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Healthy Congregations through Healthy Pastors

As our nation goes through challenging, changing, and anxious times, millions of individuals and families are looking to their pastors for spiritual guidance. Day after day, week after week, pastors willingly offer guidance, encouragement, and support to their congregations and communities. Despite their care for others, pastors often feel isolated, with very few opportunities for a **safe, confidential, one-on-one supportive relationship with another pastor.**

Pastors need **Mentors**—someone who will take a special interest in them.

The Ministry Mentors program, including recruiting outstanding clergy who have exhibited excellence in their ministries, is summarized in a simple acronym: **M-E-N-T-O-R-S**. These seven concepts provide a clear and concise summary of Ministry Mentors' **unique spiritually-based approach for enhancing a pastor's ministry and personal life**, bringing hope and health that can be imparted to congregations and communities.

M I N I S T R Y

- M Meet** with a prospective mentor
- E Engage** in a confidential, independent mentoring relationship
- N Navigate** by setting comprehensive goals, objectives, and priorities
- T Test** decisions by engaging in specific actions
- O Organize** and balance professional and personal priorities
- R Review**, revise, assess, and celebrate the mentoring process
- S Share** the mentoring concept and experience with others

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Third Annual Event Focus on Pastoral Health



Ministry Mentors surely qualifies as an idea "made in heaven." There is no tougher job in the world than being a pastor and the only ones who can truly understand the problems are those who have gone before. Putting pastors together in a non-threatening relationship makes all the spiritual sense in the world—for both pastors and parishioners. It is a very healthy idea. —Dr. G. Timothy Johnson

At the recent Ministry Mentors seminar, *Strengthening Pastoral Health*, held in Chicago, Dr. Johnson spoke about the importance of health care, with a special emphasis on self-care. In addition to monitoring health, proper nutrition, and exercise, Dr. Johnson emphasized that which Ministry Mentors provides:

the resource of an experienced pastor who can provide unconditional acceptance and support while speaking the objective and candid words that pastors need to hear. Dr. Johnson's strong words of support for Ministry Mentors not only endorse our organization but underscore the growing need for this ministry.

Dr. G. Timothy Johnson is the ABC News Senior Medical Editor, founding editor of the Harvard Medical School Health Letter, and the author of *Finding God in the Questions: A Personal Journey*. In addition to being a physician, Dr. Johnson is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church.



Two New Clusters Will Serve More Pastors

Ministry Mentors is pleased to welcome a new Leader and a new Cluster in the Chicagoland area under the leadership of **Dr. D. Darrell Griffin**, senior pastor of Oakdale Covenant Church at Vincennes Avenue and West 95th Street on Chicago's South Side. Pastor Griffin, a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church, serves a large, dynamic congregation that runs an equally successful school, Oakdale Christian Academy.

As Ministry Mentors expands its presence in the Chicagoland area, we now have Clusters on Chicago's North and South Sides, as well as two Clusters in the northern suburbs. Our ministry serves pastors in the entire area, reaching the far western suburbs.

Ministry Mentors is also delighted to announce that Leader **Dr. Richard H. Jones** will be expanding the ministry in Wisconsin by adding an additional Cluster serving the Madison area. Ministry Mentors has had a strong presence in and around the Milwaukee area since 2005.



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A Word from the President

If athletes at the top of their game, such as Tiger Woods, need mentors and coaches, how can we expect pastors to be at their best with any less? In order to reach their highest level as an effective resource for encouraging faith and hope in others, pastors need their own spiritual resource. But where will the pastors turn?

I know of no better way to make sure that our pastors remain effective and healthy than to provide a caring and objective **MENTOR** to walk beside each pastor,

hearing about the concerns that impact congregational life as well as the pastor's personal life, and offering words of support and guidance.

A WORD TO OUR DONORS –

Offering vital mentoring support requires a strong commitment from people like you. It is through YOUR generosity that we can provide a safe place for pastors to think out loud and reflect on the challenges and opportunities of their ministries.

Because of YOU, Ministry Mentors is able to provide this service without cost to pastors.

We are able to share our ministry with an ever increasing number of pastors because of the generosity of individuals, congregations, denominations, and foundations that understand that healthy congregations **NEED** healthy pastors. It is an honor to be in ministry with you as together we continue *Serving Those Who Serve*.

Dr. Donald H. Fagerberg
President