On January 3, 2021, Chaplain Margaret Grun Kibben was elected by the House and sworn in by Speaker Nancy Pelosi as the 61st Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives.

In her final active-duty assignment in the Navy, Rear Admiral Kibben, was the U.S. Navy’s 26th Chief Chaplains, serving as the director of religious ministry for the Department of the Navy, advising the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard on all matters pertaining to religion in their respective services. Prior to this assignment, Rear Admiral Kibben served as the 18th Chaplain of the Marine Corps and Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

Born and raised in Warrington, Pennsylvania a suburb of Philadelphia, Margaret came on active duty in 1986. Her career spans both Navy and Marine Corps assignments from Newport, RI, Quantico, VA, Camp Lejeune, NC, Norfolk, VA, and San Diego, CA. Chaplain Kibben served both ashore, at sea, and abroad, with several deployments to the Mediterranean, as well as Norway, Turkey, and Afghanistan.

Dr. Kibben is a graduate of Goucher College in Towson, Maryland. She received both her Masters of Divinity and her Doctorate of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey. She served as a Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and holds a master’s degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

Chaplain Kibben is married to Lieutenant Colonel Timothy J. Kibben, USMC (Retired). They reside in Alexandria, Virginia, with their pride and joy, their daughter Lindsay Elizabeth. Margaret enjoys cycling, swimming, gardening, cooking, and reading.