



## Create Caring Communities

### Foundations for BeFriender Ministry

Bemidji, MN ♦ June 3-6, 2019

#### Workshop Description

“Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” is a workshop for leaders who want to implement and maintain a listening ministry of pastoral care in their church, hospital, healthcare campus, long-term care facility or other organization. The small size of this highly interactive workshop allows workshop leaders to address the specific needs and questions of participants. A certified trainer from the BeFriender Ministry National Office will be the workshop leader.

#### Who Attends

A team of 2-5 from your church or organization including at least one staff person such as (clergy, chaplain, deacon, faith community nurse, director of pastoral care, pastoral minister, etc.) and one or more volunteers. This team will serve as program leaders for BeFriender Ministry in your church or organization. New program leaders for existing BeFriender Ministry programs also attend the workshop.

#### Learning Objectives

- Receive the tools and training for implementing and maintaining a listening ministry of pastoral care.
- Understand the role of the BeFriender by experiencing the training you will provide for BeFrienders in your church or organization. The listening skills learned are transferable to family, friend and colleague relationships.
- Learn a discernment process for calling forth BeFriender Ministers.
- Learn skills for facilitating skill-building and spiritual growth for BeFrienders.
- Understand the roles of the Leadership Team: trainer, facilitator, and administrator.
- Gain insights from workshop leaders who model effective training.

#### Location

St. Bartholomew  
1800 Irvine Ave NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

#### Date and Time

Monday June 3 - Thursday June 6  
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

#### Workshop Details

Registrants will receive an e-mail with *Foundations for BeFriender Ministry* in the subject line 7-10 days before the workshop begins. The PDF attached to the email message includes details about the workshop and an hour of pre-work.

#### REGISTRATION FEES

##### PAYMENT ON OR BEFORE MAY 6

\$799 per person

**Team Discount:** 3 or more registrations from the same church or organization attending the same workshop will receive \$75 off the total fee.

##### PAYMENT AFTER MAY 6

\$849 per person

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#### INCLUDED IN FEES

Fees include a full set of leader materials for each participant. Refreshments will be provided each day in addition to morning and afternoon snacks.

#### Lodging Information Provided by Host

##### AmericInn Bemidji

1200 Paul Bunyan Dr NW ♦ Bemidji, MN 56601 ♦ 218-751-3000

##### Holiday Inn Express Bemidji

2422 Ridgeway Ave NW ♦ Bemidji, MN ♦ 56601 ♦ 218-751-2487  
Mention BeFriender Ministry to receive \$80 rate.

#### How to Register for Foundations Workshop

- Online at [www.befrienderministry.org](http://www.befrienderministry.org)
- Complete attached registration form and mail to:  
BeFriender Ministry National Office  
1120 East 80<sup>th</sup> St Suite 105  
Bloomington, MN 55420

#### More Information

Go to [www.befrienderministry.org](http://www.befrienderministry.org)

- View “About” and “Getting Started” for additional information
- Select “Contact Us” to request a packet of information about BeFriender Ministry

#### Questions?

Contact the BeFriender Ministry National Office:

952-767-0244 ♦ 1-866-468-8708 ♦ [info@befrienderministry.org](mailto:info@befrienderministry.org)

*The BeFriender Ministry National Office is grateful to Sanford Medical Center Bemidji and St. Bartholomew's for hosting this workshop!*



## BeFriender Ministry Celebrates 38 Years

### What participants are saying about “Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” Comments from recent workshop evaluations used with permission

“When I reflect on this workshop experience, I am gratified because I feel I have found one of the highest-quality lay ministry training programs to bring back to my congregation.”

“The Foundations workshop was well organized. This is something that truly equips one for ministry. Our congregation will definitely benefit in the future.”

“The BeFriender Ministry training was more than I expected – much more. It prepared and equipped our ministry leaders to begin something new at our church with confidence.”

“This fantastic workshop convinced me of the superiority of the thoughtful, carefully honed program called “BeFrienders.”

“I appreciate the training format of instruction, role plays, large group and small group discussions. The diverse teaching strategies reinforced my learning. An excellent preparation for a service ministry.”

“When I reflect on this workshop experience, I am ready to get going on our program at home because I have been well trained and am ready to put my training into action!”

“I felt all the tools I needed were given to me. All the things I learned helped me in my day-to-day living, relationships and job. When I left day 4 I felt excited and knew I was ready to do God’s work.”

“This was an exceptional, refreshing and empowering training. And I have been to a few workshops in my day!”

“The workshop was excellent! The trainer is motivated and an excellent role model and teacher. The time and money are well spent!”

“I consider it a privilege as well as a terrific learning experience and a confidence and enthusiasm builder.”

“I learned more than I expected on a deeper level. It was worth the time spent.”

“This is one of the best workshops I have attended in 41 years, including those in my field of education.”

“This has been a joyful learning experience. I feel empowered, refreshed, and ready to help my home ministry continue its work. Pure power of God’s presence felt and loved.”

“When I reflect on this workshop experience, I am blessed because I haven’t been to a workshop so thoroughly helpful for a long time, maybe ever.”

“Worthwhile, economical and uses principles in all areas of life.”



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Foundations for BeFriender Ministry**  
**Bemidji, MN**  
**June 3-6, 2019**

**Complete additional forms for each registrant and mail together. Please Print. OR register online at [www.befrienderministry.org](http://www.befrienderministry.org)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home  Work

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your Foundations for BeFriender Ministry e-mail will be sent 7-10 days prior to the workshop.

**Preferred mailing address**

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The address above is my:  Home  Church/organization

**Church/organization name**

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**Church/organization address (if not listed above)**

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**Church/organization website**

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**Your current role**

- Pastor  Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
 BeFriender  
 Volunteer  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Your BeFriender Ministry program**

- New  Existing  
 Restarting

**Payment before May 6**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of registrations x \$799 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment after May 6**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of registrations x \$849 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total number of registrations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL amount Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM DISCOUNT:** 3 or more registrations from the same church/organization attending the same workshop deduct \$75 from above total

**TOTAL amount due to BeFriender Ministry** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A check payable to BeFriender Ministry in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

I authorize BeFriender Ministry to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the credit card listed below.

**Credit card information**

VISA  MasterCard  Discover

Name on card (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

Personal card  Church/organization card

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

3 digit security code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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