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Pastoral, Practical, Personal, Powerful!

A 10-Year Review of Service and Support

Ministry Mentors is one of the most valuable organizations serving churches and pastors today. My mentor played a crucial part in my development as I grew into my role as an effective senior pastor. She is accessible, open to questions, and offers support that is both personally meaningful and practically applicable.

—Rev. Kory Wilcoxson

Community Christian Church, Lincolnshire, Illinois

The best golfers, tennis players, athletes, performing artists, and successful CEOs use mentors and coaches. Ministry Mentors provides that powerful one-on-one resource to clergy.

On December 13, 1999, Ministry Mentors was chartered as a 501 (c)(3) organization supporting pastors—an idea that was “heaven sent,” according to Dr. Tim Johnson, ABC News Senior Medical Editor.

Current pastors being mentored and Mentors come from Baptist, Covenant, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ, and Methodist denominations. Having impacted the lives and ministries of hundreds of pastors who each serve hundreds of parishioners over the past 10 years, Ministry Mentors is poised for even greater service in the years to come!

Looking back over our 10 year history, we offer our heartfelt thanks to all who provide financial support, leadership, and mentoring. Support from our generous donors now totals almost \$800,000! Ministry Mentors has continually been affirmed and enthusiastically endorsed as the **right resource . . . at the right time . . . with the right approach.**

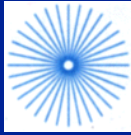
God bless all who continue to make this ministry possible as we move into our second decade!!



Don Fagerberg and Art Nelson

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Looking Ahead to the Next 10 Years

IMAGINE the impact on congregational vitality!

If every pastor in our country had access to a personal, independent, confidential mentor who could assist that pastor in achieving greater professional effectiveness, **imagine** what could happen!

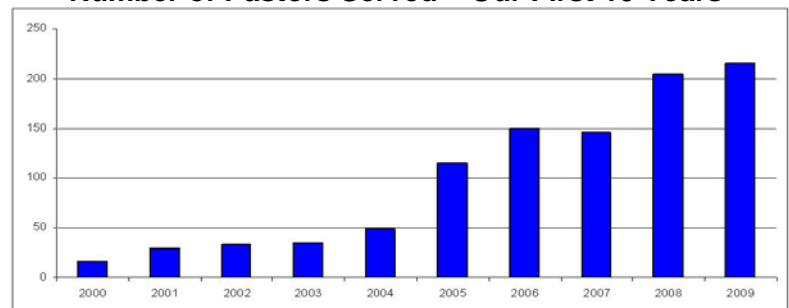
Pastor David Lower, senior pastor at the Winnetka Presbyterian Church in Winnetka, Illinois, was called to his position contingent on his having mentors: one a representative of the Presbytery of Chicago, and one an independent mentor with Ministry Mentors. An exceptional pastoral candidate in his early 30's, Pastor David had no previous experience as an ordained pastor. Ministry Mentors has been delighted to offer experienced pastoral mentoring for this outstanding pastor, offering confidential regular and "on-call" mentoring, and urging a proper balance between his call to the congregation and his call as husband and father. Having successfully completed his first year of navigating a dynamic, multi-staff congregation, an appreciative Pastor David enthusiastically proclaims, *"God is at work in Ministry Mentors!"*

Pastor Chuck Merkner recently concluded over twenty years as senior pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda, Illinois. Pastor Chuck has been engaged with his mentor for four years: as an objective resource in pastoral team building, a sounding-board during the joys and stresses of building a large new worship center, and a source of insight as Pastor Chuck transitioned into retirement and pastor emeritus status. Pastor Chuck wrote to us: *"I am so grateful for Ministry Mentors! It has made all the difference for me personally and my parish especially during a time of crises when I needed a calm voice of assurance and direction to filter through various options."*

Imagine pastors across the country, at any stage of ministry, mirroring the experiences of Pastor David and Pastor Chuck, enjoying an accessible, independent, confidential, pastoral resource available to assist in the ever-changing demands of pastoral ministry. Effective, physically and spiritually healthy pastors are best able to equip their congregations as "one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Romans 12:5

The graph below indicates the numbers of pastors served annually. As we enlarge our partnership of individuals, congregations, denominations, and foundations, **imagine** what the future holds as God continues to work through Ministry Mentors!

Number of Pastors Served – Our First 10 Years



**Imagine
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 future!**