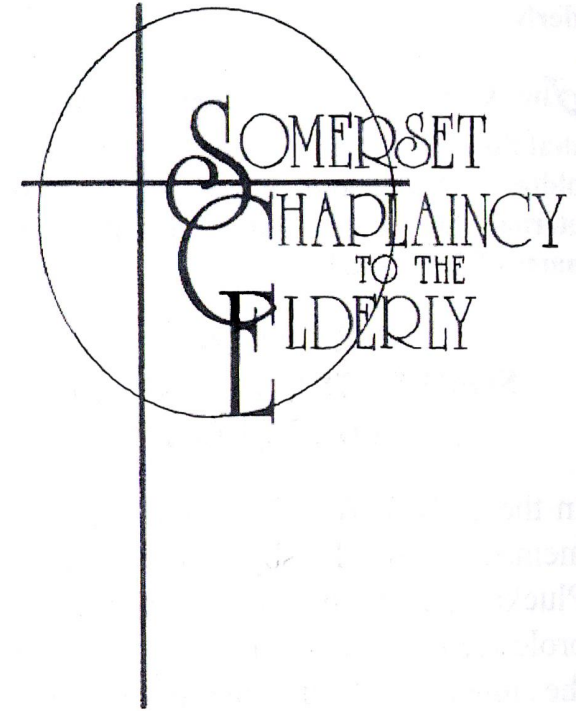
The Chaplaincy is supported by contributions from area churches, the care facilities we serve, and tax deductible gifts from concerned individuals and organizations. In the ever-changing climate of charitable giving, the Chaplaincy is constantly challenged to find new sources of support so that we can continue our ministry and respond to increasing need.

Please urge your church and friends to consider supporting the work of our chaplains with a generous donation of time or money, and continual prayer.

The Somerset Chaplaincy to the Elderly is a 501C3 organization eligible to receive matching grants. If your employer has a matching program for charitable giving, the Chaplaincy Board will happily submit any matching grant forms you provide us.

The Chaplaincy is grateful for each and every donation of any amount. Over 96% of your donation goes directly to serve the elderly and disabled. The Board's promise to you is to be exceptional stewards of your gracious gifts.

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**“Do not cast me off  
in the time of old age;  
do not forsake me  
when my strength is spent...”**

Psalm 71: 9

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