

August 2021 Newsletter

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FIT's Newest Course Now Available

Starting Over is now available for purchase from our online store at www.familyintegrity.org as well as for free when used in officially-recognized FIT classes if you qualify (click on the Members tab to order). Find out more about this course by scrolling down on our main website page and clicking on the cover photo that matches the one on the right.

The Starting Over facilitator guide has 132 inside pages while the matching participant guide has 128. As with other FIT curricular materials, the six Starting Over class worksheets are available online at http://familyintegrity.org/worksheets1.html as well as in the course books themselves.

Starting Over is ideal for use in jails, recovery homes, and for prison inmates with short sentences where there is not enough time to conduct the entire program.

This course has also been approved to satisfy our Area 2 Personal Integrity program requirement for the complete program certificate. Previously, only the Insight course could satisfy this requirement.



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...that most FIT books have worksheets and you can access all of them online? Go to the link above and there they are! There is a **Worksheets** link on our home page that lists all of them by course by course.

Worksheets by themselves can be limited in value but paired with the lesson discussions they can be invaluable. They help organize the thoughts which apply to the lesson material and FIT discussion questions are carefully designed to promote class discussion. From the discussion will come new insights because the class provides the examples that make them relevant. Worksheets are used throughout most FIT books, at the beginning, middle, and end.

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First Female Peer Facilitator Trained at Florida Women's Reception Center

The FIT board approved an inmate at the Florida Women's Reception Center as its first female peer facilitator at its July 31 board meeting. This status is only achieved after meeting all requirements of the FIT complete program and getting the recommendation of the local prison officials. FIT trainer Norine Hodder conducted the required leader training course.

Three Facilitators Trained Online

FIT welcomes Ellamay Artis of Davenport, FL, Trish Ayers of Chichester, NH, and Victoria Murphy of Spring Hill, FL as our newest FIT-certified facilitators.



from the desk of President Don Pratt ...

Gone Fishing

There is an amazing story in Luke 5 where Jesus called his first disciples. First he used one of Peter's boats to teach the crowd along the shore. When he was finished, he asked Peter, James, and John to launch out into the deep water and drop their nets. Peter, a professional fisherman, protested by saying they hadn't caught anything all night long but that they would do it anyway. After their net broke from so many fish, Peter was terrified. Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

Catching fish in a net may be the easy way to fish but sometimes you need to use something the fish like such as bait. We at FIT offer them a new and satisfying future - not bad for many of our clients who have lost it all. Second, we have to go where the fish are. Some can be reached along the shore, but for some we will need a boat. For some of the really prize fish, we will need to "launch out into the deep". We have to offer our clients a better life, both practically and spiritually. This is what our deeply dedicated Christian volunteers do.











The COVID pandemic has struck again. Right when many of our host institutions started opening up to our programs, the virus returned and now several of them have returned to a no-program status. Meanwhile, a few of our peer facilitators

are conducting classes which are temporarily closed to our volunteers.

There are 105 paid-up memberships this year as compared to 167 last year at this time. Thank you for your support even though the pandemic has shut down most of our ministry. Your faithful support as well as the widespread favor we have in the institutions that let us in is so appreciated. We will emerge very strong. Special thanks go to all those chaplains that see value in our program.

Due to demand, we are offering an *additional Online Leader Training* on Saturday, September 18. Register and pay on our website at *www.familyintegrity.org*. Get a \$10 discount by paying a week in advance of the training. The training includes our just-updated training manual and a one-year paid-up membership.