## **CHAPLAIN BULLETIN APRIL 2023**

## Dear Chaplains

April has so much to offer. Finally, the weather is becoming more like what we have come to expect! Flowers are blooming. More outside gatherings. I hope you and your loved ones are doing all your favorite April events!

April is when we start preparing for the end of our ALA year. Unit chairs are scrambling to get their unit reports off to the district chair. The district chair is hoping every unit sends in a report without having to beg for the report! Oh to be able to say our District had 100% Unit reporting!

Isn't it interesting how much and how often we are encouraging others to be all they can, be proud of their accomplishments and share their experiences. Because Heaven knows every ALA member is doing a train full of good deeds. We keep a lot of rail cars chugging down the track, don't we? And yet when it's time to write a report our accomplishments seem to escape us! Maybe you should ask someone else to write your accomplishments! Please don't forget your EOY District Chaplain Report and Supplemental is due to me on May 1<sup>st</sup>!

You can find your EOY reports on our Department website. You can also find the directions and rules for Prayer Books for Convention on the website.

Please make sure you are working with your membership chair regarding deaths in your units and districts. Now is the time to be planning in your units and districts the memorial services for the members you will be acknowledging that have died over the past year. I start asking Liz about every 2 weeks to send me a report so we can acknowledge them at our memorial service at Convention in June. If your units don't report your precious members as having died... I'll never be able to acknowledge them in June!

Sadly, we have recently lost two Past Department Presidents this year, LuAnn Capazzi and Odette Cuccaro.

If any of you have a special occasion you would like me to acknowledge with a card, please let me know.

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