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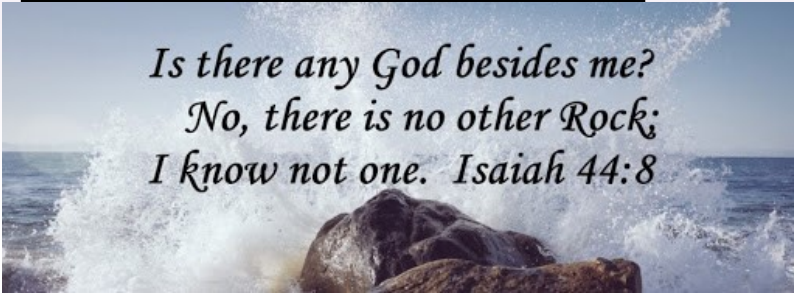
THE CONNECTOR

Quarterly Newsletter of Cross Connections, Inc.



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*Is there any God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock;
I know not one. Isaiah 44:8*

OUR MISSION

The mission of Cross Connections is to provide affordable Biblical counseling and to train lay counselors (called Covenant Partners) in providing Biblical guidance to others. We accomplish this working through the pastors and representatives of our over 150 ministry partners. We are committed to using God's Word as authority in the counseling setting; being ever mindful our clinical skills and abilities are nothing compared to our Savior's

LEADERSHIP CHANGE

After 10 years as Executive Director at Cross Connections, Matt Konow is stepping down to pursue a new opportunity as Chief Advancement Officer at Concordia Lutheran High School. As the Lord leads the Board and administrative leadership in finding the next Executive Director, please direct any questions on ministry operations to our Clinical Director, Gary Younghans. His phone is 260-373-0213, ext. 102 and email is garyyounghans@crossconnectionsounseling.com. Or you can call our Office Manager, Jen Robb, at 260-373-0213, ext. 101. Her email address is 260-373-0213, ext. 101. Please continue to keep the ministry in prayer during this time of change.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As my time here at Cross Connections draws to a close, I ask you please remember the ministry not only in your prayers each night, but also as you plan your year-end giving. Staff and volunteers come and go, but the need to support the Biblical counseling ministry provided by our team of gifted clinicians never ends. You can visit our website, www.crossconnectionsounseling.com and click on the Donations link to continue that support!

EXPANDING OUR REACH

We have partnered with social media marketing company Holy Hill Media to help Cross Connections expand its reach through our two technology platforms, Facebook and Instagram. Based out of Defiance, Ohio, Holy Hill Media is an area leader in helping businesses and non-profits reach new levels of brand-specific public awareness, producing cutting-edge media and marketing tools, and social media management. Watch for their work on our social media outlets! Follow us on Facebook at [Cross Connections, Inc.](#) and Instagram [crossconnectionsounseling!](#)



THAT'S A WRAP..... A NOTE FROM MATT KONOW

When I accepted the position as Executive Director of this ministry at the end of 2011, I had no idea what the Lord had in store for me. After working for close to 7 years in corporate America as a Regional Sales Manager for Canon North America, the idea of leading a non-profit was in the words of one of my friends “either the greatest or dumbest thing you may ever do. But Matt, there is only one way to find out, huh?”

I would find out how right most of those words were. I wouldn't change a single thing about the last decade serving in this ministry. The professional, personal, and spiritual growth I have experienced leading this ministry is something I will treasure in my heart forever. And I would have completely missed this opportunity if I hadn't listened to His call; even when it made no sense to me at the time. As I leave Cross Connections to begin as the Chief Advancement Officer at Concordia Lutheran High School, I am again following to where I feel the Lord calling me. And I am completely trusting in His plan!

I share this with you because one of the lessons the Lord has taught me over the course of the past 10 years is that ***He doesn't call us to success, He calls us to obedience.*** Success by the world's standards is fleeting, fickle, and never enough to fill us. The peace of following where He is leading, even though it may be into unfamiliar territory provides rewards beyond anything this world can bestow.

As well continue down the paths the Lord has created for us, step out there boldly, my friends. As He told Gideon in Micah 6; “Go in the strength you have...am I not sending you?”

Counseling hours thus far in 2022

Total number of counseling hours provided: 1,897

School counseling hours: 283

Individual counseling hours: 1,468

Groups: 1

Marriage counseling hours: 108

Family Counseling hours: 37