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It was back in February, 2015 when Pastor Charlie Steinmann mailed a letter to all pastor's wives stating that he knew "of the stress and pain that pastors and wives experience while serving in ministry." At that time he was interested in publishing a list of pastors' wives who would be willing to talk and listen to those who were going through a tough season of life/ministry.

In March of 2015 he had been contacted by several pastors' wives that were willing to be a part of this ministry. Charlie had vision for this ministry that he shared with those who had notified him, and was planning to meet at the Eastern Regional Conference that year. Charlie was called to his eternal home before conference and was not able to complete the vision he had for this ministry. He received a much greater reward!

I, along with many others, had conversation with Charlie in what his concern was and what he saw was needed in caring for others. Although it has taken us a year of meeting, praying and planning, we are able to provide a network of pastors' wives who feel called to give a listening ear, pray for and give encouragement to those who need just that.

Attached or enclosed you will find a list of the Care Ministry Team. Please feel free to call any one of them when you feel alone, when the enemy strikes relationships in your own family or the church family, when your marriage (yes, the relationship with the pastor) is struggling, health concerns or any other time you just need someone to care and pray with you. This Team has a heart to serve and encourage.

The purpose of this ministry is simply to extend prayer and encouragement to pastor's wives. We are making ourselves available to listen (not to solve problems), give encouragement and to pray with and for you.

Please post the list of the Care Network Team in a place where you can access it easily when it is needed. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or Jean Koontz. Our contact information is below.

Always remember that you are loved and heard by the One that matters most – Jesus. He is always with you. You are the one to walk alongside your husband. Serve our loving God well. Lean on Him always, but know too that you have a sister in Christ that will go before Him and intercede for you.

Blessings to you as you serve!

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