INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPLAIN?

I’m assuming that you know a little about what we do.... night shifts in the CBD – provide water, run a rest and recovery tent, assist people at risk and vulnerable particularly due to intoxication, assist intoxicated persons to get a taxi, call an ambulance if so heavily intoxicated that a taxi is not an option, work in pairs for safety, provide pastoral care to people who need emotional support, provide an assistance to deescalate tension and violence. We ask our Chaplains to commit to one shift a month.

We encourage our Chaplains to be caring non-judgmental people who are either Christians or who support Christian values and can work within the Christian ethos.

Our training is via 6 formal sessions and some on street training. We have developed a booklet to help trainees take notes and record the important information.

Requirements to be a Fully Trained Mackay Street Chaplain –

Fill out a training application which lists two referees.

1. Primary formal requirements:

 A Blue Card

 A basic First Aid Certificate

2. Attend Formal Sessions on:

 History/Purpose/Vision

 Protocols

 Pastoral Care

 Self Defence

 Working with Police

 Mental & Physical health and First aid

3. You will also need to complete practical “on the street” training: (just tag on to any shift - let me know your preference so the team leader can be prepared).

4. You will also have had an interview with a designated committee member.

Section 5, part v. of the Policies and Procedures manual also states:

“v. Street chaplains are required to attend pre-service and on-going formation and training.” For this purpose we have a monthly volunteers meeting, usually on the 1st Monday night of the month. We ask that members make every effort to attend.

As you can see, becoming a Street Chaplain is a process and we’ve noticed that it takes some time to for people to settle in. We are always keen to meet new people who might like to join us and would love to have you do an observation shift to better assess if this is something you'd like to do.

The first step to being involved is to contact the roster co-ordinator to nominate which shift you'd like to tag along to... either on a Friday or Saturday evening.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any further clarification.

Bye for now,

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