



## An end of a season—ArtsCharlotte comes to close

After six fruitful years of encouraging artists and engaging in many diverse activities as we sought to nurture the soul of the city through the arts, ArtsCharlotte is ending our time as a non-profit organization. Over the years of ebb and flow, including this past pandemic year, changes in life circumstances, moves, and other responsibilities have impacted the capacity of the

Core Team leaders to serve ArtsCharlotte and its vision well. Each of them feels God leading them in new directions for serving artists in our city.

Thank you for your involvement in so many ways. We encourage all of you to individually continue your artistic pursuits and the relationships that you have developed over the years through ArtsCharlotte. These relationships are fostering

new partnerships and creative growth throughout our city.

Being part of ArtsCharlotte has been a wonderful experience for all of us on the Core Team. Our hearts are still for the city of Charlotte and the surrounding areas, and we can't wait to see what comes next for the arts and artists.

*The ArtsCharlotte Core Team*  
Dianne B. Collard, Leigh B. Williams, Penny Oliver, and Carrie Givens

### What's next for my ministry in Charlotte?

A New Season of Ministry!  
Details to come very soon.

I will continue to pursue my calling to "find and encourage artists" that began with a calling from God in 1992.

Please pray with me as I prepare to launch this new, personal ministry in the fall. The focus will be to *nurture the souls of the artists.*

“Isn’t the whole point of things—beautiful things—that they connect you to some larger beauty?”

(Donna Tartt)

“At its best, art is able to satisfy our deep longing for beauty and communicate profound spiritual, intellectual, and emotional truth about the world that God made for his Glory.”

(Philip Ryken)

“Beauty is a key to the mystery and a call to transcendence. It is an invitation to savor life and to dream of the future. That is why the beauty of created things can never fully satisfy. It stirs that hidden nostalgia for God.”

(Pope John Paul II)

“The arts are not the pretty but irrelevant bits around the border of reality. They are highways into the center of a reality which cannot be glimpsed, let alone grasped any other way.” (N.T.Wright)

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# This n’ That

- \* My ministry with the International staff of A.C.T. Int’l continues. Some remain in “lock down” in their countries, but others are planning powerful ministry outreach this summer. Pray, please.
- \* We will be in No. California in July/early August to connect with supporters, speak at supporting churches, and visit family. It will be a very intense month. Prayers are appreciated.
- \* Glenn’s shoulder replacement surgery went very well and he is exceeding expectations in his recovery & physical therapy. Praise!
- \* All our immediate family has received the COVID vaccine. Praise!
- \* I am so grateful for a team of 7 spiritually mature advisors who know of my calling and passion who prayed with me over 4 weeks concerning the decision to close ArtsCharlotte. Praise!



Our family at Wendy’s 50th Birthday Breakfast