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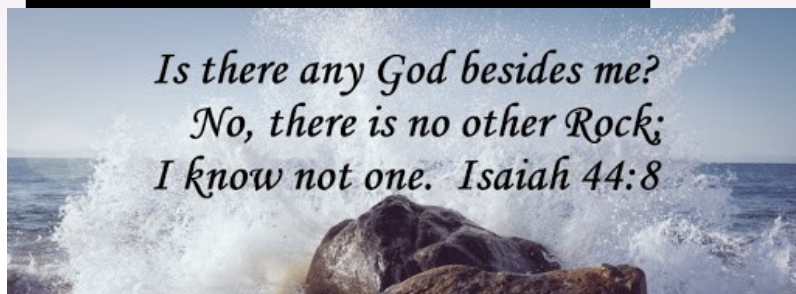
THE CONNECTOR

Monthly Newsletter of Cross Connections, Inc.



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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 120+ 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

FILLING STATION: "PERSPECTIVE"

Many of us have heard or spoken the old adage, "Hindsight is always 20/20". Being able to look back and evaluate how events, projects, and tasks have unfolded according to our plans or ideas is how we learn from our mistakes or find new and improved ways of doing things. As we age, one of the hindights we have relates to how we spend our time and how much we appreciate each day as an individual gift. Often we can become distracted by what we consider to be "EMERGENCIES" in life, when the perspective of hindsight later helps us realize our circumstances might now be as dire as they first appeared; especially when we compare them to the struggle of those fighting cancer, the single mom struggling to put food on the table for her kids, the grieving widower now completely lost in loneliness and missing their late spouse. We are told in in Psalm 139: 14, "All the days were ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." God has created each day for us as a precious gift ordained by Him for us to make the most of. Keeping Him first in all things and loving our neighbor are commands for us to follow that put joy into each day and allow us the chance to celebrate our many blessings. Let us use today, and all the days to come, the best we can.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I confess that as I write this, we are two weeks into July and charging hard toward the month of August. The differences between the first half of 2021 and 2020 are extreme, and a welcome change for us here at Cross Connections. Having recently altered our COVID-19 protocols to reflect the decrease in cases and updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and our local health department, the balance between in-person counseling and remote counseling services appears to be leaning back toward the former. Remote counseling will remain a viable option for the foreseeable future for those who prefer its convenience and added health protections. As I reported last month in this section, our clinical staff continues working hard to schedule clients as quickly as possible, The increased demand for services remains the same, and wait times for assessments and first appointments are longer than normal.

TWO NEW TEAM MEMBERS AT CROSS CONNECTIONS!

We are excited to welcome two new staff members to the family at Cross Connections, Mr. Andrew Reger and Mrs. Mary Keller.



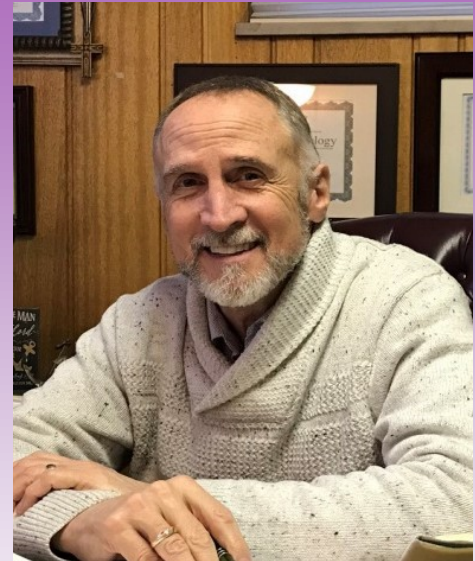
Andrew currently has his Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate and is currently working toward his LMHC licensure. Andrew has worked with a wide variety of individuals from ages 6 to 60 struggling with depression, anxiety, emotional dysregulation, trauma, and abnormal family dynamics. He uses a wide array of therapy techniques, including Client-Centered Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Gestalt, Play Therapy, and Solution Focused Therapy. He also have experience with Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and suicide

prevention.



Mary has a Master's of Science in Education from Indiana University as well as an endorsement and license in school counseling. She has spent over 40 years in the education field, with over 25 of those years spent in school counseling. She has extensive experience working with children and adolescents with behavior issues. She is familiar with special education concerns and has assisted in the IEP process. Mary's diverse educational work and experience has equipped her to

work with youth who are in crisis.



Supporting Hope by Dr. Jim Dohrmann, Development Director

Greetings In Christ! As we continue through 2021, the impact you have made for our clients is seen and felt by all of us here at the ministry. We still have work to do to reach our goal of \$250,000 for the **Isaiah 9: 6 annual fund**; this fund is the mainstay of our fundraising efforts and plays a big part in our annual operational budget. The summer months usually are months where donations slow down, yet the need for support remains! Please continue to prayerfully consider supporting this fund with a one-time or recurring gift.

On Saturday, September 18, we will host a small fundraising event at Country Heritage Winery. The theme will be **“Blessings, Gratitude, and All That Jazz.”** Tickets for the event are \$100 per person. There will be a wine tasting, heavy hors’ d’ouerves, live music from West Central Jazz Quartet, and the opportunity to continue your faithful support for His Biblical counseling ministry. Visit the Events page of our website for additional information. Among the ways to support Biblical counseling at Cross Connections, one new way is through **Planned Giving**. This means of support is a wonderful way to incorporate legacy giving while aiding the cause of affordable Biblical counseling for many years to come. Brochure content is being developed to help those interested in understanding how their gift continues to do the work of God that was aligned with their heart.

Thanks to all of your for your faithful prayers and support for His Biblical counseling ministry at Cross Connections! You are making a difference in the lives of clients now and also in their life to come in Christ!

By the numbers thus far in 2021

Total number of counseling hours provided: 1,704

School counseling hours: 183

Individual counseling hours: 1,311

Marriage counseling hours: 151

Family Counseling hours: 54