

# BENEFITS



Soon after planting Next Level in 2002 we were feeling alone, clueless and hopeless. We remember sitting on the edge of our bed in our small 800 sqft apartment on the wrong side of town, crying out to God, “If you let us live through this, we’ll do everything in our power to make sure no other ministry couple ever feels the way we feel right now!” God answered our cry. And not only did we live through it, but the church grew and we took great notes along the way.

When you’re a part of the Relational Network, you’re a part of a family, on a mission, becoming a movement to make sure no ministry leader is alone, clueless or hopeless! We have a passion to come alongside ministry couples to provide desperately needed personal relationships and care as well as practical systems and strategies for the church.

## **The Next Level Relational Network exists to pastor ministry leaders so they can lead healthy and high impact churches.**

According to Barna and the Fuller Institute:

- 90% of pastors feel inadequately trained
- 70% fight depression
- 50% would quit today if there was another job that would pay them
- 80% believe the ministry has negatively affected their family
- 70% do not have a close friend in their life
- 50% starting today won’t even last 5 years and
- Only 1 out of 10 ministers in the US today will retire from the ministry

The statistics are staggering when it comes to those leading the church, but they don’t have to be! We have helped hundreds of pastors and churches break the cycle of hopeless to have a healthy marriage and a church that’s impacting their city.

### **BENEFITS FOR THE LEAD COUPLE:**

We’re able to pastor ministry couples relationally through Brotherhood and Sisterhood groups. Groups meet monthly online, in-person 2 to 3 times a year and there’s constant interaction through texting apps.

- Lead Pastor in Brotherhood Group and wife in a Sisterhood Group
- In-Person events
- Leadership Development and Coaching
- Access to the Relational Network team and Next Level Church staff
- Resource Website (message series, staff meetings, operations documents)
- Special opportunities for Relational Network members only

### **BENEFITS FOR THE CHURCH**

- Spiritual Covering and support in times of need
- Healthy lead pastor/lead couple
- Staff supported and resourced
- Opportunity for On-site Assessment at your church
- Opportunity to invest in significant Kingdom Impact across the US and internationally



## HERE'S WHAT SOME OF OUR PASTORS ARE SAYING:

### **Matt and Cori Stone**

Lead Pastors of Capital City Church  
capitalcitycog.org

*In a difficult season that could have easily been a lonely isolated survival experience... God gave us a family of brothers and sisters that surrounded us and encouraged us to not just survive but thrive. We are so grateful for the relationships and love we receive through the Relational Network.*

### **Moises and Rebecca Aguayo**

Lead Pastors of The Church at North Orlando  
thechurchorlando.com

*The Relational Network has been the greatest catalyst of change and momentum for our lives, our marriage, and our church. As church planters we often felt ill-equipped and frustrated. But the overwhelming struggle we faced was that we often felt alone. Today, we can gladly say that we have found our people – we found our family. We are grateful to Pastors Matt and Sarah for their vision and dedication to making sure that no pastor should ever do ministry alone.*

### **Adam and Rebecca Peterson**

Lead Pastors of Rise Church  
rise-church.com

*We knew we were called by God to plant our church, but we didn't always feel equipped and felt very lonely at times. The Next Level Relational Network was a gift from God that not only grew our level of leadership, but allowed us to become part of a family. We are forever grateful for the covering and encouragement we receive from the Relational Network.*

## HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN BE A PART:

There's a step by step enrollment process that we hope you'll follow to join the Relational Network. We're a family, on mission, becoming a movement of churches eradicating hopelessness!

- For Churches with a lead pastor that has completed a Your Next Level Group
- Complete Enrollment Application
- Commit to Core Values and Covenant
- Consistently Give 1% of church's income from the mission's budget through automated ACH on a monthly basis
- Participate in a Brotherhood/Sisterhood group monthly throughout the year
- Attend In-Person Events, Regional One Days and Annual Conference
- Share your wins as a church so that we can celebrate with you as a family
- Share your needs as a church so that we can surround you as a family

## QUARTERLY REPORT:

We will be providing your church with content to celebrate the stories of churches and lead couples who have been significantly impacted through your generosity.



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