

MISSION

Pastoral Care is a ministry of compassion and guidance offered by someone trained in matters of faith and the soul. Our chaplains at the Bobo Spiritual Life Center and in our residence halls are available to offer the care and guidance to students, staff, and faculty at Baylor University.

BY THE NUMBERS

Resident Chaplains reported the following data for the Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 academic year.

- Pastoral Conversations: **1,780**
- Program Sessions: **743**
- Crisis Responses: **116**
- Hospital Visits: **10**
- Referrals to other campus resources: **70**



My theology informs my pastoral care to others by providing a framework for understanding the nature of God, human beings, and the world. I seek to emphasize the love of God for all people and the importance of community in spiritual growth; and because of this, my pastoral care is rooted in a desire to foster a sense of belonging and connection among the students, staff, and faculty I serve.

—Martin Hall Resident Chaplain, Isaiah Baba



RESIDENT CHAPLAINS

Resident Chaplains serve in every residence hall and are expanding to include embedded chaplains in academic units such as the Business School

- **Pastoral Care** – Resident chaplains provide ongoing pastoral care and support to all students on campus.
- **Intentional Presence** – Resident chaplains help cultivate a sense of belonging and spiritual well-being for students, staff, and faculty.
- **Programs** – Resident chaplains are involved in leading programs as well as chapel services on campus, inviting students to participate in spiritual growth and development.
- **Training** – Resident chaplains receive weekly trainings from on-campus and off-campus partners. These trainings seek to aid chaplains in providing quality pastoral care for all.
- **Mentorship** – Resident chaplains receive supervision and mentorship through Baylor Spiritual Life and Campus Living & Learning.
- **Faith Formation** – Resident chaplains focus on developing pastoral competencies, interfaith care, and spiritual practices.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baylor Spiritual Life is comprised of a team of multi-vocational and trained ministers who serve campus in ways such as:

- **Caring** for the spiritual needs of students, staff, and faculty.
- **Responding** to students in crisis with both tangible and spiritual support.
- **Providing** prompt care by sending out notifications to professors and other staff/faculty regarding crisis.
- **Collaborating** with the Care Team and others to follow up with students and offer extra support and guidance.
- **Leading** services on campus for students, staff, and faculty during moments of loss, religious ceremonies, prayer services, mindfulness practices, celebrations, etc.
- **Mentoring, training, and supervising** graduate student chaplains.

MOVING FORWARD

- Our future goal is to expand pastoral care by implementing chaplains within more academic units on campus. By growing our pastoral care department in this way, we will be able to provide even more care to students, staff, and faculty. These chaplains will also play a significant role in connecting students with a variety of resources on campus, including the Counseling Center, Care Team, the Office of Access and Learning Accommodation, etc.