

Member Care Training Resources

- Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills Workshop would be a must for anyone with gifting in member care. It really enhances basic interpersonal skills. www.relationshipskills.com
- Pastors to Missionaries Conference (www.barnabas.org), held in Asheville NC in October each year.
- Link Care member care conference (<http://www.linkcare.org/conference>), held in Fresno CA in January.
- Mental Health and Mission Conference (www.mti.org), held in Indiana in November each year.
- MC2 Conference in Minneapolis (www.minnesotarenewal.org/). Midwest Conference on Missionary Care
- Stephen Ministry Training (www.stephenministries.org/)
- Alongside (www.alongsidecares.net) does two-week and three-week Renewal and Growth Retreats, which could be attended as training in member care (minus the personal counseling) as long as the member-care folks are not taking the place of a full-pay client who needs to come.
- Heartstream Resources has a week-long basic training in member care. It is located at Liverpool, PA, about 45 minutes from Harrisburg. You can also find many professional papers on their website, as well as dozens of radio programs on and about member care. See www.heartstreamresources.org
- Columbia International University (South Carolina) offers a Masters level program and D.Min in member care on a module basis. This program was developed by Dr. Roni Pruitt.
- Member Care and Counseling Resources from John Leverington (Olive Tree Counseling) - to be added to the mailing list make your request to john@olivetreecounseling.org (John works with SEND member, Andrew Brown in TR)

Other Website links

- <http://www.wisesight.org/> Evan Parks – Budapest Care Center
- <http://thrivementor.com/> Dave Grissen blog (Life Impact)
- <http://lifeimpactministries.net/> Oases of rest and renewal for Christian workers
- <http://membercare.org/> Member Care Associates – resources and training
- <http://www.missionarycare.com/> missionary care resources
- <http://paracletos.org/> missionary care resources
- <http://catalystintl.org/> Catalyst Intl, Member care resources, and retreats in Switzerland.

Books:

- “Too Valuable To Lose: Exploring the Causes and Cures of Missionary Attrition” (ed. William Taylor, 1997)
- “Worth Keeping: Global Perspectives on Best Practice in Missionary Retention” (2007).
- Books by Kelly O’Donnell. The most recent and best is *Doing Member Care Well*. This book is a basic course in member care. Kelly also has a regular eletter which you can subscribe to at: <http://www.membercare.org/>
- There is a triad of books that Lois Dodds (Heartstream) and Larrie Gardner (Wycliffe) are finishing up. The title of the series is Global Servants: Cross-cultural Humanitarian Heroes. Two volumes are already published and are available on Amazon—Global Servants, Vol I: The Formation and Development of These Heroes. Vol II is titled 12 Factors in Effectiveness and Longevity. A third volume should be available later this year; it is titled, The Art and Heart of Caring.
- “Burn up or Splash Down” written by Marion Knell. Part one is preparing the missionary for re-entry, part two is for third culture kids (MKs) and part 3 provides helps for people receiving them (church, family and supporters).
- “Serving as Senders” by Neal Pirolo.