



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) May 2013

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Global Member Care Conference 2015

Many of you have asked about the next Global Member Care Conference: In less than 2 years time!

January/February 2015, in Antalya, Turkey.

The focus will be to stimulate, serve and network member care initiatives in the Arab World, and if possible also Central Asia. After the great success of the 2012 Thailand conference, I now made reservations for 400 participants.

More will come...

This month's Sponsor - InterHealth Worldwide



InterHealth is a Christian international health charity preparing, sustaining and supporting the health and wellbeing of humanitarian workers and mission partners around the world. InterHealth provides medical, psychological, occupational health and travel clinic services. In 2012 over 12,000 people were supported from 300 different organisations.

Training

Training programmes are currently offered in Kenya, Ethiopia, UK and Washington DC. Topics include stress, trauma, psychological first aid, resilience, team conflict, travel health, care for families on the move, first aid. Visit www.interhealth.org.uk/home/training/ for the 2013 training calendar or email training@interhealth.org.uk to request further information. Upcoming dates include:

- • *Kenya* - 15th May - Cultivating Personal Resilience
- • *Kenya* - 16-17th May - Cultivating Organisational Resilience
- • *Ethiopia* - 20-21st - Trauma & Psychological First Aid
- • *Ethiopia* - 22nd May - Cultivating Personal Resilience

Health Information

InterHealth provides a spectrum of health information and guidance. This includes health information topics ranging from malaria through to resilience, recommendations for travel internationally with an interactive map, staying well with updates on important health topics and news articles on a variety of subjects.

- • Health alerts (<http://www.interhealth.org.uk/home/around-the-world/health-alerts/?type=alerts>)
- • InterHealth World Map (<http://www.interhealth.org.uk/home/around-the-world/interhealth-world-map/>)
- • Health information A-Z (<http://www.interhealth.org.uk/home/around-the-world/health-information-a-z/>)

Editorial: Cultural and Cross Cultural Member Care

Cultural and Cross Cultural Member Care

“From everywhere to everywhere” aptly describes the current scenario of Global missions. The demarcations between “sending” and “receiving” nations have been blurred as cross cultural witnesses serve across geographic and cultural boundaries.

In an article entitled “why care about culture?” Sunny Hong examines the differences between individualistic cultures and collectivist cultures and highlights the implications of these differences in a mentoring relationship. Hong suggests that there could be confusion, unproductivity and misunderstandings when there are basic differences in expectations, assumptions, goals, processes, responsibilities, boundaries, power, privacy, transparency, self disclosure, definition of success, respect for time and the way feedback is provided in a mentoring relationship. These could well be cultural and cross cultural member care factors.

Culture, worldview and assumptions are critical factors that shape our personality, processing systems and perspectives. Though we may seek to adapt to a new environment in a cross cultural setting, our own culture significantly influences the core of our identity, involvement and interactions. Member care needs to identify and address the issues that emerge from where I come as they interact with the issues that emerge from where I currently am.

I end with a quote from Dr. Emmanuel Lartey, a Pastoral theologian from Ghana, currently teaching at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Reflecting on the theological implications and practical effects of pastoral care in a diversity of cultures, Dr. Lartey explores the notion that “each human being is like all others, like some others, and like no other”. This viewpoint affirms our shared humanity, our specific ethnicity and our special individuality. This has implications for cultural and cross cultural member care as each of us understand and unpack things differently. However, this lack of uniformity need not be the cause for a lack of unity.

Ravi David
Board Member, Global Member Care Network, India

GLOBAL MAP

Europe, UK

WattsYourPathway

WattsYourPathway uses debriefing and coaching to provide understanding and accompaniment to repatriates during their reentry experiences into their home culture such that they grow and thrive. Draw life from the re-entry journey –contact Helen Watts.

www.WattsYourPathway.co.uk

Helen@WattsyourPathway.co.uk

RESOURCES

Books**Pre-Field Resources**

PRE-FIELD PREPARATION (14 Day) Book 1

Spiritual Focus Before You Go

By Howard & Bonnie Lisech

These brand new devotional Bible studies are specifically designed for the Pre-Field training of STM teams and individuals.

Each devotional is written to help a team member grow spiritually and evaluate their attitudes and actions BEFORE they leave on a Short-Term Mission trip.

http://deeperroots.com/product-category/pre-field-resources/?utm_source=STM+send+%232&utm_campaign=STM+%232&utm_medium=email

Books**On-Field and Reentry Resources**

WALK AS HE WALKED (30 Day Edition)

This book is designed specifically for teams that spend about 4 weeks overseas. Some have purchased these and use the first 7 devotions for prefield preparation and the remainder for onfield Spiritual encouragement.

These Walk as He Walked spiritual journals and devotional Bible studies earned an endorsement Elisabet Elliot!

http://deeperroots.com/product-category/on-field-resources/?utm_source=STM+send+%232&utm_campaign=STM+%232&utm_medium=email

spiritual formation resources**The Mobile Member Care Team**

A new issue of the mmct communiqué, a digest of member care resources, is now available. This issue's focus is [Spiritual Formation](#).

