

LifeBridge Christian Church Counseling Ministry 2009

The LifeBridge Christian Church Community Renewal & Resource Ministry is dedicated to serving members and non-members of the church, as well as the surrounding communities. The center provides timely, affordable, Christ-centered counseling as well as support groups and resources to those who are in crisis or are experiencing emotional and spiritual pain and desire a safe place for healing.

We are a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization relying on client fees, donations, and the generosity of others to help support the ministry.

The goal of the LifeBridge Christian Church Community Renewal & Resource Ministry is to prepare, equip, and empower individuals to discover the transforming power of Christ as a means to heal wounded souls, improve relationships, and edify the body of Christ. We do this by providing Christ-centered counseling, recognizing that “all scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16, 17 NIV).

Service – Counseling

We offer a variety of biblically based counseling services for individuals, couples, families, and children on a long or short-term basis. Each counselor at the LifeBridge Christian Church Community Renewal & Resource Ministry has completed an in-depth training program or has acquired a Master’s degree or beyond, giving us the ability to provide a range of care for the individuals we serve. (See **Training fee Schedule** below for training level and salary prorated fees.)

Training Fee Schedule

<u>Counselor Training</u>	<u>Counselee Charge</u>
Lay Counseling Level-1	N/C
Lay Counseling Level-2	N/C
NANC or IABC Certified Level-3	Level-3 (prorated)
Biblical Counseling Level-4 (Masters or higher)	Level-4 (prorated)

Fee Structure: The fee structure is based on a sliding scale and is to be reviewed annually. (See **Fee Table** below for maximum family household income.)

Your maximum family household income falls within the guidelines given below. “Household” income is determined by the number of people working within the family unit.

Fee for Level-3 Counselor

	Annual Gross Income	% Of Max. Charges	Max. Fee	<u>Level-3</u> Charge	
	\$0	\$18,888	10%	\$50.00	\$5.00
	\$18,889	\$23,889	20%	\$50.00	\$10.00
	\$23,890	\$28,890	30%	\$50.00	\$15.00
	\$28,891	\$33,891	35%	\$50.00	\$17.50
	\$33,892	\$38,892	40%	\$50.00	\$20.00
	\$38,893	\$43,893	45%	\$50.00	\$22.50
	\$43,894	\$48,894	50%	\$50.00	\$25.00
	\$48,895	\$53,895	60%	\$50.00	\$30.00
	\$53,896	\$58,896	70%	\$50.00	\$35.00
	\$58,997	\$63,997	80%	\$50.00	\$40.00
	\$63,998	Greater	100%	\$50.00	\$50.00

Fee for Level-4 Counselor

	Annual Gross Income		% of Max. Charges	Max. Fee	<u>Level-4</u> Charge
	\$0	\$18,888	10%	\$90.00	\$9.00
	\$18,889	\$23,889	20%	\$90.00	\$18.00
	\$23,890	\$28,890	30%	\$90.00	\$27.00
	\$28,891	\$33,891	35%	\$90.00	\$31.50
	\$33,892	\$38,892	40%	\$90.00	\$36.00
	\$38,893	\$43,893	45%	\$90.00	\$40.50
	\$43,894	\$48,894	50%	\$90.00	\$45.00
	\$48,895	\$53,895	60%	\$90.00	\$54.00
	\$53,896	\$58,896	70%	\$90.00	\$63.00
	\$58,997	\$63,997	80%	\$90.00	\$72.00
	\$63,998	Greater	100%	\$90.00	\$90.00

If the counselee's needs fall outside the LifeBridge Christian Church Community Renewal & Resource Ministry has capability, the client will be referred to an outside counselor from our referral list.

Appointment and Fee Schedule

The LifeBridge Christian Church Community Renewal & Resource Ministry strives to schedule an initial counseling appointment within two weeks of the initial request. Most appointments are made within the first week.

To schedule a lay counseling appointment, please call our main office at 303-776-2927, ext. 274 (**for life threatening emergencies, call 911**). If you are calling on Friday and it is a non-life threatening emergency, ask to speak with the "Minister of the Day." It will normally take ten to twenty minutes to gather the appropriate information after this initial phone contact. We will determine the fee schedule, and you will be connected with a counselor best suited to meet your needs.

Current Hours of Operation

- Monday evenings – 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday afternoons – 1-3 p.m.
- Other times are available by appointment only.

