

## Trained Volunteers Needed...

For a full year, Victim Relief Ministries out of Dallas and other states across the nation, was a presence in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. New VRM Chapters are being formed to assist when disaster strikes. VRM has responded to more than 100 disasters since September 11, 2001 and continues to respond to crime every day. Trained volunteers from the faith community are needed to serve now and in the future.

In the last decade, the world and our nation have experienced more out of the ordinary tragedies than we have seen previously in this generation.

- Terrorism on American soil
- Hurricanes
- Floods
- War
- Tsunami
- Earthquakes

All of these events leave devastated victims who need assistance physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Add to natural disasters the manmade trauma of crime and terrorism; and the number of victims needing assistance increases in numbers too large to comprehend.

This training gives you the opportunity to become a Victim Chaplain or Victim Crisis Responder so that when tragedy strikes, you will be prepared and qualified to respond. (see application for qualifications)



## Pastors Response.....

"...We came for training but experienced revival! We were both so blessed by the courage, commitment, compassion, love and dedication that you and your team continuously demonstrated during our training time. We are inspired and led to take the next steps with you."

Training Attendee

"Having been previously trained, here I am witnessing first hand the work God has been doing through this organization. It is truly an answer to prayer. Thank you for following through with your vision and for allowing me to have played a small part in this ministry."

Victim Chaplain



**REDUCED TUITION**  
**\$199 WITH 2-WEEK ADVANCE REGISTRATION,**  
**(VCCA Members deduct 10% discount)**  
**\$249 at the door**  
**STUDENTS WITH STUDENT ID—\$75**  
**Send application to address or fax listed below**

Victim Chaplain and Counselor Association  
660 International Pkwy, Ste 140—Richardson, TX 75081

Phone: 972-234-3999 - Fax: 972-234-9970  
Email: [vrg@victimrelief.org](mailto:vrg@victimrelief.org)  
[www.victimchaplain.org](http://www.victimchaplain.org)—[www.victimrelief.org](http://www.victimrelief.org)

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY for  
response to crime and disaster:**

**Victim Chaplain and  
Crisis Responder Training**

**\$199 IN ADVANCE,  
\$249 AT THE DOOR**

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**In the aftermath of disaster and in the  
suffering of crime victims, Victim  
Relief Ministries is there assisting fami-  
lies with physical, emotional and spiri-  
tual support through Victim Chaplains  
and Crisis Responders who have com-  
pleted this Basic Training.**

**See attached application for  
Training dates and locations**



**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Victim Chaplains and  
Crisis Responders Needed...  
Now More Than Ever!**

*"...and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail." Isaiah 58:11-12*



**D**isasters are unexpected and devastating!

Violent crime is random and devastating. *There will always be events such as these* and others that require the need for comforting people in a manner appropriate for the time and circumstance. **The need is great, but trained, qualified Victim Chaplains are few!**

**You, too, can become a volunteer trained in crisis intervention to serve your church and community in future times of crisis.**

Training is coming to your area soon. Take advantage of this opportunity to become prepared to serve through Victim Relief Ministries in a time of tragedy. Hurting people need those from the faith community trained and ready to respond to the unique needs of victims of crime, terrorism, and natural disasters.

Victim Chaplains and laymen trained as Crisis Responders are needed now more than ever. Make plans to attend this dynamic training



**Victim Relief  
Ministries**



## 2-Day Basic Training

### REDUCED TUITION FOR 2-WEEK ADVANCE REGISTRATION

**\$199 IN ADVANCE,  
\$249 AT THE DOOR**  
(members deduct additional 10%)

#### Curriculum

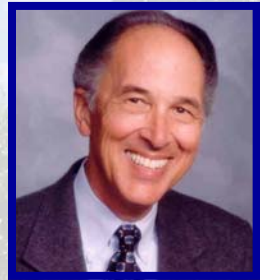
**Every church should have at least one deacon, elder or layman who is trained in chaplaincy and crisis response available to serve through Victim Relief Ministries in a time of disaster!**

The curriculum in this training will cover areas of critical response to help equip pastors and laymen when working with victims in the aftermath of crime, terrorism, and natural disaster. With this training, pastors will see the importance of having additional staff and congregation trained to share the load of response with you in being prepared for dealing with critical incidents.

- Grief & Trauma
- Chaplaincy
- Faith and Trauma
- Crime Scene Protocol
- Crisis Intervention
- Victim Relief Ministries In Your Church
- Disaster Protocol



**Dr. H. Norman Wright** is a licensed Therapist and Board Chairman of VCCA. He has conducted lectureships at several seminaries, including the North American Baptist Seminary, Asbury Theological Seminary, and Western Conservative Baptist Seminary. He is an adjunct professor in the Doctor of Ministry degree program at Trinity Evangelical Seminary in Deerfield, IL, Western Seminary and at Talbot School of Theology. He has taught graduate school for over thirty years. He was in private practice for over thirty years. Dr. Wright is a graduate of Westmont College, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pepperdine University, the Advisory Board for the Center for Marriage and Family Studies of John Brown University and others. Dr. Wright is the author of over 70 books including *Crisis Counseling* and *Recovering from the Losses of Life*. He is an expert in the field of Grief and Trauma. Dr. Wright is Chairman of the Board for Victim Chaplain and Counselor Association. (subject to availability)



**Chaplain Gene Grounds**—Founder and Exec. Director of Victim Relief Ministries, Victim Chaplain with McKinney Police Department and working with Dallas PD through the VRM program. Coordinated Chaplains from this area for New York as well as served with New York Police, Firefighters, and Rescue Workers following terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. He is the co-founder and President of Victim Chaplain and Counselor Association. Chaplain Grounds is certified in CISM and NOVA debriefing and is a Certified Trauma Specialist. He directed the Chaplain response to Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.