Author M. Robert Mulholland Jr., in his classic, [Invitation to a Journey: A Road Map for Spiritual Formation](#), defines Spiritual Formation as "the process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others."

Dallas Willard in his article, [Spiritual Formation in Christ: A Perspective on What it is and How it Might be Done](#) expands further on this definition.

In [Keeping the Heart](#) John Flavel, a 17th-century English Puritan, claims that the "greatest difficulty in conversion, is to win the heart to God; and the greatest difficulty after conversion, is to keep the heart *with* God. . Heart work is hard work indeed." We trust that these resources might assist you with this hard work.

Note: Tyndale Seminary in Canada has many free resources available in their [Spiritual Formation Reading Room](#) which uses Google Books and allows access to many resources mentioned in this Communiqué.

If you notice a key resource is missing, mmct@mmct.org please send us the information so we can add it to the archived edition stored on <http://www.mmct.org/#/resources/communiqu> our website. We envision Communiqués as "living" documents and welcome your additions.

Book: Trauma & Resilience:**A Handbook (Kindle Edition)**

Are you looking for resources to come alongside people who are suffering as they serve God? This book brings together theological perspectives; personal stories; and spiritual, psychological, community, and medical resources. It is research-based and at the same time practical. This is a handbook for church and mission leaders, peer supporters, counselors, those in personnel and member care roles, as well as those who suffer. It is also an excellent resource for training courses about this topic.

<http://www.amazon.com/Trauma-Resilience-A-Handbook-ebook>

Mission Guest Houses Worldwide

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<http://www.oscar.org.uk/opportunity/locations/logistics.htm>

information about holidays in the UK for mission or overseas Christian workers. <http://www.oscar.org.uk/service/logistics/comingtoug/holidays.htm>

The Art of Giving**The Art of Giving**

Join us for a thought-provoking ten-part email series on the challenges of giving and receiving.

The Art of Giving will explore some key questions, including:

Why is it harder to receive than give?

Is generosity in our DNA?

How can I provide financial support to my friends without making the relationship awkward?

Starting April 2013. <http://www.stewardship.org.uk/cms.php?page=180>

10 May 2013 Member Care & Counseling Resources

by John Leverington . He writes: "I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Member Care and Counseling Resources. As always I would appreciate your comments about how to improve this mailing or suggestions for information to share with others that you have found helpful. If you know of someone who could benefit from this information pass it on to them. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, have a change in your e-mail address or would prefer not to receive any more of these e-mails simply make your request to john.leverington@gmail.com Serving one another, John Leverington

ANXIETY SELF TEST

Anxiety can be a healthy and adaptive response to stress. But, anxiety occurs on a continuum, ranging from normal, healthy concern on one end to worry, anxiety and panic toward the other end. Where do you fall on the anxiety scale? Test your level of anxiety and discover ways to manage your daily stress by going to [how anxious are you?](#)

GENERALIZED ANXIETY

Do you have a nervous stomach every day? Everyone feels tense occasionally, but if you feel that way most days, you could be dealing with generalized anxiety disorder. To view a slide show with some very helpful ideas go to [anxious answers.](#)

and more....

find full pdf newsletter in attachment.

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/May_2013%20Member%20CareCounseling%20Resources.pdf

Africa Member Care Network - Newsletter**May 2013**

The Africa Member Care Network is an interagency affiliation of colleagues with Member Care responsibility. Our purpose is to help provide and develop Member Care resources in Africa. This bi-monthly Email Forum is a service dedicated to glorify God through networking, discussion and sharing information on issues related to Member Care in Africa. Your contributions are very much appreciated! Please send it to Marina Prins at africamembercarenetwork@gmail.com

Find the latest newsletter here:

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=a163b8368f&e=a3dbaa64df>

South Pacific Regional Member Care Network - Newsletter**The first regional newsletter**

The purpose of this newsletter is:

- To link together Member Care providers from the South Pacific Region who are working both within and outside this region.
- To give a wider perspective of what God is doing in the field of Member Care

- To provide encouragement and support, reducing the sense of isolation
- To provide a platform for sharing resources and ideas with each other that may be helpful
- To provide a forum in which member care providers could offer services to other missions eg. in the field of a trained provider to offer member care to MKs

Your contributions are very much appreciated. Please send details of upcoming events, information and resources that you think will benefit members of the network to Helen Macnaughtan: helenmacn@gmail.com http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/First%20Regional%20MC%20Newsletter.pdf

LOCAL CARE

I want to start a new title and paragraph here, focussing on and exploring "Local Care".

What do I mean by "Local Care"?

So often I speak to Member Care Providers who are not only serving foreign missionaries, or cross-cultural workers. They go beyond missionaries. They serve the local church, train and support local believers, who don't necessarily fit your definition of missionary.

And there are Member Care Providers who also serve among refugees, children in need and victims of catastrophic events....with the skills and gifting God has given them.

Often these skills relate to the whole field of care, serving the whole person: emotional care, relational care, psychological care, pastoral care, marriage and family care, trauma care, mental health care, psychosocial care, spiritual care and so on...

