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Mental Health Care for the Heart, Soul and Mind

As part of our ongoing commitment to help churches deepen their impact within communities, Evana Network announces a new mental health initiative. The main goal will be to help churches clarify how mental health related services fit within the scope of mission and ministries. Our hope is for this work to support community-directed mental health ministries and network practitioners across our congregations. Starting this Fall, we wish to connect congregational leaders who share a vision and interest in mental health-related services and ministries.

This is an opportunity for church members or leaders interested in leading a mental health initiative within your local church. Psychologists, counselors, social workers and pastors with a vision for clarifying and expanding the church's work in mental health would be ideal participants. There will be a two-fold



approach to this topic. We'll begin with asking where mental health related ministries fit within each church's mission. Then we'll move to identifying where our congregation's gifts best meet our community's needs.

Sessions will offer a 75-minute biweekly video call that runs from early November through April. An optional in-person meeting will be explored as well. Meeting dates and times will be coordinated during the first meeting. Each meeting will be divided between a presentation and discussion on a preset topic and a discussion on questions/topics raised by participants beforehand.

Interested individuals should speak with their pastor and then email me at wes@evananetwork.org to arrange a call.

- Wesley Furlong, Director of Church Development.

Life and Peace: Flourish 2023

We are so excited about our 2023 Retreat! If you are a pastor or ministry leader, be sure to mark February 16-20 on your calendar and bring your spouse along. We'll meet at the Christian Retreat Center in Bradenton, FL and explore the theme of "Life and Peace (Rom. 6:8)." We are going to have an amazing time together with our special guest speakers, Geoff and Cyd Holsclaw, co-pastors at Vineyard North in Grand Rapids, MI.

Pastor Geoff received his Ph.D. from Marquette University and is an affiliate professor of theology at Northern Seminary. He enjoys exploring the intersection of neuroscience and spiritual formation through his Embodied Faith podcast. "Besides being a pastor, professor, and theologian, most of all, I'm just trying to work out my faith for the real world," says Geoff. More info on his work can be found at www.geoffreyholsclaw.net



Pastor Cyd is a trauma-informed, Jesus-centered, transformational coach and spiritual director. Cyd describes herself as "a friend of God, living as fully and beautifully and bravely as I can," and says she's at her best when empowering others to do the same. She recently co-authored a book with Geoff

titled "Does God Really Like Me? Discovering the God Who Wants to Be With Us." More info can be found at www.cydholclaw.com

This event is for any church worker and their spouse, including pastors, church planters, missionaries, etc. If you, or someone you know, is a pastor who desires an encouraging time with the Lord and others, be sure to set aside this Thursday through Monday event.

Visit EvanaNetwork.org to register! Early bird Evana member registration is \$499 a person and early bird public registrations are at \$549.



A NEW SEASON

"And I will make them and the places around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing." Ezekiel 34:26

With your support of \$164,000, we are well on our way to meeting our \$200,000 goal before December! We give a big "Thank You" for those who have generously given to our New Season Campaign. We are experiencing an inspiring range of donations ranging between \$50,000 to \$50, all of which have been given in anticipation of our next season of Kingdom service.

While our member congregations provide much of our financial support, we need individual partners to help cover half our annual budget. The current funds being raised cover the additional travel and conversations we are undertaking, and will provide a good financial foundation heading into 2023.

Should our total amount raised exceeds our initial \$200,000 goal, we will divide the additional amount equally among our Church Planter Fund, Pastor Retreat Scholarship Fund, and Operating Funds related to Church Resourcing. The Church Plant Fund is used to encourage the planters in our Network with mini-grants for projects. The Pastor Retreat Scholarship Fund helps underwrite costs for ministry workers who need

assistance for attending our Annual Pastor-Spouse Retreat. The Church Resourcing funds will underwrite current offerings such as our Vital Impact Assessment (VIA) work as well as our new mental health initiative.

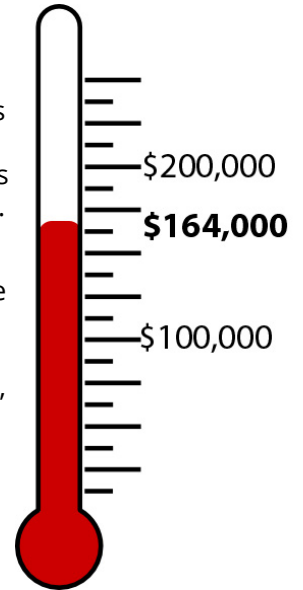
Please continue to pray as we discern with others about future affiliation. And if you appreciate the Evana Network's wider witness and ministry resourcing, will you consider helping fund this new season of growth? Financial gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.

As noted above, every gift to A New Season makes a difference, no matter how large or small. You may contribute via Donate button at www.evananetwork.org or by mailing your gift to Evana Network, PO Box 33, Millersburg, IN 46543. Thank you for investing in Evana Network's future and in God's Kingdom work!

- Matt Hamsher, Executive Director

YouTube Link for Campaign Video:
<https://bit.ly/NewSeasonYT>

Bitly Link for Video for use in Worship Services:
<https://bit.ly/NewSeasonVid>



ReGen 2023: Transformed

On June 26-30, 2023, Evana Network returns to Taylor University (Upland, IN) for our fifth ReGen gathering. We welcome pastors, church leaders, families and youth to our biannual gathering. Whether you are a long-time member or exploring a relationship with our Network, ReGen is the premier event to experience what Evana Network is all about. Come join us Monday through Friday as we dig into how we are called and equipped to live out the Father's love.

For those budgeting, ReGen 2023 registration prices include lodging, worship sessions, seminars, and meals. The projected prices will be as follows

Evana Members

Early Bird (3-11) \$349
Early Bird (12-up) \$399
Regular (3-11) \$399
Regular (12-Up) \$449

Public Attendees

Early Bird (3-11) \$399
Early Bird (12-up) \$449
Regular (3-11) \$449
Regular (12-up) \$499

Our registration link will be open soon!

