

# LABYRINTH



**An endeavor which exists to nurture the souls of the artists of Charlotte. All artists are welcomed, wherever they may be on their journey of faith.**

My new local ministry is now officially launched! We'll have two gatherings this month for artists. Individual times with artists are being scheduled. Praise God.

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## A BRIEF OVERVIEW

### *My current ministry*

This Fall is both a time of new beginnings and a time of continuing activities in the fulfillment of my calling to "find and encourage artists."



### **AN ARTISTIC IMMERSION**

An artist-friend graciously provided tickets for Glenn and I to experience "Van Gogh: An Immersion Experience." It was wonderful. Go if you have the chance!!

### **Focus on artists around the world AND locally—different roles, but the same desire to bring the hope of God to all.**

I'm excited about the progress made in laying a good foundation for **Meraki\*Connection**. I have assembled an excellent local advisory team; new branding (logo) developed; sent my first MailChimp "campaign" to over 400 people; planned the first gatherings; had initial meetings with some church leaders about me leading a study on the role of the artist in their church; and started scheduling coffee times with individual artists. Praise God!

**A.C.T. International** continues to expand, with over 600 missional artists/creatives of all types. I meet regularly (Zoom) with people working throughout Europe; Japan; Israel; South Africa; and beyond. I wish I could tell their stories of what God is doing through the arts to bring people into God's story!

**Arts+Europe** I continue serving on the Executive Leadership team. Recent annual meetings were both on Zoom & in person.

# CONSIDER THIS...

## *God's Movement through Arts & Faith Around the World*

**I was so blessed** by the recent Arts+Europe leadership conference, even though I was limited to Zoom participation. One report after another from around Europe told of how God was transcending denominational barriers and bringing the people together in a demonstration to the unbelieving world of Christian unity through artistic expressions and events. We live in exciting times of God's Spirit bringing people to faith and using their imagination and creative gifts. Your partnership with me in ministry engages you in this Spirit-led endeavor.

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**Vatican II Council Encyclical** *"This world in which we live needs beauty in order not to sink into despair. Beauty, like truth, brings joy to the human heart and is that precious fruit which resists the erosion of time, which unites generations and enables them to be one in admiration."*

**Brian Zahnd** *"Art is not merely a leisure pursuit but serious business, because, quite simply, life should be made as beautiful as possible. . . Christianity in its proper form is a transcendent beauty."*

**Makoto Fujimura** *"May our art, what we make, be multiplied into the New Creation."*



**Artist colleagues moving into new arts center in Charlotte, the VAPA (Visual Arts/Performing Arts).**

### **Join me in Partnership with Prayer & Praise**

- ✳ Praise God for the progress on launching Meraki\*Connection.
- ✳ Prayer for the first two events on October 25 & 29.
- ✳ Prayer for an artistic missionary couple with serious marital issues. I've been asked to "come alongside" the wife during the process of reconciliation.
- ✳ Praise for Wendy & Arion's "Grand Opening" of the first Christian counseling center in Albania.

### **Join me in Partnership with Financial Support**

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