Rural Clergy Training
April 25, 2015

Educating community clergy about how they can support Veterans and their family members through the readjustment process.

Many Veterans and their family members seek help for their problems from clergy. An upcoming event in Ellsworth can help prepare you to support them.

Rural and smaller-town Veterans in particular have limited choices for healthcare. As a member of the clergy, you and your house of worship are an important contact point for Veterans in your community. Sometimes clergy members aren't aware of the Veterans in their congregation or how they might help a Veteran and their family following deployment. Clergy may recognize Veterans who are struggling in their return to civilian life, but not know how to support them.

The National Chaplain Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and U.S. Army Reserve would like to invite you to attend a free interactive training in **Ellsworth, Maine**. This event will be held on **Saturday, April 25th** from **10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** at the **Christian Ridge Church**.

Training topics will include:

- **Identifying potential conflicts between civilian and military cultures.**
- **Identifying actions community clergy can take to assist military personnel and their families with a healthy adjustment to a civilian culture.**
- **Types of common military events that can cause adjustment problems for military personnel and the psychiatric and psychological responses that often follow from them.**
- **Identifying the relationship between spirituality and "meaning making."**
- **The importance of Personal Narratives and Past, Present and Future Stories.**
- **Identifying pastoral responses and resources for clergy and their congregations.**

This workshop will be held Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Christian Ridge Church, 53 Christian Ridge Road, Ellsworth, ME 04605.

Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the day should conclude by 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Seating is limited for this free event, so please register TODAY. Registration closes April 17th. You can complete the Registration for this training online at www.ruralhealth.va.gov/clergytraining or contact Pastor Danny Jones at (207) 385-6131/pastordannycrc@gmail.com, to reserve your seat.

A collaboration of the National VA Chaplain Center, U.S. Army Reserve, Christian Ridge Church, and the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Rural Health (ORH).

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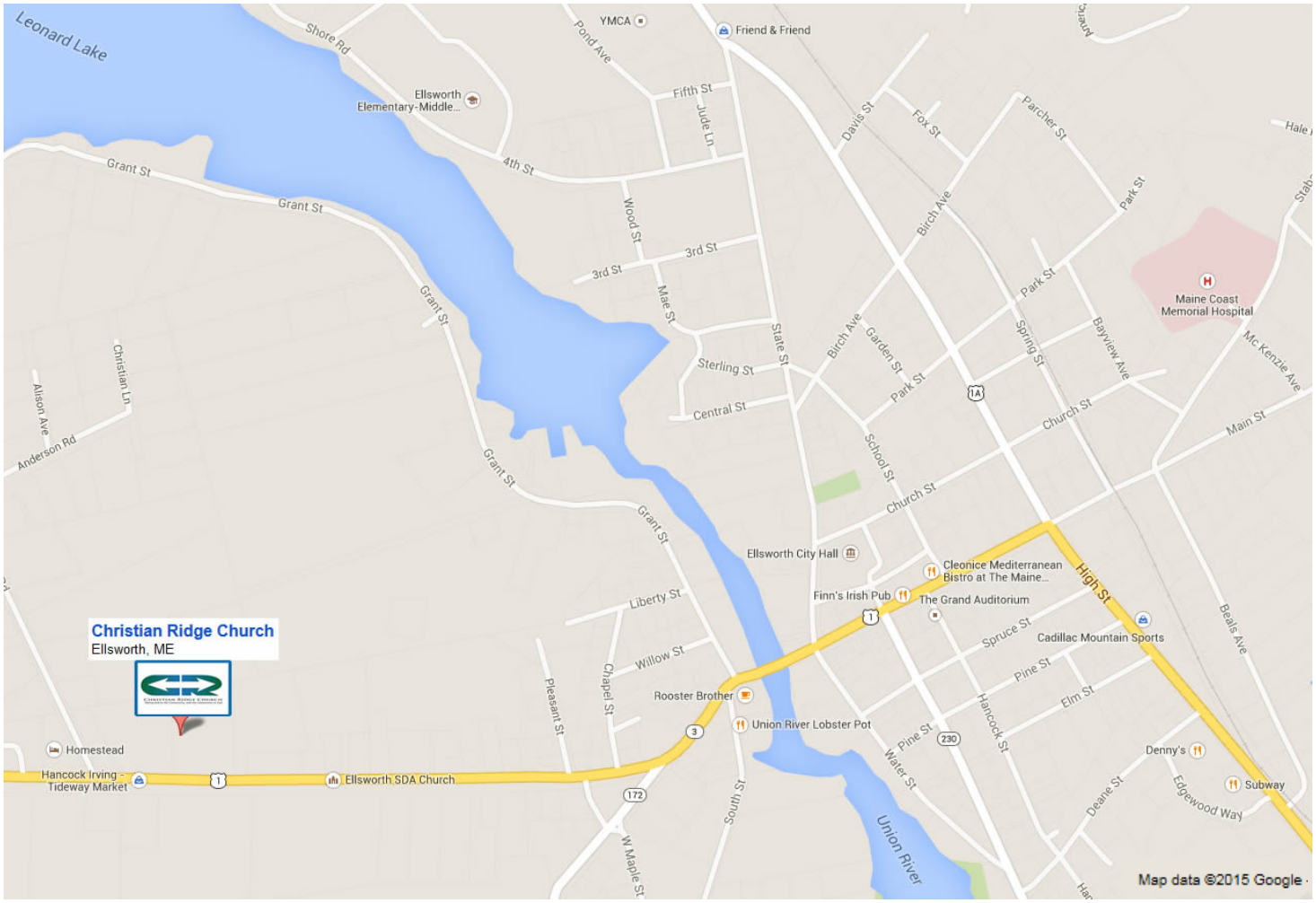

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