

# **Regional Rep and Outreach Ambassador**

## **Annual Report 2025**

My first year anniversary is fast upon us. Who knew that a part-time job would open so many doors and that I would meet the most amazing people.

I had the opportunity to travel to the Chicago area to meet with the ministers in that area. We had a great day in Woodstock, IL when Tom Wendt and MaryPatrice Raupp hosted our gathering. We talked church, ideas, support and plans for future events. I would like to get to every sub-region this year to help form strong sub-regional groups. There is so much power in getting together with other ministers. We understand one another!

My Zoom calls on the first and third Thursdays are slowly gaining momentum. I created two calls because I believe the needs are different between ministers and spiritual leaders and others in leadership positions. The first Thursday is for ministers and spiritual leaders while the third Thursday is for anyone in a leadership position, including LUT's, board members and staff.

With all the changes going on with the Re:Imagine, we need a strong anchor. Our region is that very anchor. We are hearing in the Town Hall meetings and other places as well that the regions will grow in strength after the acquisition goes through in November, assuming it will. Throughout the years there have been many attempts to create Unity in Unity, and I believe our current leadership will get it done. The right consciousness creates everyone working together for the good of the movement.

I am learning and growing and am available to you and your churches. If you need assistance for any reason, please contact me. If I don't know the answer, I know where to look for it! Sometimes just having someone hear you is a lovely thing. I am available for board trainings, Mission, Vision and Core Values, and to help you sort out any difficulties you may be experiencing. Call me when you need support. I am here for you! I have been in ministry for 22 years now and have experienced having a long time ministry split in a large church, the death of a beloved minister, closing a ministry that no longer functioned, a member having a heart attack during the service and the EMT's coming right down the church aisle while we prayed for them. And then there's COVID. I moved from 17 years at a successful ministry in Jupiter, FL to my home in Indiana at the beginning of COVID. When I arrived, the church was closed due to the pandemic. I started from scratch here and we are now thriving. It takes time, prayer and empowering the congregation.

What I know is this: Our world is full of chaos and uncertainty. We have each other. We need each other and together we can do what I cannot do alone. Blessings to you and your ministry. I look forward to serving you.

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