

November 18, 2024

Dear COMISS Network Member,

We share warm greetings with you from our Leadership Team and hope that this letter of invitation finds you doing well.

The COMISS Network is excited to announce that it will hold our Annual Forum on Monday, January 13, 2025, from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM EST.

Registration this year will have an In-person fee of \$200 and a Hybrid Zoom participation fee of \$275.

We appreciate Dr. Ivan Omana and the World Headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for hosting this meeting.

- Please designate and include the person who will cast the vote for your organization on the registration form.
- Please prepare a written Celebration Report that will be shared as a part of the materials for the Forum.

**The Registration Form for the COMISS Network Forum is enclosed.**

# 2025 COMISS NETWORK FORUM

*Celebrating 100 years of Excellence in Clinical Pastoral Education and Training: Past, Present and the Future*

Please join us as the COMISS Network has its **first annual in-person forum since the pandemic**. This dynamic and informative conference will occur at the Seventh Day Adventist Center in Silver Spring, MD (DMC area) on Monday, January 13, 2025. We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Clinical Pastoral Education and Training (CPE/T).

Also, our plenaries will highlight some of the signature programs of COMISS, including Spiritual Care Week and CCAPS (COMISS Commission for the Accreditation of Chaplaincy Services). Most importantly, we will have the chance to network with like-minded people in chaplaincy and pastoral endorsement.

Please see the attached agenda outlining our time together. The agenda includes the schedule for the day, the focus of our plenary sessions, and the biographies of our presenters.

We hope that the 2025 COMISS Network Forum will be a significant opportunity for learning and fellowship. Please plan to be with us for this important time of communication and sharing together!

- *The COMISS Network Forum Planning Team*

## Forum Host

**Ivan Omaña, D.Min, BCC, BCPC**

Director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

We are grateful to the World Headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Silver Spring, MD, for graciously hosting our COMISS conference and generously supporting the conference in a slew of tangible and intangible ways.

## Host Center

**Seventh-day Adventist Church-Headquarters**

12501 Old Columbia Pike,  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

# Our Objectives:

## Celebrate

the 100th Anniversary of Clinical Pastoral Education and Training (CPE/T)

## Educate & Envision

explore the history and development of Clinical Pastoral Education and Training and the impact of some of its founders; examine the history and development of Clinical Chaplaincy Formation, Spiritual Care Week, and CCAPS; envision and discuss possible future developments.

## Plan & Grow

conduct the business of the national chaplaincy network, COMISS, also known as the Network on Ministry in Specialized Settings.

## Network

Develop and strengthen relationships among individuals and organizations engaged in chaplaincy education, endorsing, accreditation, credentialing, employment, and support.

# COMISS Forum Hotel Information

## Hilton Garden Inn

### Silver Spring White Oak

2200 Broad Birch Dr.  
Silver Spring, MD, 20904

301-622-3333

Double, Queen: \$144

King: \$149

## Marriott<sup>1</sup>

### Silver Spring North/North Oak

12521 Prosperity Dr.  
Silver Spring, MD, 20904

301-680-8500

Double, Queen/King: \$124<sup>2</sup>

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