



## Friends of the Holy Friendship Collaborative Application 2019

The Opioid Crisis in Southern Appalachia has affected almost everyone living in this region in some form or fashion, and perhaps you find yourself prayerfully seeking ways you can get involved and help.

The mission of the Holy Friendship Collaborative is "to inspire the church in our region to follow the Biblical mandate to meet people in distress wherever they are and extend to them Christ's redeeming love." This can be seen in our efforts to mobilize the Christian community to address addiction.

We plan to educate and nurture networks of individuals, congregations, clergy, health care practitioners, and health care institutions who will join together to discern biblically-inspired ways to promote health, wholeness, and well-being and care for those who are suffering.

Many individuals have a heart for people living with addiction and desire to begin serving immediately as the hands and feet of Christ, even though their congregation may not currently provide opportunities for engagement.

If you find yourself on this path, and you are eagerly seeking to connect with others in your community and commit to take the next step in obedience to your calling to serve in this area, then...

**...We invite you to join us as a "FRIEND" of the Holy Friendship Collaborative!**

### **As a FRIEND of HFC, you will have the opportunity to:**

- participate in prayer groups and trainings,
- attend educational seminars/classes,
- join in service opportunities, and
- make purposeful connections with like-minded individuals and groups within your community and the region.

In order to join us, please complete the back of this form and submit it by

#### **Mail:**

Holy Friendship Collaborative  
1227 Volunteer Pkwy, Suite 100  
Bristol, TN 37620

Or Scan and Email to: [info@holyfriendshipcollaborative.com](mailto:info@holyfriendshipcollaborative.com)

*Thank you for your interest.* You can expect to receive a follow-up contact regarding next steps within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, we truly appreciate your prayers for those in our region who are suffering as a result of this Opioid Crisis, and for the Holy Friendship Collaborative as we continue to seek to discern God's plan moving forward in this very important mission and ministry.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city, state, zip, county): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your church: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (city/county/state) of your church/organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your church or organization currently offer any addiction recovery programs or other related outreach? If so, what are they?

Do you have an idea of how or where you would like to serve, such as with a particular ministry or community organization?

Do you have any special training or experience in working in the medical, wellness, counseling, addiction recovery, or mental health fields? If so, please share:

There are several ways in which we can minister alongside those affected by the opioid crisis. Read the options below and pick the area(s) where you are already working or feel most called to at this stage. Please check the appropriate boxes, according to your interest (this does not commit you to any particular area of service, but does help give us a better picture of areas of service interest):

1.  Mentoring, accountability, discipleship
2.  Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Babies and Mothers
3.  Working with people in recovery (probationers, halfway houses, recovery centers or programs)
4.  Working in prisons or jails, serving inmates
5.  Providing Jobs and/or Job Skills Training (such as computer skills, phone etiquette, interview skills, resume-writing)
6.  Provide Life Skills classes/training (such as cooking, budgeting, parenting, job skills, computer skills)
7.  Provide "Sober Living" classes (such as exercise/yoga, music, art, painting, wood-working, quilting, knitting, etc...)
8.  Companionship, writing letters, check-in phone calls
9.  Meeting physical needs: Such as helping with transportation; providing meals; baby-sitting during treatment programs and group sessions; providing, gathering, and/or organizing needed items (clothing, shoes, toiletries, etc...)
10.  Organizing and coordinating fund-raising activities and events
11.  Providing volunteer ministry support - office help, communication, errands
12.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give us permission to share your contact information (name, email) with another church or organization with a ministry aligned with your area of interest, so that they may contact you directly about volunteer or other support opportunities? (circle one) Yes No\*

*\*If no, you can still learn about opportunities through our upcoming newsletter and website*

Do you give us your permission to add you to our EMAIL NEWSLETTER distribution list? (circle one) YES NO

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_