





The PATH Group

A Job Search Support Ministry of the Compass & St Thomas the Apostle Churches

We Should Glorify God in our Work

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving"

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

What is the PATH Group

- A Christ-centered Networking and Job Search Support Group created to assist & enable the Unemployed, Underemployed and Misemployed
- The group's name and acronym come from Psalm 25. It reflects the need for those in transition to keep trusting the Lord during difficult and challenging times, and to depend on him totally to teach and lead them down his Path ... People Always Trusting Him
- ☐ The Group originated in 2003 and has helped hundreds of people in their Career Transition & Job Search



Our Mission:

To illuminate the Path for all Seekers

Our Purpose

Spiritual:

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And He said unto them,

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

And they straightway left their nets and followed Him.

Matthew 4:18-20

Secular:

"Give a Man a Fish, and You Feed Him for a Day.

Teach a Man To Fish, and You Feed Him for a Lifetime"

Anna Isabella Thackeray Ritchie





WEARE BLESSED BLESSING TO OTHERS.



Our Guiding Principles

What We Do

- □ The PATH Group does not engage in recruiting, outplacement or fee-based activities. Services and Programs are **FREE** of Charge and are available to anyone who may seek them.
- □ The PATH Group **does not guarantee Job Seekers a Job**, but does provide the tools, techniques, training, and tactics to be successful in their individual job search efforts.
- □ The PATH Group provides the Job Seeker with:
 - 1. Spiritual Support
 - 2. Emotional Support
 - 3. Job Search Support
 - 4. Networking Support

All in a Safe, Supportive, and Encouraging Environment.

































Meeting Overview

- ☐ Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
- ☐ Meetings begin at 7:00 PM & conclude no later than 9:00 PM
- Meetings are open to all who seek support in their Job Search journey
- Meetings are conducted utilizing a virtual platform (Zoom) and/or in-person activities
- Meetings normally include presentations/programs by subject matter experts and/or workshops relevant to the Job Search process

Virtual Meetings



- Meeting Platform: Zoom Webinar
- Advanced Registration Required
- ☐ Attendee Limitations 100 People
- ☐ Meetings are not currently being recorded
- Meeting registration links sent out 8 10 days prior to each meeting for those individuals on the PATH Group mailing lists
- Meeting News, Announcements, AreaEvents, & Job Postings provided to Attendeesin a Meeting Follow-Up Communication
- Attendee Registration information to support individual Networking activities distributed to all attendees who provide prior approvals

In-Person Meetings



- Meetings held at the Compass Church, which is located at 1551 E Hobson Road in Naperville, IL 60540. Meetings held in the HUB Room - (630)-983-3232
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PATH Group Programs

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
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| 'Elevator Pitch & Marketing Handbills' | 'Social Media for Job Seekers' | 'Networking A Lifetime Skill' |
| 'Achievement-Based Resume' | 'Resume Tune-Up Workshop' | 'The Achievement-Based' Resume' |
| 'Communicating Value – Words Matter' | 'The Achievement-Based Resume' | 'How to Sell Yourself into a Job' |
| 'Emotional Side of Job Loss' | 'The Passion of Interviewing' | 'Facebook in the Job Search' |
| 'The Elevator Pitch' | 'The Emotional Side of Job Loss' | 'Resume Revamp – Telling the Story' |
| 'Creating an Effective Resume' | 'Finding Opportunity in the Midst of Change' | 'How to Stay Sane, Motivated & Productive' |
| 'Resume Tune-Up' | 'Bring your Job Search to the Library' | 'Video Conferencing Guidelines' |
| 'Surviving the Behavioral Interview' | 'Why Waiting | 'Networking in the New Norm' |
| 'Achievement-Based Resume' | 'Using Visual Aids in Interviews' | 'Job Search Ronin: Riding the Waves of Change' |
| 'Planning for Success' | 'Creating Applicant Track System-Friendly Resumes' | 'Through the Lens of a Recruiter – Panel' |
| 'Energize Your Job Search -LinkedIn Profiles' | 'Open Mic' Night – Fred Johnson / Group Exercise | 'Success for the Seasoned Search - Overqualified' |
| 'Networking A Lifetime Skill' | 'Open Mic' Night – Fred Johnson / Group Exercise | 'Resumes for Applicant Tracking Systems' |
| 'Navigating Your Job Search – An Open Forum' | 'Ask the Expert' – Walt Reilly | 'Bring Your Job Search to the Library' |
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| 'Embracing Rejection in the Job Search' | 'Ask the Expert' – Steve Sakats | 'Is Your Attitude Impacting Your Altitude' |
| 'Telling Your Story in a Behavioral Interview' | 'Working Smarter to Achieve Job Search Success' | 'Networking Referrals' |
| 'The Virtual Interview' | 'Negotiating A Lifetime Skill' | 'The Psychology of Success & Significance' |
| 'Resume Tune-Up' Workshop | 'Preparing for a Successful Interview' | 'Networking Night at the PATH Group' |
| 'Staffing Agencies & Corporate Recruiters' | 'The Passion of Interviewing' | 'Celebrate Success – Alumni Homecoming' |
| 'Staying Sane, Motivated in the Job Search' | 'Celebrate Success – Alumni Homecoming' | |
| 'Overcoming Stress to Improve Job Transition' | | |



PATH Group Coaching Program

The PATH Group offers individual Coaching services to those who require:

- Career direction/advice
- > Emotional Support & Counsel
- > Feedback & recommendations on Job Search tools & techniques
- > Creation of Job Search Plans & Strategies
- > Skills Enhancement, e.g. Networking, Interviewing, etc.
- Discipline & Accountability
- One-on-One training & interaction

All in an informal & confidential basis



The PATH Group Job Search Work Team (JSWT)



- Available & Open to all disciplines
- Weekly Meetings Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM
- Meetings currently held on a virtual basis Zoom
- Designed to drive Job Search Productivity & Accountability
- □ Increase Networking reach
- ☐ Reduce time to placement

The PATH Group is Making a Difference

"Thank you and the entire PATH Group for all the support that you have shown me during these difficult months searching for a job. As hard as it was sometimes, I feel that trusting God to lead the way, was that reason I kept my head up"

"Your missionary work isn't just technical, you and your team stoke the flames of encouragement when my job submissions lay silent"

"Thanks for welcoming me to my first Path meeting! Having a chance to talk with you made me feel I made the right decision to attend last night"

"What an amazing and incredibly necessary ministry at our church!"

"Your ministry at Compass is clearly a 14 on the 10 point scale. Welcoming, professionally run, helpful, caring. Tonight was my first time with you folks, but it certainly won't be the last. Keep up the extraordinary work!"

What a delight and pleasure to meet everyone last night and such wonderful information you all shared, such a blessing!

I will be revising my resume today and the information provided by the team yesterday was so helpful.

Thank you for all your time and help. I really appreciate it. I want to let you know I got a job! A hostess at a new Italian restaurant opening soon. I'm so excited for this opportunity God has provided, there can be no other explanation.

Thanks again

Thank you and the other PATH Leaders for your warmth and genuine welcome when I attended a presentation on LinkedIn there at Compass Church a few months ago.

Thank God, *literally*, I began a new position last Monday. Thank you again for your leadership and service within the PATH group.

I felt recharged after attending the PATH meeting last night! Glory to God!

Thank you for your encouragement last night. I left the meeting with so much more hope than before. Even the challenges you gave me to think about and to do was done in an uplifting and helpful way.

Questions

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