

The Spiritual Life committee is the heart of the Honors Program, responsible for assisting the development of Christian community at ORU through the Honors Program. This charge does not mean that the entire Honors Program is united under a common spiritual liturgy formed by the traditions of this committee, but that this committee provides resources and ideas that foster the growth of spiritual community wherever it is occurring and raising awareness of these fellowships throughout the program. What this means is that this committee compiles mentoring information for people interested in starting a mentoring group, information for Bible studies, and book recommendations. The committee may put together a worship band for Honors Program events and make sure someone is leading devotionals during the Honors Program retreat. If a community service project arises, they can help put it together. Maybe someone wants to start a journal for commentary on ORU chapels in order to expand upon, critique, and explore the ideas presented. Such an idea could be implemented through the Spiritual Life committee.

The Chaplain shall be specifically responsible for:

1. Initiating spiritual social activities
2. Handling any internal awards system the program chooses to adopt
3. Promoting Christian philosophical thinking, expressed in essays or some other format
4. Maintaining a form of faculty-student mentoring and upper class-freshman assistance
5. Coordinating community service and outreach activities

About HSC committees:

The Officers and their committees are the real organs of the Honors Program. They specialize in general aspects of Honors Program activity and perform the work of the program in those arenas. Officer positions currently exist for five general functions of the program: communications, secretarial work, events, treasury, and spiritual life. The Communications Director leads a committee to produce a professional newsletter, maintain the website, publicize events, take pictures, and maintain historical records. The Secretary leads a committee to take and publicize all minutes from meetings, maintain member contact information, compile academic advising information, and maintain records of off-campus study opportunities. The Events Coordinator leads a committee to put together all Honors Program social and professional events, including Honors Program recruitment activities during ORU College Weekend and securing faculty sponsors for all proposed events. The Treasurer leads a committee to manage the bank account and execute fundraisers. The Chaplain leads a committee to conduct spiritual life-building activities, facilitate mentoring initiatives, coordinate outreach and community service projects, and promote Christian community in the Honors Program.