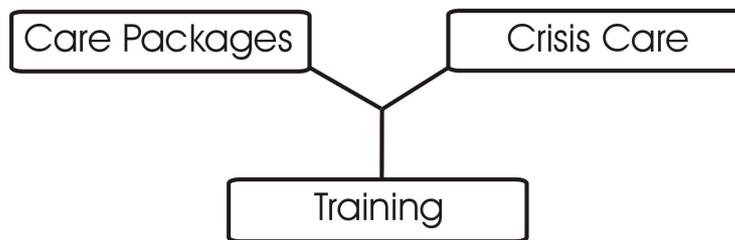




Alongside Ministries Inc

INTRODUCING ALONGSIDE MINISTRIES

CORE SERVICES



SECONDARY SERVICES



Alongside Ministries was established in 2004 to provide inter-denominational care and support for Pastors and Christian Workers.

Alongside Ministries is a network of experienced Pastors and Christian workers providing care, support and resources to those who serve the Lord in Christian ministry.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

*Care & Support for Pastors
and Christian Workers*

Care Packages

Through Care Packages Pastors and Christian workers are assigned an experienced mentor for a period of 12 months. Mentoring sessions seek to provide a balance of accountability, encouragement and challenge for those who serve at the coalface of ministry. Topics covered include spiritual & physical health, relationships with family, church leaders and colleagues., time management, pastoral boundaries and conflict management.

Care Packages also provide a one hour training session for church leaders with the goal of promoting healthy partnerships between church leaders and ministers in their care.

Those in receipt of a Care Package are entitled to discounts on Alongside Ministries training seminars and resources. Recipients also receive an information booklet which lists recommended Christian counsellors and a list of Christian doctors who are willing to provide bulk-billed medical checkups for pastors and Christian workers.

Care Packages are established through a formal application and payment of an annual fee. Funding is normally provided by the church or Christian organisation but individuals may choose to provide their own funding.

Resources

Alongside Ministries is developing a range of resources which are useful to those serving in ministry. Some of these may be downloaded from the *AM* website at no charge. As training DVD's and books are released, these will be made available through training seminars and the website.

Training

Typically Alongside Ministries offers two training seminars for pastors and Christian workers in the Brisbane area each year. Seminars cover topics such as burnout and stress breakdown, conflict management, balancing ministry and family. Training sessions are conducted by experienced practitioners and are restricted to Pastors, Christian workers and their spouses.

The long term goal of Alongside Ministries is to offer training seminars in country areas through the provision of a trainer or video training together with printed resources.

Crisis Care

Pastors and Christian workers in crisis often need to debrief to someone outside their situation, someone who understands the context in which they serve. Alongside Ministries seeks to support those in crisis by provide an experienced pastor who will listen, pray and encourage. On occasion there is a need for someone to fill in at short notice for a service, funeral etc. Alongside Ministries has a list of ministers who are willing to meet this need as they are able.

Personal Retreats

Alongside Ministries offers personal retreats for those experiencing transition or seeking a spiritual advisor to help them work through issues of life and ministry. A choice of day or overnight retreats is available.

Doctrinal Basis

Alongside Ministries holds to the central truths of the Christian faith, recognising that the Kingdom of God is represented by many denominations, groups and traditions. Our Basis of Faith may be accessed through our website at www.alongsideminstries.com.au.

Governance

Alongside Ministries Inc is incorporated under the Queensland Associations Act, 1981.

Our Director, Rev Ian Kerr is an accredited pastor with over twenty years experience in pastoral and inter-denominational ministry.

The governing board includes the Director and six additional members drawn from a range of denominations and professional disciplines.

Funding

A proportion of funding is provided through fees paid for care packages and training seminars. The majority of this money goes towards the costs of mentors and trainers. No charge is made for crisis care although recipients may choose to make a donation. Additional expenses such as insurance and administration are paid through the generous donations of supporters.

As an incorporated association Alongside Ministries is subject to stringent government requirements such as auditing of accounts by a government approved auditor.

Testimonials

Rev Dr David Loder, General Superintendent Queensland Baptists

I have known Rev Ian Kerr for eight years. In addition to his pastoral heart and sense of humour, Ian has constantly demonstrated a concern for those in church leadership, especially pastors and their families. As a former pastor and Para-church ministry leader, Ian is well equipped to be alongside those who need a listening ear or an encouraging word. I warmly commend Alongside Ministries to you.

Tom Slater, National Director Australian Evangelical Alliance Inc.

I can't think of a better person than Ian Kerr to 'come alongside' people in ministry who could do with a listening ear. Empathy gained from his own experience of the highs and lows of ministry and his personal confrontation with illness; his wide experience in churches and Christian ministries, his spiritual gifts - these are the perfect basis for such a ministry. Above all, a wonderful combination of intelligence, humility, and a good sense of humour enable him to reflect insightfully on the data of both the scriptures and life experience, and to embrace the reality of God's strength being 'made perfect in weakness'.

Additional information

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