# 2008 Victim Chaplain or Victim Relief Crisis Response Basic Training North Dallas, TX – November 14-15, 2008 Reduced Tuition to **\$199.00** (\$249 at the door)

More than ever, there is a need today for Victim Chaplains and Counselors qualified as crisis responders! As a pastor, chaplain, or associate pastor you can be prepared to meet the unique needs of victims through training for Victim Chaplaincy and upon completion of training receive a *Victim* Chaplain Certificate. **Laypersons are encouraged to attend to become certified as Victim Relief Crisis Responders. Counselors and CISM trained counselors are encouraged to attend in order to learn the method for putting their CISM training to work in the field.**

The curriculum for the Basic Training Course is based on 16 clock hours conducted in 2-days. The basic level certificate is issued upon completion of the course for Victim Chaplain or Victim Relief Crisis Responder depending upon qualifications as stated on back of application.

- **The tuition cost for Basic Training** is \$249 with discounts for early registration. Registrations received up to 2-weeks prior to the training date will be \$199. Tuition for students with ID \$75.00, and for spouse when couple attending is \$125.
- **The membership fee for VCCA** is \$95/year which includes photo identification badge and a membership portfolio. Members will also receive a 10% discount on all training fees, including the training fee for this application. (Except for student and spouse tuition).

The tuition does not include the cost of meals or accommodations. Included in the cost is a training certificate, a syllabus or handouts (depending on speaker), and learning from some of America's finest presenters in the field of Victim Assistance and Critical Incident Trauma. (Tuition is non-refundable in the event of absence without prior notification.)

Complete the application front and back, check the appropriate boxes to indicate training dates and return along with your check or credit card number to the address or fax number on the back.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (as you want on certificate) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Languages other than English: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Ministry Experience</b>	<b>Educational Experience</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor	College, Year, Degree _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Staff	Seminary, Year, Degree _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain	Career Training/Certifications: _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor	Other Training/Certification: (attach additional sheets if necessary) _____ _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ordained	
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lay Person	
<input type="checkbox"/> School (Principal, Teacher)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

## 2008 VCCA Training

### Admission Requirements (unless previously submitted)

- Letter of Ecclesiastical Endorsement
- Short typed or printed testimony of faith
- Tuition paid in full
- Current Photo *only if applying for membership*

**Basic Training – November 14-15 – North Dallas, TX**  
**Location TBD**

**Tuition: 2-Day Basic Training - \$249. Discounted to \$199 for advance registration up to 2-weeks prior to training date. (Less 10% for members)**

**Student - \$75 (No other discounts apply)**

**Spouse - \$125 for each date.**

(No other discounts apply)

Tuition due with application prior to training.

### Membership Special!

Sign up for membership today and receive a 10% discount on trainings attended in the 12 month member period.

**YES, I want to become a VCCA member.** My annual membership dues of \$95 are enclosed which entitles me to discounts on training.

**YES, I want to make a tax deductible contribution to Victim Relief Ministries.** (check payable to VRM attached) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* For tax deductible contributions, please make check payable to Victim Relief Ministries.

### Payment Information

- My check is enclosed in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to **VCCA**.
- Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as follows:

MC       VISA       Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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### Qualifications and Definitions for Becoming a Victim Chaplain or Victim Relief Crisis Responder

1. A Victim Chaplain should be an ecclesiastically certified person in good standing with, and endorsed for Chaplaincy by a recognized religious body, and should preferably be licensed or ordained clergy or a chaplain previously trained in another field.
2. A Victim Chaplain should be clergy, chaplain, or have a minimum of 3 years experience in ministry as a ministry associate pastor.
3. A Victim Chaplain should have a high degree of training and have a specialized interest in working with the unique needs of victims of crime or disaster.
4. A Victim Chaplain should be willing to serve on a 24-hour volunteer call basis, determined and governed by the police agency he/she serves.
5. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder should be able to provide a testimony of their personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior – for example how and when the transformation of faith that changed their life took place.
6. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder must attend and be trained through the Victim Chaplain and Counselor Association Basic and Advanced training school.
7. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder should make every effort be available to serve when called.
8. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder should be willing to be screened by a local law enforcement Chaplaincy committee and/or other appointed authorities.
9. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder should manifest a broad base of experience and professional ministry, emotional stability and personal flexibility.
10. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder should be tactful and considerate in approaching all people regardless of race, sex, creed or religion.
11. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder should be willing to become involved in additional training programs that enhance one's efficiency in meeting and dealing with people in crisis and should be familiar with other community helping resources.
12. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder must not have been convicted of a criminal offense or offenses involving moral turpitude, and by completion of the training application, agrees to a background check.
13. A Victim Chaplain and Crisis Responder should have read and be in agreement with the mission and scope of the Victim Relief Ministry mission, purpose and goal.

**Note: If you are unsure if you are to be a Victim Chaplain or a Crisis Responder, please read the distinction between items #1-4 and items #5-13 above and check the appropriate box below.**

#### Training applying for:

- Victim Chaplain**
- Victim Relief Crisis Responder (For those who do not meet the chaplaincy guidelines listed) OR;**
- I am a Licensed Professional Counselor.**