**PURPOSE**

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.

**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- and off-campus partners. These trainings aid chaplains in providing quality pastoral care for all.
- **Mentorship** – Resident chaplains receive supervision and mentorship through Baylor Spiritual Life and CL&L.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Resident Chaplains reported the following data for the Fall 2023–Spring 2024 academic year.

- 2,568 pastoral conversations
- 1,704 program sessions
- 252 crisis responses
- 9 hospital visits
- 367 referrals to other campus resources

**I believe that theory and practice are mutually enriching, which is why I appreciate all the more the training sessions chaplains go through each Wednesday. The didactics this semester have been complementary to each other and have aided in my continual growth in perspective and approach to ministry and life.**

—Martin Hall Resident Chaplain, Isaiah Baba

**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 practical 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** gatherings on campus for students, staff, and faculty during times of loss and crisis, in addition to weekly prayer and seasonal worship services.
- **Mentoring, training, and supervising** graduate student chaplains.

**MOVING FORWARD**

Our future goal is to implement a rubric tool to help measure pastoral competencies, established by the Association of Professional Chaplains. This rubric will be used by the University Chaplain (Dean of Spiritual Life) and the Assistant Director for Pastoral Care to evaluate chaplain development and professional growth.