

# Meet the chaplains . . .



## Steve Cook

### **How would you describe your personality and communication style?**

Warm, interesting, and engaging.

### **Tell us about your family, friends, pets, etc.**

I married my childhood sweetheart, Diann, in 1982, and we have two married children and one grandchild.

### **How would others describe you?**

I'm a think-outside-the-box kind of person with a positive, "glass is always half full" approach to life.

### **If someone was looking to work with you as their chaplain, what would you like them to know?**

I will do whatever I can to assist someone, knowing that they will do their part. All of life's challenges can be addressed, or at least put into perspective.

### **What is, in your opinion, the most interesting thing about you?**

I enjoy adventure trips, sailing, biking, and making hand-crafted pens using exotic woods from around the world. I was once chased up a tree by a white rhino; on another occasion, I was chased in a car by a black rhino; and I once had a pet monkey!

### **Tell us about your career, education, and experiences that led you to workplace chaplaincy?**

My education includes an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Indiana University and graduate work in Leadership Development and Marketplace Ministry from Regent College, Vancouver, BC, Canada. My work experience includes: 17 years in nonprofit leadership, 10 years pastoral experience in a local church, and leading Capital Chaplains since 2005. I learned early on in my career that I am wired to see potential. I see the potential in concepts (workplace chaplaincy, etc), individuals or teams, and things (a fixer-upper house, restoring old sail boats, etc.). This helped me to both see the need for chaplaincy in our community (starting Capital Chaplains and Corporate Chaplaincy Consulting), and serve as a chaplain.

### **What types of life issues do you have the most experience helping others with?**

I have worked with people on a wide range of personal, family, and workplace related issues. After 35 years of work in this region, I also have a wide network of helping professionals who I can refer people to if there is a greater need.

### **What do you like most about being a workplace chaplain?**

Giving the gift of hope to people on a daily basis!

