

Immanuel Approach Resources/Endeavors Supported by Lehman Immanuel Approach Ministry Fund

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Ongoing study, new content: Regular consultation with peers, constant ongoing study of professional literature, constant ongoing testing and observation in sessions. Preparing the best possible new content for global IA community, most of which is made available at no cost (newsletters, website essays, podcasts, videos, etc).

Updating/optimizing old content: For example, updating/optimizing the many hundreds of pages of old essays on the kclehman website. Most/all made available at no cost.

Immanuel Approach website: Hard costs¹, time to manage/maintain.

Immanuel Approach network directory: Hard costs, time to manage/maintain.

Consultations, mentoring for key people in IA community: Consultation, mentoring for strategic leaders, trainers, IA “evangelists,” influencers – many of whom are lay-volunteers with minimal resources.

Promoting IA in every possible way:

Reaching out to strategic contacts/gatekeepers: Teen Challenge, Alpha Course, US military, American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), World Discipleship Association (WDA), Hope Worldwide, Living Wholeness, Compassion International, Trauma Healing Institute (THI), Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, Saddleback Church Mental Health Initiative, seminaries & universities (Regent University, Wheaton University, Western Theological Seminary, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Eastern Mennonite Seminary (EMS), Duke Divinity School, Fuller Seminary, Pepperdine University), etc.

Note regarding “cost of sales” for IA promotion: since we have not copyrighted the Immanuel Approach, and don’t charge other IA ministries royalties, I spend LOTS of time and energy promoting IA around the world, but most of the benefits end up going to other ministries. The Lehman IA Ministry fund would help balance this.

Strategic networking: Chick-Fil-A think-tank, Life Model Works, efficacy research with Neuroscience Informed Christian Counseling (NICC), etc.

¹ My rough estimate for the cost of domain names, website hosting, website security, website software, consultation for network directory design, and ongoing tech support over the past 20 years = \$50,000.

IA mission teams to areas of special need (E.g., Uganda, Tajikistan, India, Ukraine, Isreal):

Recruit leader/whole team/additional team members

Provide various degrees of preparatory training

Work with leader(s) to develop customized material that would be most effective and appropriate for the specific situations they will be facing.

Provide zoom, email, phone consultation while they are on the trip

Provide consultation to maximize learning, debriefing/aftercare following trips

InterVarsity, International Federation of Evangelical Students (IFES), REVIVE Europe: Training, supervision, consultation. Urbana and other conferences: team leader onsite, help recruit and prep volunteers, help train staff.

Foreign language translations: Many hundreds of hours gathering translated material and making it available from our website. Including translations for the crisis areas that IA teams have been to – Ukrainian & Russian (Ukraine), Hebrew (Isreal). Website currently provides free download material in 18 languages.

Research: Recruiting, consultation, support for research regarding the Immanuel Approach. Working with graduate students and professors at various seminaries and graduate schools to produce rigorous research support for the Immanuel Approach. Immanuel Approach research collaboration with WinShape Foundation.

Support for other ministries, churches, and individuals: Strategic support of various kinds for a number of other ministries, churches, and individuals working with refugees, working in third world countries, working in inner city neighborhoods, etc, where the needs are huge and the resources are minimal.