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Pastoral Crisis Intervention: Where to Start and What to Say

Message From Dale Leverknight:

Hello Pastors...

Below is information on a new series of continuing education opportunities that the Western PA District Pastor and Parish Team will be offering over the next two years. Let me tell you about them. But first, allow me to ask a few questions. As pastors, do we enjoy being called upon during times of crises with our people? Do we really like getting those phone calls from the hospital only to hear one of our own is dying and they need us? No, I doubt that any one of us does. Do you find yourself struggling for what to say to someone that offers some degree of comfort and hope in the middle of a terrible situation? I'm sure we have all been there more times than we care to remember.

That is why I am sending this to you and trust that you will take a moment to read this carefully. I have found over the last 27 years that many pastors and counselors truly struggle with what to say or do for people they are helping when the disaster strikes. This is why I urge you to read further and why we are offering this series of continuing education opportunities.

Over the next two years, we will offer a four-part series on Pastoral Crisis Intervention. These one-day courses will begin with the most basic of skills needed by pastors to begin to offer spiritual support and comfort to persons in their care and will build upon the previous trainings as we make our way through the series. Let's look at the first two:

Whether you are new to Pastoral Care or would enjoy refreshing those skills with new methods and skills, please consider attending these events:

Pastoral Crisis Intervention I: March 2, 2018

This is the introductory course that will outline the basics of understanding crises events, people's emotional response and how to render sound Biblical support to individuals who are hurting. This course will explore:

- Vocabulary and Concepts of Crises
- Listening Skills
- Biblical Foundations of Emotional/Spiritual Care
- Human Reactions to Crises
- What is Trauma?
- What Do I Do and What Do I Not Do?

Dale Leverknight, Instructor

Indiana Church of the Brethren, Indiana, PA

Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Deadline to register is February 17, 2018

Course will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 **and includes your** 0.5 ceu's from SVMC, workbook, a continental breakfast and a hot lunch

Pastoral Crisis Intervention II: September 10, 2018

This course will begin immediately where Intervention I ends and will be building upon those basic skills. This training will now move the pastor into utilizing those skills within the larger context of the Family or Small Group setting. This course will explore:

- Vocabulary and Family/Group Dynamics during Crises
- Listening Skills
- Biblical Foundations
- Understanding "What affects one...affects all!"
- Group Practice

Dale Leverknight, Instructor

Ligonier First Church of the Brethren, Ligonier, PA

Registration @ 8:30 a.m.

Deadline to register is August 25, 2018

Course will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 **and includes your** 0.5 ceu's from SVMC, workbook, a continental breakfast and a hot lunch

Pastoral Crisis Intervention I (Friday, March 2, 2018)

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Pastoral Crisis Intervention II (Monday, September 10, 2018)

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