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Orsika Fejer-Bass is the master of communicating volumes with three powerful words! She was tasked with selecting three words that would accurately and effectively communicate the heart and soul of PastorCare West Michigan. The Board of Directors unanimously embraced and approved her recommendation for the new tag line in our logo.

John loves coaching and encouraging Pastors, Missionaries, Non-Profit Ministry Leaders, and Business Owners. Some would find it exhausting and overwhelming. But for John, it is energizing and fulfilling to serve God in this way. Being a pastor to God's people in all walks of life, breathes life and joy into John.

John's primary focus will always be coaching and encouraging pastors. However, John also enjoys coaching and encouraging missionaries, non-profit ministry leaders, business leaders, and business owners.

The Board of Directors believes the ministry of PastorCare West Michigan is very strategic, because every leader John coaches and encourages one-on-one behind the scenes, has impact and influence with a multitude of people in their ministries and businesses.



Rev., Dr. Dave Guerrin, Pastor, Manna Fellowship Church, Holland, MI, also serves as the Board Secretary with PastorCare West Michigan.

"The therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel." That is part of a reading that is shared at every meeting of Narcotics Anonymous, a fellowship and a program for those who have a drug problem, or who think they might have a drug problem.

As I muse over those words, I realize how the same sentiment can be applied to almost anything. That is most clear when it comes to those in vocational ministry. "The therapeutic value of one minister/pastor/worker helping another is without parallel."

Enter John Smith. John has labored on the front lines of ministry his entire adult life. He knows the ins and outs, the ups and downs, and most importantly, he knows the fatigue and frustration that so often accompanies ministry. That's a good start.

Now couple that with incredible wisdom, compassion, and the ability to articulate real-life solutions and recommendations, and you have John. That he genuinely loves those who often feel as if their labor is in

vain, is immediately apparent. John has that rare ability to make you feel as if all he cares about is you, while at the same time he probes and questions in such a way as to ferret out the real issues, the real problems, and then offer wise and strategic solutions. Talk about "value!"

As if that were not enough, John also brings a "joie de vivre" to relationships that is compelling and contagious. Far from a "grave and serious" counselor, John overflows with the joy of the Lord. He is just fun to be around! While my own experience with John is far too great to summarize here, suffice it to say that John has been a true friend, a wise counselor, and an incredible warrior in the fight for The Kingdom and its servant-leaders. Without reservation, I would recommend John to anyone who is struggling in ministry, anyone who is looking for practical solutions, and anyone who needs a warm shoulder to cry on and strong arms to help bear them up. The Kingdom of God is advancing and the glory of Jesus Christ is triumphing through his faithful efforts.

~~~Pastor Dave Guerrin

## Pastor Care Services:



- Confidential coaching is different from counseling. Some of the benefits of receiving coaching is potentially gaining a friend, you're able to meet for extended hours, and the meeting location is wherever you're most comfortable.
- As your coach, we'll build a vision to move you towards the future. Together, we'll build your strengths and skills. We will build a partnership with a purpose, marked by honesty, respect, and mutual goals.
- As a Christian organization, we know God is the guide for all coaching work. Since God is at the core of our being, He will guide you to make changes throughout your life.

*John and his wife Sue are wonderful people. When you talk with them it feels like you're talking to an uncle and aunt who love you, are wise, and want what's best for you. It was extremely refreshing for my wife and I to share with them our struggles, our dreams, and to have them affirm that which was good, and to provide guidance on the areas we needed help. As nervous as we were to first reach out to them, that is how excited we are to now meet with them. Not only to receive their wisdom, but also just to fellowship with them and find out how they are doing. I highly recommend their coaching.*

~~~Executive Pastor Luke Stapleton

John has been a wonderful friend to me. As a pastor and church planter, the burden of leadership can be heavy. I have really appreciated the way John has come alongside me. He is wise, discerning, and has a heart of gold that is in tune with the leading of the Holy Spirit.

~~~Pastor Noah Filipiak

*John has a true calling to help the hurting and give guidance to the recovering. During my times of crisis his counsel was absolutely priceless, and his loving, steady countenance combined with the truth of the Gospel continued to help me grow stronger and focused. Thank you, John.*

~~~Business Owner Andy Ponstein

We praise God for servants like John, a man sold out to serve the King and His people. For the years I know John, I had a privilege to see his compassionate leadership to his colleagues and the willingness to shepherd them any time, any place and whatever is necessary to sacrifice for others. In my case, a Hispanic minister, even the language barrier, always he was available to help me, to counsel me and walk an extra mile with me. May God keep using John for the glory of God and the blessings of God's children...to God be the glory!!!

