

# Ministry Motivator

e-newsletter from the BeFriender Ministry National Office

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## Foundations for BeFriender Ministry

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

#### 2009

**Feb. 9-12**  
Fargo, ND

**Mar. 9-12**  
Belleville, IL

**Apr. 17-18 and May 1-2**  
Golden Valley, MN

**April 27-30**  
Ripon, WI

**July 13-16**  
Golden Valley, MN

**Sept. 21-24**  
Golden Valley, MN

**October 26-29**  
Independence, MO

[More information:](#)  
Details including fees and deadlines

#### Who attends Foundations?

*New programs:* A team of leaders (2 to 5) attends the workshop. Discounts are available for multiple registrants.

*Existing programs:* Additional program leaders are trained as a program grows or when there is turnover in the leadership team. Discounts may apply for active programs.

Dear Joanne,

Today's headline was "55,000 jobs cut on Monday."

To be accurate the headline should have been "55,000 more jobs cut." In addition to job cuts, hours are being cut back and pay cuts are being put into place. Cut, cut, cut.

What is cut we need to help mend. BeFriender Ministry is needed now more than ever. BeFrienders can be of support to people in their churches and communities who have felt the impact of job loss. We have posted a [bulletin blurb](#) on our website that you can put in your church bulletin or newsletter to let people know BeFrienders are available.

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### This month in the Motivator

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### Workshops in your area

**Fargo, ND**  
**Belleville, IL**  
**Ripon, WI**  
**Golden Valley, MN**

The "Foundations" workshop is ecumenical. In the next several months, at various locations around the country, the workshop is being hosted by Lutheran (ELCA), Unitarian Universalist, and United Church of Christ churches, as well as Catholic churches and dioceses.

### Quick links

Workshop schedule  
Register for Foundations  
Order materials  
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### Early registration savings

Pay in full by the early registration deadline for the "Foundations" workshop to **save \$50** per registrant. Early registration deadlines for upcoming workshops are listed below and on [www.befrienderministry.org](http://www.befrienderministry.org).



Be an early bird

1-866-468-8708 (toll free)  
952-767-0244



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CST

Friday - Sunday  
Closed



## Fargo, ND February 9-12, 2009

Although the early registration deadline has passed, registrations for the Fargo workshop are still being accepted. The workshop is being hosted by Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo.

More details about the workshop in Fargo are available [online](#), or you can go directly to the online [registration form](#).

## Belleville, IL March 9-12, 2009 Early registration deadline: February 17

St. Paul United Church of Christ in Belleville is hosting the "Foundations" workshop on March 9-12. Rev. Gus Kuether, congregational care minister at St. Paul, wrote in an invitation to colleagues in ministry, "For the past three-plus years it has been my privilege to help develop and guide the BeFriender Ministry at St. Paul UCC in Belleville. Who says that retirement has to be boring? The BeFriender Ministry is a Lay Pastoral Care ministry. At St. Paul we have found it to be an exciting and valuable way to extend the care of the congregation to those persons going through transitions in their lives (family death, job loss, new illness)."

Rev. Kuether goes on to say, "Have you ever wished you could clone yourself for pastoral care? Well, here is a way to do just that. By this time next year you could have a whole team of BeFrienders assisting you in the name of your congregation and our compassionate Christ. The BeFriender Ministry is affordable, comprehensive, flexible and versatile."

We thank Rev. Kuether and his team of program leaders and BeFrienders at St. Paul UCC for serving as hosts for the March workshop.

More details about the workshop in Belleville are available [online](#), or you can go directly to the [online registration form](#).

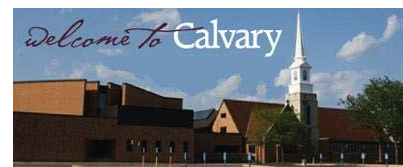


*PHOTO: BeFrienders and program leaders at St. Paul UCC gather around the tree ring and Bible during training.*

## Golden Valley, MN

**April 17-18 and May 1-2, 2009**  
*Once-a-year offering of workshop in split format*  
**Early registration deadline: March 30**

Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN, has been providing facilities for the "Foundations" workshops in the Twin Cities for the past 2 years. Parish nurse Annette Langdon is the program supervisor for Calvary's thriving BeFriender Ministry program. They have been very generous with their hospitality and support for the national office.



The split format (2 days in each of 2 weeks) is offered only once a year in the Twin Cities and is scheduled this year for April and May. The split

format often is easier for volunteers to schedule.

More information about the workshop is available on the [website](#), or you can go directly to the [online registration form](#).

## Ripon, WI

**April 27-30, 2009**

**Early registration deadline: March 16**

The "Foundations" workshop in Ripon will be held at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church on April 27-30. The church's evangelism committee is serving as host.

