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Dear Colleagues:

It seems that flying affords me the best opportunity for reflection and remembering you with fondness and gratitude. I am on the plane, returning from a most profitable week in Pensacola, Florida and the Professional Development Training Course (PDTC) Validation.

The Subject Matter experts for this training are world class. One is a Rhodes Scholar; two have earned doctorates from Harvard. One teaches at Harvard, while still another was President of Union Theological Seminary in New York for sixteen years. We are blessed to have such a dream team.

This year's training is significant and substantive. It deals with religion as it relates to culture and international affairs. It grapples with the critical issue of reconciliation, emphasizing the important steps that precede healing. The beauty of this training is it helps us move toward both external and internal healing. One of the most helpful insights involves the four components of reconciliation: truth, justice, peace, and mercy. Attempting healing without engaging in a process that includes these vital elements is a recipe for failure. This year's PDTC can be the springboard for our Corps' emerging unity.

I challenge you to maximize this opportunity. I hope each chaplain and each RP, active and reserve, participates in this important growth experience. Please come prepared to work. This will not be a time for a sabbatical. You will get from the training what you are willing to invest in it. You will need to do the outside reading in order to come to the sessions prepared to contribute. After the training, you will need to take the syllabus home and master it. The investment of your time and energy will produce invaluable dividends.

Continue to pray for our Corps, and let the healing continue!

Fraternally Yours,

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