

# The 18.26 Network

*A New Wave of Missions*



## Thank you Debbi!

Since 2017, Debbi has faithfully served the 18.26 Network community as our Office Manager. From initial contact with interested candidates to their launch and time on the field, Debbi has walked alongside our vocational missionaries.

While managing the application process, the finances, and a plethora of other logistics, Debbi has brought a spirit of encouragement and warmth to her work. She has felt truly called to serve our 18.26 missionaries with the love of Christ. We have been blessed to have someone like Debbi, who has poured such dedication into her role. Please join us in praying for her in her next phase of life. Thank you for everything, Debbi!

## Parting Words from Debbi

*"I have loved helping to develop and share in this great ministry. I am going to miss it but I feel God calling me into ministry here in Chattanooga. I'll stay in touch and will pray often as I look forward to the future of the 18.26 Network."*

## Welcoming Mandy as our new Onboarding Director

Mandy Chandler was born in Hong Kong and raised in Vancouver, Canada. She moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 2021 and married her husband, Matthew Chandler. She received a Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing and Human Resources at the University of British Columbia in 2007.

Mandy served at Power to Change Ministries in Canada for 12 years in the HR department and internationally as a missionary. As the HR Manager, Mandy specialized in hirings, liaised with international staff members, and advised managers and leaders on team dynamics, people development, conflict resolution and performance management.

Mandy is currently a Certified Professional Coach specializing in leadership, life transitions, and career coaching. She is credentialed with the International Coaching Federation. She runs her own coaching practice called Akari Alight Coaching. Mandy is passionate about building self-awareness, emotional intelligence and resilience in rising leaders.

Her primary focus is to provide personalized coaching to clients one-on-one, but will also facilitate leadership workshops. Mandy enjoys traveling the world. Her favorite places include Australia, Japan, London, Paris, Normandy Coast, Belgium, Singapore, and, of course, Hong Kong. But, she will always be connected to the Pacific Northwest. Mandy is excited to join the 18.26 Network and offer her HR and Coaching expertise to this worldwide network of vocational missionaries!



## Welcoming Catalina as Finance Director

Catalina and her husband, Tom, joined the 18.26 Network staff last year. Taking on a new role within the team, Catalina will now serve as the Financial Director. You can read more about the Nachtergaele's background on our website's 'About' page.

Catalina will be handling the day-to-day finances, which entails taking in donations and making disbursements to our support-raising members. This involves keeping daily track of the books and managing end-of-the-year forms.



# 18.26 Network Regionalization

*From everywhere, to everywhere*



Tom and Catalina  
Europe

Andy and Chie  
Japan and Southeast Asia

T & E  
Southwest Asia and North Africa

Tim and Andrea  
Sub-Saharan Africa

Jud and Jan  
Latin America & North America

## Regionalization

### *From Everywhere to Everywhere*

We are excited to announce a new paradigm of how the 18.26 Network is currently growing and operating. We are changing how we internally and externally interact as a network by regionalizing our core functions of connecting, coaching, and caring, driven by new leadership in our fastest-growing areas.

Late in 2022, Tom and Catalina Nachtergaele assumed leadership roles for our initiatives in Europe. Similarly, at the start of 2023, Andrew and Chie Duncan agreed to lead our work in Southeast Asia. As the graphic above attests, regionalization has sparked and we have since welcomed Tim and Andrea to oversee 18.26 Network members in Sub-Saharan Africa, and T & E will spearhead Southwest Asia and North Africa. Jud and Jan will currently oversee the Americas.

We hope this structure will yield flourishing regions that become hubs of sending and receiving vocational missionaries. As each region grows, it will need to develop its own contextual models while remaining aligned with the shared 18.26 Network vision. We're eager to see what the Lord will do as we seek to nourish and equip leaders and vocational missionaries to serve around the world in their specific context.

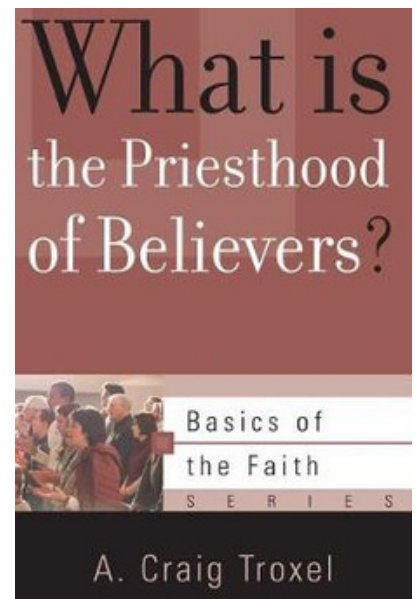
## Resource Hub | Member Recommendations

### ***What is the priesthood of all believers?* by Craig Troxel**

*Suggested by our Members*

The doctrine of the priesthood of all believers is a cardinal principle of the churches of the 16th-century Reformation. It is often mentioned but, sadly, not truly understood. Troxel's book provides a solid foundation for understanding this important and practical Christian teaching by anchoring the idea firmly in the work of Christ.

Troxel explains that every believer has a unique ministry and the ability to carry it out. He addresses questions such as whether pastors have greater access to God and whether church offices are necessary. The health of the church depends on correctly understanding our encouraging position in Christ. We would do well to read and take to heart Craig Troxel's admonition in this work and spend some time reflecting on what our Lord intends for us as we seek to live faithfully bi-vocationally.



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