We are grateful to Pastor Maurice Schaus for arranging to host the workshop. More information about the "Foundations" workshop in Ripon is available on the [website](#), or you can go directly to the [online registration form](#).



*PHOTO: The beautiful sanctuary of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ripon.*

## Inspirations

### On abundance

"People with a scarcity mentality tend to see everything in terms of win-lose. There is only so much; and if someone else has it, that means there will be less for me. The more principle-centered we become, the more we develop an abundance mentality, the more we are genuinely happy for the successes, well-being, achievements, recognition, and good fortune of other people. We believe their success adds to...rather than detracts from...our lives."

*Dr. Stephen Covey  
Author, teacher, consultant*

"It is not only my right and my privilege to walk in the abundance God has for me, it is my responsibility...just as it is my responsibility to live the rest of my truth."

*Jan Denise  
Newspaper columnist, author, speaker*

"Both abundance and lack exist simultaneously in our lives, as parallel realities. It is always our conscious choice which secret garden we will tend...when we choose not to focus on what is missing from our lives but are grateful for the abundance that's present -- love, health, family, friends, work, the joys of nature and personal pursuits that bring us pleasure -- the wasteland of illusion falls away and we experience Heaven on earth."

*Sarah Ban Breathnach  
Author*

"I keep the telephone of my mind open to peace, harmony, health, love, and abundance. Then, whenever doubt, anxiety,

or fear try to call me, they will keep getting a busy signal and soon they'll forget my number."

Edith Armstrong

## Volunteer help needed at national office

We are currently in need of volunteers with specific skill sets.

**Data entry.** If you have experience with database software, especially Filemaker Pro, and are available for daytime hours during the week, we can use your help. Accuracy is important. If you are experienced with computer applications but not database software, we are willing to teach!



**Accounting.** We need the help of someone with an accounting background with experience using QuickBooks. It would be particularly helpful to have a knowledge of nonprofit accounting.

Other volunteer opportunities are ongoing, including help with assembling materials, mailings, and Web research.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call Joanne at 952-767-0245.

## Clearance on discontinued products

Three products are on clearance to make way for new products.

**Reminder cards** (shown at right) are now **\$2.50** for a pack of 10 (regularly \$5). They are business-card size and have the "Foundation Principles" on one side and the "Making Meaning" process on the other. The reminder cards are being redesigned.



The clearance price for **travel candles** is **\$3.00** (regularly \$6). The candle is in a silver tin with the BeFriender Ministry logo on the top in burgundy. It can be refilled with mini tealights.



The distributor is no longer offering the "**Overview of Pastoral Care**" video in VHS format. It is available for **\$10.00** (regularly \$25). The Trainer Guide for candidate training, session 3, describes how to use the optional video in training. The DVD version will be available soon.

There is a limited supply of all of the items being discontinued. To order any of the materials, go to the online [order form](#). Allow at least 2 weeks for delivery of your order.

## Important notices for program leaders

### Sales tax exemption certificate needed from Minnesota program leaders

Effective immediately, we will charge state sales tax and applicable county sales tax on orders shipped to a Minnesota address or picked up at our office in Bloomington (or any other location in Minnesota) unless we have documentation on file indicating that your church or organization is tax exempt. If your church or organization has a **state sales tax exemption certificate**, please fax it to us now so that your next order is not delayed. The fax number is 952-767-0247. Individuals who personally pay for materials will be charged sales tax.

### Order at least 2 weeks ahead

Be sure to plan ahead for your orders. We ask that you allow at least two weeks for delivery. If you are located near our office and plan to pick up your order, we also ask that you order at least two weeks ahead. We will contact you when the order is ready.

**We regret that we can no longer make exceptions.** We have a very small staff and, in order to be efficient, we process orders once a week. As you plan your schedule leading up to candidate training (information sessions, recruitment, interviews, and discernment), build in at least two weeks for ordering and receiving your materials. Orders can be placed [online](#). We appreciate your cooperation!

**Allow 2 weeks  
for delivery or  
pick-up of orders**

**Office hours  
Monday–Thursday  
9 a.m.–4 p.m. (Central)**

## In gratitude

### Around the world of workshops

**Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church** (Albuquerque, NM) hosted a "Foundations" workshop in January. We thank **Deacon Joe Herrera** and **all of the program leaders from the church** for serving as hosts.

## Combine forces for training

### Training Network

We have launched an Web-based networking service for program leaders who are interested in conducting BeFriender candidate training jointly with another church. You can complete and submit the [online form](#) to have your contact information listed. For more information and to complete the form go to the Training Network.



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