

January 20, 2009

Dear fellow chaplains,

I have good news - and not-so-good news...

**Read this in its entirety. This means to read \*everything\*! Very important information!**

I have just received word that our training is still on; however, our 2½ day training has been reduced to 1½ days. Apparently, our training has created a great deal of concern and there are those in CDCR who feel that we must, at this point, reduce our time together to a shorter period. Therefore, we are making adjustments to meet this new change. Our training will begin on Tuesday at 12noon, and conclude on Wednesday evening (with registration from 9:00am - 12:00pm). The Department has indicated that they would fund only two days of hotel expenses. I realize that this will cause most to readjust their travel plans (ie. air itinerary).

Since we will be starting at Tuesday at noon, we are making Tuesday morning a travel day. Hotel accommodations will be covered for Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening. **For those needing a shuttle from the airport, please email or call so we will be able to plan.** If you are changing your flights, please make sure that your flight arrives by 10am on Tuesday.

Per diem will be paid for Tuesday and Wednesday. Per diem will also be paid for Thursday for those who are traveling long distances.

For those who have made reservations at the American Exchange hotel, they are offering to give you Monday night free of charge since you have already booked reservations with them. However!! To save on their costs, room service (fresh linens, beds made up) will not be provided. Fresh towels will be provided at the desk.

**ATTENTION TO EVERYONE WITH A HOTEL ROOM: You are responsible for canceling the Monday night reservation. The hotels cannot cancel that night's reservation without your consent.** If you wish to come on Monday, you will be responsible for the costs.

At this point, we need to be thankful that we will be able to get together. I do think that this may be the last time that we will be able to meet together as a whole group for some time. I do want to let you know that there is a dinner planned by another group that we are all associated with on Tuesday evening at 7pm.

And for those who can, please join us for the Winter Banquet on Wednesday evening. You'll be glad that you did!

As I receive more information, I will post it on [www.accss.org](http://www.accss.org)

I will see you there. Travel safely.

ATTENTION faith groups!

Catholics: If this affects your plans, and you will not be able to join us, please contact Debbie McDermott.

I have not yet been able to get in contact with the other faith group representatives, but I wanted to get this out to you.

Jewish: Please contact Lon Moskowitz for further information.

Muslim: Please contact Daa Fardan or AS Muhammad for further information.

Natives: Please contact John James for further information.

God's blessings,

Dave Skaggs