



## Carlos Soca

HAMPTON ROADS FELLOWSHIP

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

### PRAY.

Pray I would share the gospel boldly as I interact with people.

Pray the people in my community would have hearts that are receptive to the gospel.

Pray many people will come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray the Lord of the Harvest will send more workers into the field to join missionaries and chaplains.

### PARTICIPATE

Commit to long-term prayer support. Chaplains serve as an extension of the local church in places that other church members and staff sometimes cannot go. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain. Support and pray for chaplains and their families.

### PROVIDE

Become personally invested in the ministry of chaplains. Learn about their ministry context, so you can provide relevant help and resources.

## About the Family

I was born and raised in northeast New Jersey. At the age of 16, I was invited to church by a friend. After a year of attending Bible studies and through the faithful gospel witness of the church, I came to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I later married that friend, Madai, and together we are the parents of three blessings: Josh, Hannah and Avery.

After much prayer and confirmation of the call by others, I entered seminary and graduated in 2006 with a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. During my time at seminary, I was mentored by the pastors at Open Door Church in Raleigh, N.C., and participated in the pastoral ministry internship.

In late 2009, the pastors and members of Open Door affirmed God's calling on my life, and I was ordained as one of its pastors.

## About My Ministry

I have the privilege of serving as a U.S. Navy chaplain. As a chaplain, I serve in gospel-centered worship services, prayers, weddings, Bible studies, funerals and other events, according to our faith tradition.

A second core area of ministry in chaplaincy is facilitating for those outside my faith tradition. While I won't compromise my own beliefs, I protect the religious freedoms of military personnel by making sure they can practice their faith.

My third area of ministry is to care for all. I care for God's image-bearers by being quick to listen, empathizing with them and carefully encouraging them with the wisdom I have received.

Finally, I serve the command by making the proper recommendations for the execution of religious ministry and appropriate collaboration with religious leaders outside the command.