



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) March 2015

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This month's Sponsor - [ELIM Retreats](#)

RENEWAL RETREATS FOR MISSIONARIES AND PASTORS REGISTER NOW FOR 2015 AT www.elimretreats.org

ELIM Retreats, a ministry of Barnabas International, www.barnabas.org will offer 6 renewal retreats for missionaries and pastors in the States in 2015.

WHO IS SERVED AT AN ELIM RETREAT? Most of our Retreats are for missionary singles or couples. However, in 2015 we will offer one Retreat for whole families returning to the States.

WHO LEADS THE RETREATS? Individual Retreats are led by a variety of men and women representing Barnabas International, the wider member care community, and local church volunteers.

WHERE ARE THEY HELD? Some of the Retreats are held on a 1400 acre property 2.5 hours north of Detroit, Michigan, on Lake Huron. Some Retreats will be held at the Eagle Center House in Eagle, Wisconsin www.eagle-house.com

WHAT IS THE RETREAT PURPOSE AND DESIGN? Low key but intentional times of spiritual renewal, re-creation and recovery. The focus is deepening in a love relationship with Jesus Christ. The Retreats are not meant to provide depth psychological counseling, or formal debriefing, but preventative pastoral care, and physical, emotional and spiritual renewal.

THE SCHEDULE provides much open time. Evening meals taken together as a group, and 4 studies of the Word in small group settings, are the only "required" schedule of events.

RETREAT HOUSING provides ample room and privacy. All meals provided. Group size, 10-15.



COST: \$80.00 per person registration fee. Scholarships available.

REGISTRATION, PICTURES AND INFORMATION can be gained on-line at www.elimretreats.org.

Editorial: Member Care and Globalization

Everything in the world seems to be globalized - except Member Care.

All concepts and movements are birthed from a select cultural context. Naturally the cultural context that gives birth paints a picture of how it would be practiced in that cultural setting. Now it is time for Member Care to be birthed into local cultures around the world. There is a need for translation of Member Care into other cultural concepts and frame works.

How Member Care is practiced in another culture most likely will have a different structure and dynamics of practice. The picture will look different, however the provided care will remain to be essential to cross-cultural service.

It is a goal of The Global Member Care Network to facilitate translation of Member Care. A good question is, "has Member Care been globalized"? No, but hopefully it is a process that will start through the various Member Care Providers.

Dr. Roni Pruitt

Second GMCN consultation in Antalya, Turkey

Thank you to everyone who participated in the second GMCN consultation in Antalya, Turkey in February 2015. Approximately 360 people were able to attend, from all over the world, to consider the theme, 'Member care in hard places'.

There were plenary sessions, a choice of 30 workshops, a thought-provoking film, devotional talks, times of worship and a prayer vigil for the suffering church.

There were also many opportunities to network, including meeting as regional groups. We had fun buying from the Pazar, people generously bought wonderful gifts for a gift exchange, and we enjoyed the wonderful venue.

We missed those of you who could not attend, especially those who had applied but were denied visas. But we are grateful to God for answering prayers for safety, and for a fruitful conference.

We thank participants for the feedback which will help us in planning the next consultation, in three years time.

Debbie Hawker
on behalf of the Global Member Care Network Board

GLOBAL MAP

USA

Care Port Counseling

Online Video Counseling

Care Port Counseling is online video counseling for those who live and serve abroad – whether you're in the military, in missions, or some type of humanitarian aid work, we're here to help.

