



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) October 2016

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Thrive Ministry offers online magazine and retreats for women

Do your global women feel safe sharing their struggles? Do they feel connected to others who get their unique lives? For nearly 20 years, Thrive has worked alongside 650+ sending agencies & churches to provide holistic care—spiritual, physical, & emotional—to women on the field. In [Connection Magazine](#), their voices are valued. At [retreats](#), they are known, understood, and prayed for in a beautiful setting away from ministry responsibilities.

2017 retreats, available to North American women serving cross-culturally, are in:

- Penang, Malaysia in **February**
- Dubrovnik, Croatia in **April**
- Beaver Creek, CO (for women on furlough or transitioning off the field) in **July**
- Papua New Guinea in **October**.

Register at thriveministry.org/retreats or subscribe to the magazine at thriveconnection.com.

Editorial: The Future of Member Care

Is it true that missions is in decline and what impact does this have on Member Care?

At the 2016 Missio Nexus conference in Louisville, Kentucky USA, over 800 were in attendance. The conference focus was a

renewed commitment to global missions. Then at the Mission Commission Conference, held by World Evangelical Alliance in Panama, there was 275 in attendance from an array of nations. The focus was poly-centric missions.

In summary, there is a renewed call to the global church to its global mission. What is in flux is, who are the senders as the mission force is becoming multi-national, ministry roles are broader to address evangelism and social ministry needs, and how mission is financed is in major flux with decreased mission contributions. How to finance missions will require creative thinking in the future.

What is known is, the future mission of the Church will carry us to frontier missions that will require a enriched continuous care of workers. Mission structures that support 'how we do mission' may be in flux, but the greatest days of Member Care lay ahead as new regions are reached with the good news.

Roni Pruitt (GMCN - Executive Committee Member)

World Evangelical Alliance's Mission Commission new Executive Director

The Global Member Care Network (GMCN) is a Network that operates under the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) Mission Commission (MC).

Two weeks ago in Panama, Rev. David Ruiz (Guatemala) became the new Executive Director of the MC. He succeeds Dr. Bertil Ekström who has led the MC for the past ten years and is passing on the leadership after serving two full terms [For further reading click here](#)

The GMCN wants to thank Dr. Bertil Ekström for his leadership and serving heart-cooperation we benefitted from over the last 10 years. Please join us in prayer for Rev. David Ruiz, for the Spirit of wisdom for the big task ahead of him and for the Spirit of revelation (Eph 1:17) on how to engage effectively with the many [Taskforces and Networks](#) who operate under the Mission Commission, the GMCN being one of the larger ones.

(Harry Hoffmann, GMCN coordinator)

Q&A (Questions and Answers)

Job Opportunity - Caretaker, Katafio Retreat House - Cyprus

I am writing to ask if you can help us spread the word about a service opportunity on Cyprus. Sadly, John Friesen, the Caretaker of the Katafio Retreat House, will be leaving Cyprus at the beginning of 2017. We are now having to look for his successor. I am attaching two papers giving more details of the Caretaker role and wonder if you, or your mission, may know of someone who may be interested to fill this role?

retreats@spidernet.com.cy

Find more info here:

[OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE](#)

[Job Description](#)

RESOURCES

Africa Member Care Network

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<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=5d7bb4b131&e=a3dbaa64df>

fundraising ideas

Do-It-Yourself Fundraising Ideas

Whether you are an experienced fundraiser or are doing fundraising for the very first time, you know that hard work and finding just the right product are essential to a successful fundraiser. <http://www.fundraising-ideas.org/DIY/>

Reflections on Latin American Member Care

Evangelical Missions Quarterly

<https://emqonline.com/node/3557>

The Well Member Care Center Chiang Mai Thailand

October 2016

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=7108c05c00&e=25f63328eb>

Missionary Member Care: An Introduction: Free Download—

The 17 chapters of this 160-page e-book give an overview of member care for those interested in providing it or in receiving it.

Written in a question/answer format, this book is useful for missionaries wondering about doing member care or in using it. Each chapter begins with a “short and simple” answer to the question asked in the chapter title so that readers can quickly decide if they want to know more about the issue. Though it is written for missionaries, it is also appropriate for use in an introductory university course in member care because it contains hundreds of links to primary sources of information.

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. You can't beat the price. Find it at... <http://www.missionarycare.com/missionary-member-care-an-introduction.html>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Penang, Malaysia

5th Asia Member Care Network Conference

Member Care in a Disorderly Word

5th Asia Member Care Network Conference

April 24-28, 2017

Penang, Malaysia

Speakers & Workshop Leaders: Perry Bradford, Dr Lois Dodds, Dr Mark Toh, and many others

RM\$1040 (after January 30 2017)

RM\$960 (before January 30 2017)

Register here: <http://lifejourneycentre.com/index.html>

For more information please contact: Dr David Tan or Warren Lawrence asiamembercarenetwork@gmail.com

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/AMCN2017.pdf

Singapore

Advanced Counselling Training Course (ACTS)

Advanced Counselling Training Course (ACTS) conducted by Dr. Rodriguez in YWAM Singapore in January 2017

This is suitable for Member Care People or People Helper/Carer. www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/SingaporeACTS1Flyer.docx

the Netherlands

Individually Guided Retreats 2016 & 2017

- 17 oktober tot 28 oktober 2016 - 20 februari tot 3 maart 2017 - 19 juni tot 30 juni 2017 - 21 augustus tot 1 september 2017 - 23 oktober tot 3 november 2017

Would you like to enjoy some time of rest and prayer, time to simply enjoy “being” in God’s presence? Then this might be just what you are looking for! In 2016 and 2017 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.

For more info check out [this link](#) or contact annieke.vandijk@solcon.nl

Hungary (near Budapest)

OM People Care Course, Level 2

Location: Érd, Hungary (near Budapest)

Date: 4-10 December 2016

The People Care Courses provide people with new skills to fulfill their God given roles in people care and leadership while positively impacting their personal lives. The training is practical and relevant for individuals that serve in all facets of mission. The ministry skills that the participant acquires also helps build a strong foundation in the local church.

The People Care Course Level 2 (PCC L2) is a 5-day course which builds on level 1 topics as well as adding more complex topics that People Care providers encounter in their ministries Such as: the ethical foundations of People Care (PC); Advanced Listening skills; Advanced Debriefing; Psychological First Aid; Supporting Teams, Families, Marriages, and Singles; Supporting Trauma Survivors; Supporting Good Emotional and Mental Health on the field - including recognizing disorders and addictions.

Course cost: 350 Euro when applying before 4 October 2016, 370 Euro after 4 October.

This course is useful for people in official member care roles and informal support, discipleship, and mentoring roles.

For more information and an application form of the course please email the People Care Administrator at people.care@om.org or nancy.scott@om.org

European Member Care Consultation 2018

Torremolinos, Spain

Although EMCC 10 is still fresh in our memories, the Member Care Europe team is already working on our next event. The European Member Care Consultation 2018 is now confirmed as going ahead on 12-15 March 2018 in Hotel Gran Cervantes in Torremolinos, Spain.

We are thrilled to have plenary speakers Frauke Schaefer and Annemie Grosshauser and our Bible teacher is Tony Horsfall. More details will be published over the coming months but do please get the dates in your diaries now. We will need to make an unconditional booking with the hotel by September 2017 so we will be asking people to book much earlier than usual. Please make provision in your 2017 budgets for it!

GMCN Facebook group

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

We just reached 1629 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>

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