

# Lay Counselor **Survey**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you/are you currently involved in the lay counseling ministry of Parkside Church (your home church)? If not, what obstacles stand in the way of serving in this ministry?

What are 2-3 things, which are difficult for you in counseling?

What are 2-3 things, which you enjoy about counseling?

Do you feel trained and equipped for the role you've been asked to serve? Why or why not?

List ways Parkside Church could better equip you for the work of ministry.

List ways Pastor Holmes could better serve and lead you. Please don't hold back on any helpful criticism.

From your vantage point, is the counseling ministry known at Parkside Church? Why or why not?

What could we do as a church to help people find help and hope through lay counseling, support groups, or other avenues?

Where do we drop the ball as it relates to counseling and relationships at Parkside Church?

Are there certain things, which hold you back from being involved in counseling relationships?

- \_\_\_ I don't have time
- \_\_\_ I have other ministry commitments
- \_\_\_ I don't feel equipped or trained
- \_\_\_ I don't feel adequate
- \_\_\_ I struggle with personal anxieties and fears
- \_\_\_ I don't feel supported by the pastoral team
- \_\_\_ Other- please explain

Would any of the following educational opportunities interest you? If interested, would you have the time/availability to do them?

- \_\_\_ CCEF online classes
- \_\_\_ some other type of seminary-level counseling course
- \_\_\_ read and discuss a book together
- \_\_\_ shadow current counseling cases
- \_\_\_ attending local, regional counseling conferences and events
- \_\_\_ Iron Sharpens Iron
- \_\_\_ getting groups of people to work through different counseling issues

Do you utilize the Parkside Church Dropbox account? If so, what do you use it for? What are some of your favorite resources? How can it be improved?

Are you a part of the Facebook *Iron Sharpens Iron*? If not, would you like to be added? (Facebook address: \_\_\_\_\_)

Do you have any suggestions/ideas for ways we can train and equip more members of Parkside Church in counseling?