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Dear Colleagues:

As we plan our ministry to the men and women of the Sea Services -- and beyond -- I turn to you as Major Claimant and Service Chaplains to ensure that "things get done." Because there are differences within your claimancies and Services, I don't want to dictate the way you work with your people to achieve shared goals, but I do want to be able to rely on you to move us forward, united, toward those goals.

Having said that, the first goal we need to work toward is laying the foundation for improved information sharing and enhanced communications: the Navy Chaplain Corps Email System (CCES).

CCES is online, but less than 50% of our Chaplains/RPs have activated their accounts. I need your help to ensure everyone is online as quickly as possible. Please use the structure within your claimancies or Services to empower chaplains at the various leadership levels to ensure we get this done -- for both active and reserve chaplains and RPs. Where it is absolutely impossible, then I ask you at your level to ensure that a process is in place, to get information that we send through emails to the small group that may not have access.

The two available options for activation are:

1. Chaplains/RPs with email accounts should have their CCES mail automatically forwarded to those accounts. They do this by sending an email with full name and rank to email@crb.chaplain.navy.mil from the primary account where they wish to receive Corps email (with copy to their Major Claimant Chaplain). As personnel move or change billets, they must notify CRB of their new forwarding email address.

2. Alternatively (and less preferable) is the option that allows individuals to use the CCES to receive and manage their CHC email. To do this, they must login to the CCES and send an email to "email@crb.chaplain.navy.mil" (with copy to their Major Claimant Chaplain). Those who choose this option must check and empty their mailbox often so that CRB servers do not become

overloaded. Login instructions for activation are found at http://www.chaplain.navy.mil/new-email.htm.

We must get every chaplain and RP online with the CCES, and do so quickly. Please take whatever steps are necessary to accomplish this goal by 01 December 2000 -- at the latest. Please email the CRB when you have succeeded. My hope is that new chaplains will be enrolled while at the Chaplains School, and updating addresses will be part of the PCS process -- so that the system can go on autopilot once we all get onboard. This is the time I ask you, in the words of the line, to "take charge and carry out the plan of the day," to ensure we do get onboard. We'll benefit as a Corps if we succeed, which means the real benefit will be felt by those whom we are charged to serve.

Many thanks!

Sincerely,

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