



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) November 2015

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Editorial: 50 Shades of Grey of Member Care Services & Training

Those who stand under the Member Care umbrella have a variety of roles; the term Member Care is broad in meaning. When listening to an individual define their role there are 3 factors that help bring clarity.

Frequency of Care Services

Do they serve in a full-time Member Care role? How much of their time and focus is invested in offering care services to cross-cultural workers? Member Care workers may be part-time or have infrequent volunteer roles.

Duration of Service

Key to Member Care is the long-term care giver who plans to serve at least 8-10 years. Some individuals view Member Care as a transition season; a ministry role that comes in the latter years of their missions service. The field of Member Care attracts new people who investigate and ponder Member Care as a possible service role. They may serve in short-term roles.

Level of Responsibility

What level of responsibility is attached to the role? If they serve in a mission organization or as a licensed mental health provider, then the individual has a heightened level of responsibility. A person who serves as an encourager or listener on a collegial level usually there is a lower level of responsibility. A clear marker for a shift in the level of responsibility is when the role influences the thoughts and decisions of others. The level of responsibility greatly increases when peoples well-being is entrusted to the care-giver.

These 3 factors need to align when assessing what level of training is needed for the Member Care role. Uncertainty exists about what type of training is needed for Member Care workers. If the level of training does not match the desired role the workers term of service will be prematurely shortened. What is gleaned from formal education cannot be replaced with attending a conference or a seminar. Numerous gifted care-givers have quickly departed Member Care, because they were not properly trained.

Roni Rruitt

Looking for:

Looking for: Director of Missionary Care

USA, Dallas

East-West Ministries International, located in Dallas, Texas, is looking to hire a qualified Director of Missionary Care. The Director of Missionary Care facilitates relational, emotional, spiritual and organizational health amongst the cross culturally living missionary staff of EWMI, and at times those assigned domestically as well.

The director will develop and lead a Missionary Care team. The director and the Missionary Care team communicate with and involve the broader EWMI body to create a culture of care. The director will be responsible to develop and maintain a network of personal and support. East-West works among unreached people groups and in restricted access communities around the world to evangelize, equip, and plant churches. For any information about this position, please contact Chelsea Christopher at cchristopher@eastwest.org

GLOBAL MAP

Europe, The Netherlands

Member Care Nederland

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RESOURCES

Cross-Cultural Workers Marriage Issues— Free download

This book is for people serving in limited access countries. It is the basically the one written for missionaries, but with no mention of missionaries or missions; however, it does mention Christianity and quotes Scripture. If you know people serving in such places, you may want to send them the link or download the book and send it to them as an attachment.

The book is available to download free of charge as .doc, .pdf, or .zip files for your computer and as .mobi or .epub files for your Kindle or Nook.

<http://www.crossculturalworkers.com/ebooks.htm> (second book down)

Newsletter Chiangmai Thailand

The Well Member Care Center

November 2015

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=f63b7244f2&e=25f63328eb>

Newsletter Turkey

Olive Tree Counseling Center

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<http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=478dddd77818aeaaf84c40a3f&id=078f272cb8&e=73487f3c0b>

Newsletter: The Netherlands

Member Care Nederland

http://membercare.nl/ajax/nieuwsbrieven/bekijk/29?nbh=18-29-5726-M7uYZ7MTEh&utm_source=Nieuwsbrief&utm_medium=Nieuwsbrief&utm_campaign=Nieuwsbrief+MCNL+najaar+2015

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

European Member Care Consultation - EMCC 10 **GERMANY 14-18 MARCH 2016**

Going and Growing - Mission and Member Care **Bookings now open!**

This is the subject of the 10th European Member Care Consultation which will examine the role of member care in helping those who go not merely to survive but thrive. Peter Nicholl, our Bible teacher, will be bringing us daily studies from the life of Moses to demonstrate different aspects of member care in action.

Other speakers include Inger Bang Carlsen, Ulrike Ernvik, Sarah Lanier and Harry Hoffman. Five workshop streams will tackle different topics including for the first time an introductory *Foundations of Member Care* by Marion Knell which will be an effective entry point for new member care workers. Other streams are *Relationships*, *Going and Growing through Hard Times*, *Growing Towards Maturity in Relationships*, and *Trends in Mission*.