<http://www.careportcounseling.org/>

RESOURCES

Newsletter

The Well Member Care Center Chiangmai

March Newsletter

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=c9636d381f&e=25f63328eb>

Added Infos:

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=9bbf8a0162&e=25f63328eb> link

Debriefing – The benefits and pitfalls

Research

<http://www.wattsyourpathway.co.uk/debriefingresearch.html>

Book review

'Healthy, Resilient and Effective in Cross-cultural Ministry' by Laura Mae Gardner

<http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/reviews/hreccm.htm>

Book

'Deep calls to Deep: Spiritual formation in the hard places of life ' by Tony Horsfall

At the recent Global Member Care Conference in Turkey I had the privilege of leading a workshop under the heading 'Songs in the Night'. The material was taken from my latest book, 'Deep calls to Deep' (BRF 2015), a study of some of the psalms of lament and how spiritual formation often takes place in the hard places of life. It is now available on line through Amazon, as well as on Kindle and should be an encouragement to all involved as providers of member care, as well as personnel working in difficult places. Tony Horsfall http://www.amazon.com/Deep-calls-Spiritual-formation-places-ebook/dp/B00RWUFGQ4/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1426735524&sr=1-1&keywords=Deep+calls+to+Deep+tony+horsfall

Retreats News - Cyprus and the Gulf

Please find attached a copy of Retreats News for your information.

Maggie Le-Roy , Retreats Facilitator

Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf www.cypgulf.org/retreats/

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/Newsletter%20February2015.pdf

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Thailand, Chiangmai

CRISIS MANAGEMENT TRAINING

TRAINING CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP and CRISIS MANAGEMENT TRAINING

with Phil Harper QPM

October 24-26, 2015, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

In 2012, there were 167 incidents of major violence against aid workers in 19 countries. This 3-day 2-night course helps you be prepared to facilitate the best resolution to 'live' critical incidents and hostage taking. For directors, crisis management teams, member care providers and church leaders.

For all details please direct to Phil at sheep100conferencing@gmail.com

USA, Southfield, Michigan.

Caring for Missionaries in the Midst of Suffering

Care Encounters Crisis

Caring for Missionaries in the Midst of Suffering

How can States-based churches and agencies respond responsibly when those we send find themselves in harm's way? Are we wise in our preparation of Americans for mission fields marked by destabilization and chaos?

ALONGSIDE in co-operation with Barnabas International, ELIM Retreat Ministries, SEND International invite you to a one day gathering for networking, learning and prayer.

Date: Saturday April 18th, 8:30-5:00 p.m.

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=6514f69d1b2e16bf807e903c1&id=f73f6af75d&e=3469466ee7>

the Netherlands

Individually Guided Retreats

Individually Guided Retreats in the Netherlands August 2015

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/GuidedRetreatsNetherlands.pdf

Manila, Philippines.

Member Care courses

The core Member Care courses from the degree program at Columbia International University will be offered at Asian seminaries as one-week intensive courses. The upcoming course will be held May 25-30, 2015 at Asia Pacific Seminary in Manila. The course can be taken as part of the Master's or Doctor of Ministry degree program in Member Care. Students challenged in English language skills also have the option to attend the training as a seminar.

Coming May 25-30, 2015; Asia Member Care Course titled "Member Care for Career Transitions." This is a one-week intensive course that explores how to care for Christian cross-cultural workers over the span of their career. The course is part of the North American Member Care degree program at Columbia International University. Course dates are May 24-30, 2015 at Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary in Manila, Philippines. Cost is 500 USD (paid when registering); room and board is an additional cost that is paid directly to the Asia Pacific Seminary. For more information, please contact Rachel Weaver at rachel.weaver@mailbox.ciu.edu

GMCN Facebook group

GMCN Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalmembercare>

We just reached 827 members!

Thanks you for being part of this Facebook network group. Please continue to make it known among your member care colleagues.

We for now chose this to be a "closed group". The closed privacy setting makes it possible for nonmembers to find the group in Facebook search, but the group page's content is hidden. The process for adding a group member is the same for all privacy levels; all group members can add anyone from his friend list as a group member. When someone requests to join a closed group on Facebook, administrators will receive a notification and can choose to either approve or deny the request.

We want to make the The Global Member Care Network (GMCN) a network community which connects you with resources, updates, links and people working in the realm of member care around the world.

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