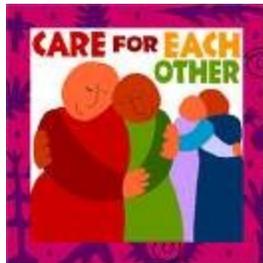


We Want to Care for You....

We can help you, when you let us know that you need help! That is what “Responsive Congregational Care” is all about.

So even when you think you can handle it all by yourself, don't! Let the Body of Christ aid you.



Text of this document based on the work of Dr. James R. Kok, Pastor of Care Ministries, The Crystal Cathedral, Southern California.

Interested in being part of the Lay Pastoral Assistant Team?

If you find value and meaning in volunteering to do hospital visits, house/pet blessings, transportation and support for sick people, praying, listening, meeting new people for one on one relationship as part of the church, or following up with folks who haven't been to church in a while, consider joining The Congregational Care Team by attending the LPA Certificate program. Offered each Fall.

The Lay Pastoral Assistant Program is a 7 month process of spiritual development and training which prepares candidates to provide spiritual, emotional and physical support to members of the Founders MCC and local community.

As an LPA candidate you will receive biblical and professional training in worship elements, rituals, prayer styles, rites, self-care/boundaries, hospital/home visitation, pet/house and other blessings, funerals, the culture of hospitality 10' rule, and special topics specific to LGBT persons of faith.



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Responsive & Proactive Congregational Care at Founders MCC



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Responsive & Proactive Congregational Care at Founders

What is Responsive Congregational Care?

Smash your thumb with a hammer, and your whole body is in pain. Thumbs don't keep it secret when they get hurt. They scream to the rest of the body. As a result, instantaneously, help is on the way from distant corners of our system. Infection fighters, painkillers, and healing enzymes are dispatched immediately to restore the injured digit.

The Congregational Care Team sees the congregation of MCCLA like the human body. That is, when anyone is injured, sick, or grieving, the rest of the people should know about it. Individuals, like the thumb, need to shout that they are hurting.

The "shout" may be a telephone call or e-mail to the Minister of Congregational Care. When the "shout" is heard, the message will be spread and help will be sent. The message goes to the Pastors and the Congregational Care Team. The help rushing to the distressed comes in the form of prayers, notes, cards, phone calls, and, when appropriate, visits by a member of the Congregational Care Team.

Many of us have a strong temptation to get along by ourselves, to tough it out, to avoid asking for support. We simply don't want to ask for help. However, it strengthens the whole body when it gets help. So even when you think you can handle it all by yourself, don't! Let the body aid you.

So the next time you are in need, here's what we expect from you: a phone call or e-mail to let us know.

Here's what you can expect from us: a call, e-mail, or visit from a member of the Congregational Care Team and your name added to the weekly prayer list.



The Apostle Paul says: "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it....YOU are the body of Christ and each of you is a part of it". -- I Corinthians 12:26-27

Should you find yourself in need, you can reach the Congregational Care Team via:

Phone 323.669.3434 ext. 106

E-mail revcaedmon@mccla.org

What is Proactive Proactive Care?

Founders MCC is compelled by an unfinished calling and a prophetic destiny...following the example of Jesus and empowered by the Spirit, we demand, proclaim and do justice in the world. The soul does not need to be hurting, to experience caring.

As a result, it is our responsibility as people coming into mature faith and community that as we get our lives in order, we deepen our faith, seek insight and growth, get our finances in order, take initiative to get needs met, build circles of support and incorporate our faith rites, rituals and care into the details of our lives. We use our Congregational Care resources to support us in blessing our homes, pets, and families. We seek spiritual guidance as flags rise up in relationships before things fall apart. We share the truth about who we are instead of allowing the world to silence us. We seek forgiveness and restoration. So whether you need a sympathetic ear, a blessing, a sounding board, a cheerleader as you dream big dreams, an ally as you discern God's will in your life, the Congregational Care Team is here to support you as you live authentically.

