



CAPITOL COMMISSION™

Whom Do You Trust?

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One of my mentors, Dr. John C. Maxwell, the best-selling author, teacher, trainer, life coach and leadership development guru, is known for his drive to add value to the lives of people he is privileged to touch. Have you ever thought about why pastors and chaplains are here at the Capitol for you, your family and/or your staff? We, too, wish to add value to your life, and the lives of those you love and care about.

Here are some considerations:

- **Pastors/Chaplains offer confidential spiritual guidance.** Sometimes we all need someone in whom we can place our trust and receive wise counsel. Can you think of any other public arena where trust is so vital and sometimes all too rare? If you give us the opportunity, we will earn your trust.
- **Pastors/Chaplains offer a confidential listening ear.** Sometimes we don't want or need guidance. We just need someone to hear us out. And we want to know that what is said in confidence stays confidential.
- **Pastors/Chaplains have no hidden agenda.** Everybody knows that a pastor wants us all to have a close, personal relationship with God. The pastor knows that not everybody wants what he or she has to offer. That doesn't mean we can't dialogue. It doesn't mean positive relationships can't be built. It does mean, however, that you never should have to question what the pastor *really* wants. You shouldn't be waiting for "the other shoe to drop." Imagine what life would be like if we didn't have to protect ourselves and be suspicious about another's motives.
- **Pastors/Chaplains offer assistance in a crisis.** Life happens. Sometimes it just ain't fair. To whom will you turn?

You may never need the assistance of a pastor or a chaplain here at the Capitol. We're just hopeful that it gives you a little peace of mind knowing that if the time comes and you do need or want us, we are here for you and those you care about.

Thank you for what you do for the people of Minnesota. God bless you!

"Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed. Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future." - Proverbs 15:22; 19:20