



## ***Member Care Update***

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This month, we'd like to feature two web sites that may prove helpful in providing member care resources to the missionaries you serve. The information shared in this update was taken from these web sites. You will want to take some time to explore their pages.

Do you know of resources or issues that should be shared in this Member Care Update? Please email [Lindaswanson@linkcare.org](mailto:Lindaswanson@linkcare.org) with content for this Member Care Update.

[The Global Member Care Network \(GMCN\)](#) exists to resource, equip and connect internationally all Christian practitioners of member care at any level. It is a professional community in which mutual learning, training and sharing can take place. It is committed to developing the member care profession by setting high standards, advancing the kingdom of God and glorifying His name.

Its activities include:

- Actively connecting regional and national member care movements
- Generating publications
- Validating training
- Database of multilingual resources
- Online and distance learning
- Regular global member care consultations
- Guidelines of good practice
- Facilitating partnerships

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This web site provides many member care resources including:

Member Care definitions

Good Practice Guidelines for Member Care Providers

Member Care Resources in many languages

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I recently emailed Harry Hoffman some questions about the web site:

(Linda) How often do you hope to update the Global Member Care Web Site, add a new newsletter, etc?

(Harry) The blog is by default updated whenever someone posts something. We send out a monthly newsletter around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Based on those entries, the Global Member Care Map, Resource list and other categories will be updated.

(Linda) Who needs to know about the web site?

(Harry) All member care providers and practitioners around the world, including individuals, organizations, sending agencies and sending churches.

(Linda) Are you looking for contributions?

(Harry) Yes, people can sign up to Blog on our website and add materials, information, resources and conferences.

(Linda) Are there resources that you'd like our readers to contribute?

(Harry) Yes, any kind of member care related resources.

[Missions Resource Network](#) was established in 1998, after four years of prayer discussions to discover how the mission efforts of Churches of Christ could be improved without violating the autonomy of the local church. The result was the formation of MRN as a central communications and facilitation ministry to spur more faithful stewardship in effective global outreach.

**Our Mission:** In submission to the Lord, we are a global NETWORK, equipping the body of Christ to STEWARD the MISSION of God.

Autonomous local churches are the God-ordained communities of faith for sending, supporting, and overseeing missionaries. Serving as a pivotal partner, Missions Resource Network provides churches with missions expertise, counsel, strategic planning, information, mission team preparation, missionary care services, and global vision to help churches do their job even more effectively.

From our offices near the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, we are poised to provide our services to churches and missionaries across the country and around the world."

On their web site, you will find resources to help churches

- Vision strategically
- Equip for missions
- Plant churches worldwide
- Nurture missionaries

For additional Member Care resources please check out [MisLinks](#) where you will find many links to missions and organizations offering member care resources.