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Dear Colleagues:

In Genesis 6, God instructed Noah to plan for a coming flood. God provided details on the dimensions of an ark, the number and care of the animals, and the provisions required for sustenance. This chapter illustrates that God has plans. God had a plan for Noah and a plan for us. He calls us to plan for ministry effectiveness.

Last spring, I unveiled our Chaplain Corps Strategic Plan. This is a comprehensive plan with 174 objectives, covering almost every facet of ministry in the Corps. I outlined the details of the Strategic Plan in a series of Letters to you. Now, I give you a progress report.

Our Strategic Plan Report is now online, giving us 24-hour access to update the objectives. Action Officers can enter the details of their objectives on line, and can indicate their progress based on the number of POA&Ms completed. All chaplains can access the site by logging on at:
http://www.chaplain.navy.mil/attachments/chief/stratpln_report.asp

The master report on the website shows the progress or completion of many creative objectives. This is because of the diligent work of chaplains and RPs worldwide. Some of the accomplishments listed on the website include the following:

- 2.6.2 The elements of a command religious program that every commander should expect from their religious ministry personnel have been incorporated into the OPNAV Instructions and in Navy and Marine Corps Religious Ministry Doctrine.
- 3.4.8 CREDO 'Care for the Caregiver' programs are being marketed to CACO personnel Navy-wide as well as to the Nurse Corps for personnel who work with terminal patients.
- 5.3.2 Training seminars and information papers are available to educate leaders regarding preventive measures for stress, including combat stress.

- 7.1.5 Prospective Commanding Officers and Executive Officers in the Sea Services are now receiving Chaplain Corps briefs.

These are just four of the 174 objectives. Action officers are updating and adding information daily. Check the website regularly to read about the vast ministry initiatives that are taking place. Better yet, be a part of the process. Contact Chaplain Dale White at 703-614-3673 to find out how you can be a part of the Strategic Plan.

God has great plans for our lives as we open ourselves to His leading. May we be intentional in our planning so that we can be most effective in our service.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry C. Black". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

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