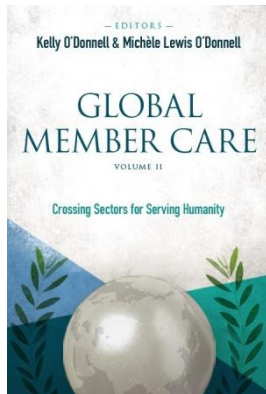


## Book Review

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### ***Global Member Care. Vol. 2: Crossing Sectors for Serving Humanity***

Edited by Kelly O'Donnell and Michèle Lewis O'Donnell. Pasadena, Calif.: William Carey Library, 2013. Pp. xxv, 395. Paperback \$24.99. [book website: <https://sites.google.com/site/globalmca/>]



Kelly and Michèle O'Donnell have made significant contributions to the mission movement through their publications on member care for missionaries. Beginning with their joint volume *Helping Missionaries Grow* (1988), followed by Kelly's *Missionary Care* (1992) and *Doing Member Care Well* (2002), among other publications, they continue to benefit all who work in cross-cultural contexts. *Crossing Sectors for Serving Humanity* is the second of a projected three-volume series under the title *Global Member Care*, all published by William Carey Library. The first was *The Pearls and Perils of Good Practice* (2011); the third volume, *Good Practice for/from All Peoples*, is in preparation.

*Crossing Sectors for Serving Humanity* seeks to encourage willingness to learn from other "sectors," as well as to serve those who work in other types of cross-cultural humanitarian service. The introduction states, "The goal is to encourage us all to 'broaden our experiential boundaries': to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities for connecting and contributing to various international sectors on behalf of the diversity of remarkable people who serve in mission/aid as well as on behalf of humanity itself" (xix).

Having served as consulting psychologists to a variety of organizations, the O'Donnells have broad experience in the four sectors the book addresses. Their premise is that the humanitarian, human health, and human resource sectors are to be fruitful sources of learning for those who serve in the fourth sector: mission/aid. To this end they have compiled thirty-five articles presenting key lessons from current research and policy development. Each article is followed with sources for further study; the Kindle version provides Internet links to the resources listed.

The articles draw on many authors and a wide array of expertise, including persons serving with the United Nations and the World Health Organization, World Vision, and Management Sciences for Health. The material will be of great benefit to persons planning to venture into a sector new to them, and the book could serve well as a text book for both graduate and undergraduate courses. Many will find in it both a challenge and a resource: a challenge to consider serving outside of one's comfort zone, and a resource for lifelong learning.

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