



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) May 2012

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### Review - GMCN Conference April 2012

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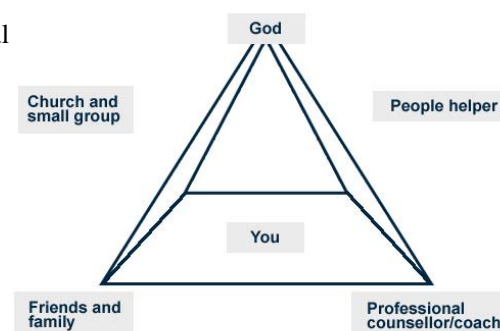
## GLOBAL MEMBER CARE NETWORK CONFERENCE

### Global Voices on Global Challenges

23-27 April 2012, Chiang Mai, Thailand

“Great Connections! Great networking!” “So much is happening – I am encouraged!” “Fantastic” These were some of the responses to the first ever global Member Care consultation attended by 350 people.

The conference kicked off with a banquet and after-dinner speaker Harry Hoffman. Harry launched a new model of Member Care – the Pyramid of Care. This reflected the new reality that MC providers are increasingly being drawn and called into care of nationals, whether through crisis situations like tsunamis or earthquakes, or because of identification with the whole body of Christ. Members of the GMCN board were called upon to hold 8 ft bamboo poles (!) to bear the 5 supports for Member Care – the church, the family and friends, the organisation, professions and centrally God. This really resonated with the conference a surfaced in many guises.



Of course Global diversity brings its challenges – worship styles, the use of time – making relationships or learning together?, styles of teaching and learning, and personal preferences – what suits me. The daily themes were spirituality, suffering, relationships and conflict. Many were encouraged to see Spirituality and Spiritual formation emerging as a key issue in building resilience in Mission workers and therefore in Member Care.

In many ways just being together was the highlight for many, experiencing and ministering the grace of God together. What could we have done better? More workshops? More time for shopping? Well... we need to take seriously the ability to follow dense presentations in English, to have readable powerpoints, to have workshops truly interactive and true to the brief, and interestingly to provide access to counselling for some who attend in need.

What next? The conference has certainly stimulated member care in Asia and a number of initiatives will come out of it. We identified the gaps in member care and the imbalance in resources. And EVERYONE wants another one! This will probably be in 2015 and we are looking at what will be the most strategic location.

We are grateful for all those who invested significantly of their time, money and self in making this conference possible. But most of all the breath of God which breathed life into a concept and desire and brought it to life and reality – to Him be the glory!

## GMCN Conference feedback

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The conference was a great experience and we found it to be a positive experience generally. Thank you for all the hard work you and the team put into it before hand, during it, and now the follow up. For us the highlight was the opportunity to network with people doing similar work and finding ways we can collaborate to avoid duplicating services and thereby extend the resources available for member care.

Thanks for organizing this great event!!

Once again, thank you for a great conference.

Thank you very much for your encouragement to attend this first global net work meet. it is an eye opener for us to know the various aspects of member care. we are seriously considering member care as an option for our future ministerial direction

Thank you so very much for coordinating the GMCN Conference and putting this together with the network committee. It was a fantastic week and I hope there will be more of these in the future.

thanks for all you did regarding this consultation. I really am glad that I came.

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As I stated on the evaluation I so appreciated the time in Thailand. Thank you and your team for all the hard work that you put into this.

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Thanks for all that you have done to put this on. It was a great success.

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Thanks for the great job in preparing and coordinating this conference. I will bring some colleagues with me to the next conference if the timing works out.

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Thank you for the great job done. Appreciate the efforts.

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Your ability to create such a magnificent conference and see the participation from around the world must be quite fulfilling and rewarding for you. Please let me know if in the future I might be of service to you via other workshops, etc.

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Great Conference

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It was an encouraging conference that is worth repeating.

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Thanks for the hard work!! Really appreciate what you and the board have done for the conference.

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It was great to be able to participate in the conference.

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Thanks very, very much for the great work you did in coordinating and organizing. Your concluding summary on Friday was simply fantastic!

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I want to thank you for the great amount of work you invested and the fine outcome of the conference! Thank you for making it such a very special time!

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Congrats for your efforts in order to provide and amplify the Member Care Ministry in the world.

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It was hugely beneficial and encouraging!

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We had a strong start, and I expect God will out perform all of our expectations for the future conference.

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the conference will be a good catalyst for various regions to develop further.

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'We really enjoyed the conference. As a people helper type of person... I was glad to see some clarification that Member Care is more than just the professional counseling (not to take away anything from those of you who have been called in that capacity, as I really respect you), as was the case in some other conferences I had attended (not GMNC). Personally I really appreciated the personal touch that you put into the conference'.  
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## GLOBAL MAP

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## Asia

### **Eagles Rest - Thailand**

#### Purpose and Vision

To provide a place of refreshment, healing and restoration especially to those Asian national pastors and Christian workers who are living in poverty while serving the Lord. We hope to include counseling, health care, family time and skills training as resources allow. We differ from other retreat centers in that pastors and workers are referred in for sponsored care as they have no financial means of their own to rest from ministry. <http://eagles-rest.info>

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## **RESOURCES**

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### **Learning**

#### **Khan Academy**

I don't know if you are aware there is a website called Khan Academy which give short and clear explanations to many subjects from Math to science, to economics and school test preparation. I wonder if you find this helpful for your children or any learning minds a like. The person who developed the site is in the list of 100 most influential persons of 2011 due to his contribution towards learning world wide. <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

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#### **Retirement for Missionaries (oscar.org.uk)**

##### **What's it like to retire from mission work?**

Is it the end of a missionary career or another beginning? Our guest writers this month, Alan & Jean Chilver, share their wisdom on this topic, following retirement after many years in theological education in Africa. Go to [www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/chilver.htm](http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/chilver.htm)

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### **Re-entry**

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### **INTENTIONAL SABBATH**

#### **INTENTIONAL SABBATH - monthly "resource tool" by Link Care**

see attached monthly newsletter and article on INTENTIONAL SABBATH [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/1205\\_To\\_our\\_Colleagues\\_in\\_Personnel.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/1205_To_our_Colleagues_in_Personnel.pdf)

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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### **France, Thailand**

#### **Heartstream Resources Refresh!**

in France June 10-20 and Chiang Mai, Thailand July 1-11.

"A vacation with a purpose!" Come for great times of worship, devotions, teaching on cross-cultural issues like stress, burnout, and conflict resolution. A children's program is provided, along with fun family outings. There is more information on the website:

[www.heartstreamresources.org](http://www.heartstreamresources.org) or email [heartstreamresources@hotmail.com](mailto:heartstreamresources@hotmail.com)

Find brochure here: [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/2012\\_Refresh\\_Brochure1.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/2012_Refresh_Brochure1.pdf)

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## **Europe - UK**

### **Re-entry - retreats, holidays and courses (<http://oscaractive.ning.com>)**

There are various retreats, holidays and courses planned in the UK over the next few months to help those who have recently returned and are going through the re-entry phase. If that's you, make sure you give yourself a bit of time out at one of these to help you through re-entry. Go to <http://oscaractive.ning.com/events/event/listByType?type=reentry>

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## **New Zealand**

### **Missionary Enrichment Retreat 2012**

22-27 October - 2012 Crystal Springs, Matamata

Cost: Sign-up by 5 September: only \$370.

After 5 September: \$425 -

If your church or sending agency is a member of MI, you qualify for a \$65 scholarship.

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