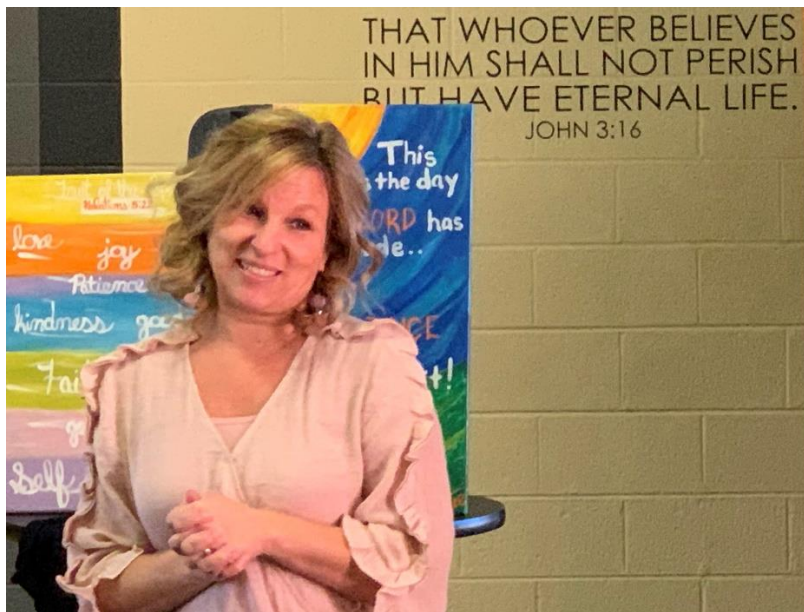
~~~Pastor Lorenzo Miguel



- Church consultations can be tricky as there are a number of emotions involved when a church is in potential crisis. Through working with me, your church will have someone on its side who is a great listener, bring a calming presence during conflict, and is relationship focused.



- Whether you're looking for a pulpit speaker or someone to speak at webinars or workshops, we will gladly serve your organization. John has spoken in various places from Michigan to Africa.



Angela Denison serves with PastorCare West Michigan as a Board Member, and as the Chief Inspiration Officer!

*I am filled with Joy to tell you about the real John Smith that I know! I met John while volunteering at PRC (Pregnancy Resource Center). I personally have been volunteering and serving the communities and churches for many years.*

*There is a real thing called betrayal trauma. Whether this comes from your childhood, home life, community or church. If you haven't experienced it. Hallelujah! Yet reality is at some time you will. Whether or not you recognize it or admit it.*

*Lately in the past few years, social media is doing everything it can to divide us and blame others for choices. Choices have consequences – whether from our own decisions or the choices others have made. Our job is to learn the healthiest way to respond to the circumstances at hand. Will people see Jesus in us as we react to the things that have been said, done or happened to us or our loved ones? Are we going to be a victim or victor? Will we be bitter or better? Eyes are watching us. I say all of this because we all have junk buried because we don't want to feel the pain or emotions of what our circumstances may have been or are in the process of going through. We are not meant to go through our junk alone.*

*John is one of the best listeners I know. He comes beside you and listens. He asks great questions. As you answer, you realize you are answering your own questions and processing your emotions and*



*thoughts. And you are doing it in a very healthy Christ centered way. You see God never lets us down. People let us down.*

*John has great one-liners that stick with you forever. You even catch yourself sharing with others those one-liners and the tools he has shared with you to help others process and be accountable for themselves.*

*John is humble and a gentle giant with a Smile so BIG you immediately feel safe. He will be your biggest fan and biggest supporter as you process and learn to dream again. Learn to trust again. And know healthy boundaries. John weeps with you and celebrates with you.*

*He is discerning and honors his wife with decisions. It has blessed my husband and I dearly to know John and Sue. You would be surprised to know what they know because of what they have gone through. Eight years later and we are still learning.*

*Humble, Trustworthy, Honest, Genuine, Compassionate, Empathetic, Discerning and True. He's not like others. He's outside the box and biblically sound. He represents truth and honors the Father with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is what you see and what he says. A rare gem these days. My husband and I both highly recommend him to those we meet that need Hope and Encouragement when they are undone, numb, confused, and burnt out.*

*Please pray and Trust Abba Father to lead you to reach out and take a leap of Faith. Let your Light be restored once again. Father God sees you and hears you. And so does John.*

*We are to be the hands and feet of Christ. Making one body. We are human and broken. We wouldn't need a Savior if we were perfect. So, walk in humility, reach out and start believing again.*

*With Joy and Gratitude,  
~~~Chief Inspiration Officer, Angela Denison  
We are Blessed to be a Blessing*

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If these three words are resonating with your heart, mind, and soul, please give John a call, or send Him a text or email message. He would love to schedule a time to meet with you.

Sincerely, The Board of Directors, PastorCare West Michigan

John Smith, James Stokes, Dave Guerrin, Ben Crompton, Lorenzo Miguel, Angela Denison



Thank you for empowering us in ministry through prayer and your financial contributions!

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