Donations

The LifeBridge Christian Church Community Renewal & Resource Center is designed to serve on a fee-for-service basis. If you or any organization would be interested in supporting the ongoing counseling ministry with a one-time donation or monthly contribution, please contact us at 303-776-2927, ext. 274 or 266.

Contributions or fees can be mailed to:

LifeBridge Christian Church
10345 Ute Highway
Longmont, CO. 80504

Make checks payable to LifeBridge Christian Church, designated to the Counseling Ministry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office 303-776-2927, ext. 274 or ext. 266.

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Intake Information

Appointment and Fee Schedule

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please indicate if you are: single married divorced or widowed

1. Why are you seeking help? _____

2. Have you ever had counseling before? If so, for what and where? _____

3. What were the results of that counseling? _____

4. Please give a short medical history: _____

5. May we contact you at home by phone or letter? _____

6. Training Level:	Description	Counselee Fee	
Level I	Lay Counseling	No Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level II	Lay Counseling	No Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level III	NANC or IABC Certified	See Level-3 Charge	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level IV	Biblical Counseling (Masters or higher)	See Level-4 Charge	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is your maximum family household income? See Fee Table

The maximum fee per counseling session will be (counseling office to complete)

Please make checks payable to LifeBridge Christian Church, designated to the Counseling Ministry.

Appointment Day: _____ Date: ___/___/___ Time: _____

Counselor Assigned: _____

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Counselor Levels

Level-1 Counselor - The Level-1 counselor (Lay Counselor) is a person trained by LifeBridge Christian Church to listen and care for others. These counselors are paraprofessionals (in other words, they are not licensed, paid, professional therapists). As Lay Counselors, they are trained in the skills of listening, clarifying, and goal-setting, all undertaken through prayerful submission to the leading of God. They offer a response to your personal, marital, or family needs based on the Christian understanding of giving ourselves to our neighbors. They will also help the counselee with their coping skills and support structure. The focus of Level-1 Counseling is primarily on the single, presenting problem of the counselee. The number of sessions will typically be between one and three. Referrals will be made if the problem is outside the training scope of the counselor. There are no fees for Level-1 counseling.

Level-2 Counselor - The Level-2 counselor is a Level-1 with additional advanced training from LifeBridge Christian Church. This counselor is trained to deal with multiple simultaneous problems that are presented by the counselee. The counselor will work to understand the problems presented all the way to the perceptual level. The counselor will work with the counselee to identify biblical approaches to handling and overcoming these problems appropriately. This process will involve investigatory and learning take-home assignments. The number of sessions will typically be between one and ten. There are no fees for Level-2 counseling.

Level-3 Counselors - The Level-3 counselor is either a NANC Certified Counselor (National Association of Nouthetic Counselors) or an IABC Certified Counselor (International Association of Biblical Counselors). There is a fee schedule for a Level-3 counselor.

“The **National Association of Nouthetic Counselors** is a fellowship of Christian pastors and laymen who have banded together to promote excellence in biblical counseling. . . . NANC exists to help pastors and those who would be ministers of the Word of God by providing help and encouragement. NANC is first and foremost a certifying organization. The certifying process is rigorous . . . [and] consists of the completion of an approved training course, the completion of both a theological and a practical counseling test, several references, and a minimum of 50 hours of supervised counseling experience” (see www.NANC.org for more information).

“**IABC** is the **International Association of Biblical Counselors**, a group of people committed to the authority of the Bible as the all-sufficient resource for transforming human lives both in this life and throughout eternity. We are a training resource, and certifying organization for pastors, counselors, and laity who are equally committed to the Scriptures. We believe 2 Peter 1:3, ‘His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.’ We believe in the gentle application of biblical principles to aid the healing of God's people. . . . IABC offers a rigorous, yet achievable program of certification, for those members who meet the qualifications. Certification allows for counselors to meet a high standard of counseling excellence and Biblical integrity, promotes a uniform approach to counseling and provides cohesion in the biblical Counseling Movement. . . .” (See www.IABC.net for more information).

Level-4 Counselor - A level-4 counselor has a Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling or better from a Christian theological seminary. They are also typically certified by NANC or IABC. There is a fee schedule for a Level-4 counselor.

Note: Level-1,2,3,4 counselors are **not** licensed by the State of Colorado, but fall under the Colorado Mental Health Statue, Title 12, Article 43 (12-43-215)
Exemption: “Any person engaged in the practice of religious ministry shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this article . . .”