



Moral Injury and Compassion Fatigue

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Description of Presentation

The purpose of the course is to introduce and explain the new concept of Moral Injury and Compassion Fatigue as it relates to the counselor and client. Emphasis is given to military Veterans, but the concepts are applicable to domestic violence, gang warfare and the everyday wear and tear of ethical daily living.

Objectives

- 1) Define Moral Injury and Compassion Fatigue
- 2) Introduce the warnings and indicators of Moral Injury and Compassion Fatigue
- 3) Introduce countermeasures to combat Moral Injury and Compassion Fatigue
- 4) Address counselor related and specific issues with Moral Injury and Compassion Fatigue

Bio

Chaplain Forrest Larue Kirk is the son of the late Vernon and Beatrice (Brown) Kirk of San Diego, California. He graduated from San Diego High School in June 1969 and joined the Navy immediately after graduation. In June 1970, he entered the Naval Academy and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science in June 1974. His advanced education includes a Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) from Hawaii Pacific University, a Master of Divinity with Specialization in Pastoral Care, a Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy in Theology with minor in Ethics from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Specialized ministry training in Palliative and Crisis Care for the Chaplaincy was accomplished through the completion of 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education at East Jefferson General Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. Advanced leadership training was accomplished through completion of The Excellence in Government Fellows program.

Chaplain Kirk was ordained by New Hope Baptist Church of the Louisiana Freedmen Missionary Baptist General Association and received an Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy from the National Baptist Convention of America Incorporated. Chaplain Kirk was Board Certified by the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains and the Association of Professional Chaplain. In addition, Chaplain Kirk is a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor in the State of Oklahoma.

