

RECONCILIATION MINISTRIES



“Bridging the Gap Between the Church and the Sexually Broken”

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Dear Friend,

So often when we see people discussing – or debating – controversial issues on social media, someone in the group will point out that the church is really good at presenting what they are against, but not so good at presenting what they are for. Sometimes I have to agree with them on that point. With that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the things that we at Reconciliation Ministries of Michigan are for. Though this list is not conclusive, it is a good start.

- That people will have a life giving relationship with Jesus Christ so that they can be redeemed and spend eternity in Heaven with the Lord.
*For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16***
- Helping people know their true identity in Christ.
*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **2 Corinthians 5:17***
- Helping people overcome sinful, addictive behaviors so that they can live free from bondage, deepen their relationship with the Lord, and remain faithful to their calling as Christ-like men, women, husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers.
*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1 John 1:9***
- Seeing hurting people become free from the traumatic effects of abuse, abandonment, and other devastating life events so that they can achieve their full potential in Christ.
*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." **Jesus in Luke 4:18-19***

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- That people have their lives transformed through the resurrection power of Jesus Christ to overcome the sin, trauma and temptations of this world.
*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. **Revelation 10:11***
- For the Biblical definition of marriage as a life-long commitment between one biologically born male and one biologically born female.
*And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?" **Matthew 19:4-5***
- For those struggling with sin, shame and condemnation to be set free.
*When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." **John 8:10-11***
- That people can truly know the love of God.
*We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. **God is love**, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. **1 John 4:16***

We hope this letter helps you to hear the hearts of the men and women who are a part of Reconciliation Ministries of Michigan. We have all been touched by the redemptive heart of Jesus Christ in our own journeys out of sexual and relational brokenness. We continue to be completely dependent upon the Lord's transforming work in our hearts. If you or someone you love is struggling with sexual or relational sin, please call 586.739.5114 and see how Reconciliation Ministries can help. You can also visit us on the internet at www.recmin.org.

We could not do what we do without the many men and women who pray for us regularly and support us financially. Let us know if you would like to join our intercessory team by contacting us at info@recmin.org. Please consider supporting this ministry through a monthly tax-deductible donation or a one-time gift. You can donate online via PayPal. You can become a vital part of this ministry and touch the lives of others.

In Christ,

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