

IAM Healing and Renewal Ministries



IAM is pleased to announce Zoom meetings to be held with people from Barrow...and will be working on getting Atqasuk and Wainwright involved via internet connections with the churches in those villages. We will be hosting Bill Burkhardt and Shelley Royalty from Beach Chapel Church in San Diego, via Zoom to teach prayer ministry to people struggling with crisis.

Bill is Senior Pastor, church planter and ministers prophetically. Shelley Royalty is a Clinical Supervisor and prayer minister, and teacher. She teaches on healing from trauma and ministering biblical healing for those dealing with crisis situations.

She will also be teaching people techniques to grounding themselves spiritually as they deal with crisis. When Jesus said that Luke 4:18 was fulfilled by him...He also said we would do likewise. If you are interested in learning prayer ministry for those who are in crisis...this session is for you...If you have experienced crisis in the past years...this session is for you! Three sessions...will be starting Nov. 5, Friday for one session, and Nov. 6, Saturday for 2 sessions. Specific times and dates will be updated, and the place will most likely be the Presbyterian Church in Barrow, Alaska...if pandemic safety allows.

IAM also wishes to announce our desire to collaborate better with the churches in each village. Although we can bring special events, like the one described above, we believe regular events can make a huge difference and can be most effective when organized by local churches. IAM would like to collaborate with local faith leaders to help this to happen. Church leaders, watch for our email or phone call sometime in October!



Bill Burkhardt

Senior Pastor

12 STEP FACILITATION

IAM in conjunction with Julia Sullivan is developing a training curriculum to offer a leadership course on leading a 12 step program with Inupiaq cultural values defining the way IAM offers programs to residents of the North Slope Borough.

Julia Sullivan is a certified instructor in Internal Family Systems work. She considers this combining of IAM with IFS a foundation of “indigenous work”. She works with several other indigenous (tribes) across the United States and Canada offering healing support.

Internal Family Systems is a powerfully transformative, evidence-based model of psychotherapy. We believe the mind is naturally multiple and that is a good thing. Our inner parts contain valuable qualities and our core Self knows how to heal, allowing us to become integrated and whole. In IFS all parts are welcome.

IFS is a movement. A new, empowering paradigm for understanding and harmonizing the mind and, thereby, larger human systems. One that can help people heal and helps the world become a more compassionate place.

IAM expects that combining Internal Family Systems with Inupiaq cultural values will a very positive approach to this new part of IAM’s work.



COLLECTIVE IMPACT PROCESS

The goal of collective impact is to continuously partner with the many agencies and people in each community already working to bring health and healing. As we continue this process, we will remain agile to ways to incorporate faith-based components to community healing better while recognizing how much good is already underway. Additionally, we are collecting data from as many sources as possible and conversing with various individuals and elders to continue developing our understanding of needs and solutions for our communities. The data the listeners submit monthly will be compiled and presented to the Steering Committee (SC) so that they can act as the *voice of the community* to the backbone organizations with the SC’s “RECOMMENDED ACTIONS.”



We Are Back!



We are so grateful to the North Slope Borough, the Alaska United Methodist Church, and the Presbytery of Yukon for providing grants for IAM's work over the next year. We were so disappointed when we discovered that one side effect of the pandemic was the temporary elimination of all funding for IAM's projects. We had just finished designing our approach, and training personnel for this work, when the pandemic struck. The financial pressures that came with it totally cut off our funding, causing IAM to function for the past 18 months as an all-volunteer agency. Now, however, the North Slope Borough has provided about 40% of the funding we need for the North Slope Region, and the Methodists and Presbyterians have provided about 30% of the funding we need for work on St. Lawrence Island. With these grants, we are starting again—even as we continue writing grant applications in the hopes of funding the whole ministry that is needed.

We are, of course, most grateful to God, Who makes all of this possible. Scripture tells us that God is love (found, most famously, in 1 John 4:7-21), and that we are to serve as reflections of God's love in all that we do. That being the case it is not surprising that God continues to provide ministries of healing for those struggling with trauma, with addiction, with depression, with grief, or with any of the other social ills that sit on people's hearts.



IAM is one of those ministries of healing, and we are grateful to all those inspired by God to help make this ministry possible. In this issue, you will see a progress report from each of IAM's signature programs for community healing:

- ***The Listening Way***—providing prayer partner allies for hurting people,
- ***Healing and Renewal Events***—empowering the churches as partners for hurting people and for community health,
- ***Collective Impact***—drawing together local people from local government, local business, and the rest of the local community to determine how to respond to local needs, and
- ***12-Step Facilitation***—providing a custom designed, culturally aware approach to spiritual health, and the meaningful relationships that make it possible.

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