I want to give you a platform here to present yourself, share your experiences and find colleagues around the world.

Let me start by asking you:

1.) What has your experience been as you serve missionaries on the field, and nationals/locals?

If you served nationals/locals, why did you do it?

If you didn't, why didn't you?

2.) Did culture, language, or the clear focus on missionaries hinder you to serve locals/nations?

3.) Would you like to do and explore more in the area of local care/national care?

If yes, describe more.

Looking forward hearing from you.

Harry Hoffmann

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GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Summer retreats in the USA, Austria and Croatia

Barnabas Zentrum Counseling Retreats

Barnabas Zentrum Counseling Retreats are offering retreats in three different countries. The following dates are for our summer retreats. Please check out our web site for more information! www.barnbaszentrum.com

USA Retreats:

June 16 - 28 Singles/Couples Retreat - Two Weeks - Grand Junction, CO

July 28 - August 9 Singles/Couples Retreat - Two Weeks - Grand Junction, CO

August 18 - 30 Singles/Couples Retreat - Two Weeks - Grand Junction, CO

Europe retreats:

June 23 - July 5 Couples Retreat - Two Weeks - Samobor, Croatia

July 21 - August 2 Couples Retreat - Two Weeks - Samobor, Croatia

August 12 - 22 Family Retreat - Two Weeks - Zell am See, Austria

Middle East EGYPT

MEMC Conference 22-26 Oct , Egypt

THEME: "Building Resilience in Troubled Times"

Main speaker: Dr. Richard Butman, 33 years at Wheaton Grad School USA

ACCOMODATION: Anafora is a retreat center in the desert oasis between Cairo and Alexandria [be advised: no internet available].

SCHEDULE: Minivans depart from Cairo on Tuesday, 22 Oct. at 2 pm, returns to Cairo by van by 4 pm on Saturday, the 26th Oct.

**Now available: a personal bonus day for a guided spiritual retreat if you can arrive Monday am, one day early. Add E25 to the total cost.

Transport still included.

INCLUDES plenary sessions, time for quiet reflection, networking, optional seminars on topics such as Helping Gen X & Y in their first term; case studies, new book reviews; Menopause 101 for Men; TCK/MK issues, God's Remedy to Stress; Retreats and Quiet Days as part of a Worker's daily life; God Sightings in daily life; Beguilement.

COST approximately Euro 190 per person, including all meals, coffee breaks, materials, and transportation from Cairo and back.

REGISTRATION: contact susanacyprus@worksmail.net

Europe, Asia

Single Vision Programs:

Europe: Isle of Gibraltar June 14-22, 2013

Asia: Hong Kong February 2014

<http://www.singlevisioninternational.com/>

USA / Switzerland Europe

ADVANCED COUNSELING TRAINING SEMINAR—Module One

Ever felt stuck when you try to counsel or help others? Feeling unequipped at times, or at a loss for effective solutions? Finding yourself more motivated than, or taking responsibility for, the person you are helping? Frustrated by persistent resistance?

If you have the calling and passion to help others heal, grow, and experience spiritual freedom, and you want to be equipped with the skills and knowledge you need to overcome these common obstacles, then consider this two-week intensive—designed to increase your personal resilience, to equip you to be much more effective in your work and ministry, and to keep you from falling into the pitfalls and dead ends in which too many in the counseling and member care fields often finds themselves.

Seminar Focus: To enhance the level of knowledge and skill proficiency for those involved in counseling/ helping work in the mission context: those who work with debriefing, crisis, trauma, transitional stress, grief work, and addictions, as well as long term counselors and other member care/ member development staff.

Seminar Description: (For a detailed description, download the Information Sheet)

- The seminar will consist of two weeks (10 classroom days) of intensive teaching and hands-on training, representing a minimum of 60 contact hours—including didactic lectures and demonstrations, recorded skill practice and refinement, as well as group and individual coaching and supervision.
- Completion of this seminar is a requirement for admission to other modules in the ACTS series. (A detailed certificate of completion will be issued with faculty credentials.)

Faculty: Dr. Paul Rodriguez, international speaker and teacher-trainer psychiatrist, therapist and addictions specialist (see Information Sheet)

Dates, Locations and Cost:

September 15-27, 2013:

Location: Inn of the Last Resort (Christian Training Center International), in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Franklin, North Carolina (www.lifeisrelationships.com)

Cost: \$780 for individuals \$1280 for participating couples

February 23-March 7, 2014:

Location: Chatel, Switzerland (www.ywamchatel.com)

Cost: CHF 650 for individuals CHF 1200 for participating couples

Contact & Application Information: To receive the ACTS Application Form, or for answers to specific questions, contact the ACTS staff at pcrod71@gmail.com

Find Information Sheet here

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/ACTS%20Level%20I%20Information%20Sheet2.pdf

The Global Member Care Network is an independent network of volunteers. Please consider donating to this important network, to keep the running costs covered. We do this, because we believe in it. This Newsletter is a free service and was created to share and connect member care resources around the world. It goes out in the middle of each month. News and resources need to be posted on our website blog, or send to office@globalmembercare.com.

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