EMCC 10 will be held once again in Schönblick, Germany from 14th to 18th March 2016. Please put the date in your diaries now! For more information please click [here](#).

website: www.membercareeurope.com

North Africa

Coaching Workshop for Christian Leaders – Jan and Feb 2016

Dates:

January 14-16, 2106 with Katie, ACC and Nell Stiff in Morocco|
February 11-13, 2106 with Katie, ACC and Nell Stiff in Tunisia

A 3-day intensive coaching workshop based on the book, *The COACH Model for Christian Leaders*. This workshop is for those experienced as well as those who are not-so-experienced in coaching skills. Upgrade to receive 21 International Coach Federation-approved training hours, plus bonus material to help you take your coaching to a professional level!

Training Organization: Creative Results Management

Contact: <http://creativeresultsmanagement.com/workshop>

Malaysia

Group Coaching Class in Malaysia – Feb 2016

Date: February 4, 2016 with Kevin Stebbings in Penang, Malaysia

Group coaching provides an excellent opportunity for individuals to join an empowering environment that supports them in achieving their personal and professional goals. The strength of group coaching is the mutual support, accountability and encouragement that the group provides. In this practical course you will have an opportunity to experience and then lead a group coaching process.

Training Organization: Creative Results Management

Contact: <http://creativeresultsmanagement.com/group>

Hungary, Central Asia, Turkey

SHARE EDUCATION FAMILY CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION: Larry Milks www.shareeducation.org

- **Hungary Family Education Conference, February 21 – 26, 2016**
Registration opens on [our website](#) on November 1, 2015.
- **Central Asia Family Education Conference, March 22-24, 2016**
Registration opens on [our website](#) on February 1, 2016.
Testing Day will be March 21.
- **Turkey Family Education Conference, October 11-14, 2016**
Registration opens on [our website](#) on June 1, 2016.
Testing Day will be October 10.

Chico, California, USA

Missionary Care Foundations Course (MCFC), 10-29 January 2016,

A multi-disciplined approach to strengthening, preserving, and restoring missionaries is will be offered at Youth With A Mission – Springs of Living Water, in Chico, California.

This foundational training will bring together an eight member facilitation team who actively serve missionaries in North America, Africa and Asia and Europe. They each average well over twenty years in missionary service.

While originally designed to help establish member care among grass-roots mission teams this course has also been found to be of benefit for those who already have experience and specialties in member care. We are able to offer these three weeks including materials, room & board, in a nice conference facility for only \$648 inclusive. As usual it will be open inter-agency.

MCFC Course Brochure

<http://ywamchico.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/MCFC-2016-at-YWAM-Chico-Corrected.pdf>

MCFC Information & Registration

<http://ywamchico.com/missionary-care-foundations-course/>

Further questions may be addressed to [randy4africa\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:randy4africa@gmail.com)

Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The Emmaus Journey: Honouring your personal story of cross-cultural ministry through debriefing and retreat.

February 1-4, 2016. Calgary, Alberta, Canada. \$325 Cdn.

This 4 day non-residential retreat is for cross-cultural workers who are back in North America for furlough or for the longer term. This is an opportunity for you to process your experiences in the context of individual reflection, group activities and individual debriefing.

Retreat leaders are Hazel Mayhew, a counsellor specializing in working with missionaries and formerly a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Terry and Nancy Todd, staff with Barnabas International and in partnership with The Well International Chiang Mai, Thailand.

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The Netherlands

Individually Guided Retreats in 2016

In 2016 I can offer you several possibilities for individually guided retreats in the Netherlands. During the following periods the community called "Gemeenschap De Hooge Berkt" in Bergeijk will reserve four rooms at their retreat center especially for cross-cultural workers:

- 29 February - 4 March
- 20 June - 1 July
- 22 August - 2 september
- 17 October - 28 October

What is an individually guided retreat?

An individually guided retreat is a "tailor-made" retreat. We will be meeting for a daily chat of about 45 minutes. Listening to where you are at in your relationship with God suggestions for prayer and Scripture passages will be chosen according to your particular situation and needs. The rest of the time will be spent in silence, including meal times.

for more info please contact Anieke van Dijk at annieke.vandijk@solcon.nl

and check this pdf link

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/Individually%20Guided%20Retreats2016.pdf

GMCN Facebook group

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

We just reached 1137 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalmembercare>

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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