



## MINISTRY FACTS 2010

- During the past 12 months, MTM held seven intense five-day *Healthy Transition Wellness Retreats for Ministers and Spouses* in Alabama, Michigan, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin with 80 participants from 13 states and Ontario, Canada, and representing 18 denominations.
- An additional 800 ministers and/or spouses received some other aspect of the MTM ministry including counseling/coaching, encouragement, legal advice, assistance with negotiating exit strategies including severance packages, someone to talk with them during a very traumatic journey in their lives and ministries, and referrals to other needed resources. In addition, hundreds of others gained valuable information and insights through the website.
- Through the “Friends for the Journey Network”, ministers who are experiencing conflict with their congregations and/or forced termination from their ministry positions have trained “Friends” to walk this journey with them. Our goal is for no one to have to walk through the pain of church conflict and/or forced termination alone.
- Agencies such as Focus on the Family, Promise Keepers, PastorCare, and the Center for Congregational Health continue to refer ministers to MTM.
- Denominations have developed partnerships with MTM, and others are exploring the possibility.
- Over 3,500 copies of The Servant, MTM’s newsletter, are mailed to families and organizations. Others are distributed at ministers meetings, exhibits, and conferences.
- An e-newsletter, the MTM Messenger, is mailed on a monthly basis with short articles of interest and other news.
- The MTM website includes all issues of The Servant, the MTM Messenger, articles from other sources, and model agreements as well as many other resources for ministers and church and denominational leaders.
- A network of Prayer Ministry Partners who commit to pray for the participants and leaders during and following the Wellness Retreats continues to grow.
- Each year the alumni of the retreats of that year become a part of the support system for others who are going through the trauma of separation from their churches.
- The “Friends for the Journey” Network, a group of Wellness Retreat Alums and others who have had special training serve as “Friends” to walk with ministers/spouses who are in the midst of church conflict or who have experienced forced termination from their ministry position. MTM strives to prevent ministers from having to suffer alone and in silence during church conflict and/or forced termination.
- To date, MTM has held 97 Wellness Retreats in 11 states with 962 participants coming from 34 states, the Bahamas and Canada. Thirty-seven denominations have been represented.

### MTM Mission Statement

**The Ministering to Ministers Foundation seeks to serve as advocates for clergy and their families in all faith groups who are experiencing personal crises due to deteriorating employment or congregation-clergy relationships.**