

Title: Immanuel Approach Network Directory

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Greetings all,

We are excited to announce that the Immanuel Network Directory is now available (on the “Referrals” page of the Immanuel approach website, [www.immanuelapproach.com](http://www.immanuelapproach.com)). We have spent months building this new resource, and we are hoping that all of you in the Immanuel approach community will use it enthusiastically. We are getting a constant stream of requests asking us to help people find and connect with each other. Now you can all participate in this process. If you provide Immanuel approach training, put up a profile as quickly as possible and let everyone know what you are offering. If you facilitate Immanuel approach sessions, again, put up a profile as quickly as possible and let everyone know what you provide. We also encourage you to use the directory if you are trying to find others in your area who would like to be part of study groups, or if you are wanting to network with others in the Immanuel approach community in any other way (for example, “I am a pastor in Reykjavik, Iceland, and I’m trying to find anyone else in my area interested in learning more about the Immanuel approach”).

I especially encourage you to make use of the “Additional Relevant Information” box. First, this can serve as a powerful tool for alerting others to special assets you have to offer. For example, if you live in Chicago and speak Korean in addition to English, there may be Korean immigrants in the Chicago area who would greatly appreciate working with a facilitator who can speak their native language. Another example would be knowledge of sign language, so that you can work with people who are deaf (we recently got a request from a deaf person who is looking for an Immanuel approach facilitator who can provide sign language sessions via Skype). If you include this information in your profile, then anyone looking for the special assets you have to offer can find you by using the directory search function. The “Additional Relevant Information” box can also help with general networking. For example, if there are a number of different people planning emotional healing mission work in Uganda, and they each include this information in their profiles, then they can use the search function to find each other and coordinate their efforts.

**Note:** The good news and the bad news is that this is a public directory, meaning that people can build their own profiles and post them directly to the directory without the process going through us. This is good news because it will enable people to find each other MUCH more quickly. For example, after many hours of work over the course of months, Andy and I have developed the current referral list of facilitators and trainers that we know personally. This is very nice, and the referral listings include a lot of valuable information that we can trust because we have gathered it ourselves; however, us being in the middle of the process creates a painful bottleneck. That is, the process has been VERY slow because it requires a lot of time and energy from us. In contrast, with the new public directory the bottleneck has been

removed – hundreds of people can build and post profiles in the next week.

However, us not being in the middle of the process also means that we will not be policing the participants or controlling the content of the listings. People presenting themselves as facilitators and/or trainers may not accurately understand the Immanuel approach, they may not have good emotional maturity skills, they may have dangerous blind spots with respect to their own woundedness, and they may even be dishonest and unsafe (this is the bad news). Therefore, **the person seeking a facilitator, trainer, or study group needs to take responsibility for verifying the accuracy of information, and for discerning regarding competence and safety.** The “Requests, Recommendations, and Cautions” essay offers detailed guidance regarding how to find Immanuel approach facilitators and trainers that are competent and safe, and it also offers guidelines for those presenting themselves as facilitators and trainers. **Please reference this essay as you use the Immanuel Network Directory.**

Blessings,

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