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Restored Hope Network Announces Two New Members to Its Board of Reference

Dr. John K. Jenkins, Dr. Alex McFarland “bring great wisdom and compassion” to the ministry, RHN Director Anne Paulk says

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Restored Hope Network, the coalition of ministries serving those who desire to overcome LGBTQ issues in their lives, is welcoming two accomplished and influential new members to its Board of Reference. The new members are Pastor John Jenkins Sr. and Dr. Alex McFarland.

“The men and women who serve on the Board of Reference are some of Restored Hope Network’s greatest allies, friends and champions,” Paulk said. “The support and counsel they give us as we walk out our calling to help men and women steward their sexuality with biblical integrity is an invaluable blessing.”



Pastor John K. Jenkins, Sr., lives out his life’s calling to see the lost come to Christ and disciples becoming spiritually mature. Since his installation as the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Glenarden, Md., in 1989, the church has become widely recognized as a community pillar with more than 100 ministries meeting diverse needs throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, nationally and abroad.

Pastor Jenkins serves as the Chairman of the Board for the National Association of Evangelicals, Project Bridges, and The Skinner Institute. He also serves on the board for numerous organizations, including Bethel University, Denver Seminary, University of Maryland Capital Region Health and the Greater Prince George’s Business Roundtable. In addition, Pastor Jenkins serves as chairman emeritus of SHABACH! Ministries, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization that he founded in 1996 to provide food, clothing, educational and employment opportunities in the Maryland area. He also served for two years as vice president/executive director of National Ministries with Converge Worldwide.



Alex McFarland has spoken in hundreds of locations throughout the US and abroad. He has preached in over 1,500 different churches throughout North America and internationally and has been featured at conferences such as The Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Focus on the Family’s Big Dig, Josh McDowell’s True Foundations events, California’s Spirit West Coast, and many more.



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In a 2009 story, CNN said, "Alex McFarland is an expert on world religions and cults." Beginning in 1991, Alex pioneered apologetics conference formats designed to equip teens and adults to defend their faith. Attendees of all ages began to attend Alex's "Truth for a New Generation" events, eagerly learning from scholars such as Josh McDowell, Ravi Zacharias, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, and others.

Paulk called both men "astute and effective ambassadors of Christ."

"We are thrilled to welcome Pastor Jenkins and Dr. McFarland to our Board of Reference," she said. "They bring great wisdom and compassion to our efforts."

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About Restored Hope Network

Restored Hope Network is an interdenominational coalition of Christian ministries serving those who desire to overcome relational and sexual issues in their lives and those impacted by such behavior, particularly homosexuality. We work alongside the body of Christ, the Church, and to connect those seeking help with local member ministries and other resources that are available, as well as support, equip and connect the local member ministries.