

Pastor Dr. Loretta Iannicelli  
Founder | Pastor | Chaplain | President  
Equip Services, Inc.



Dr. Loretta Iannicelli is the lead pastor of Equip Church and is both an Ordained Pastor & Chaplain with the American Evangelistic Association, (FLA USA). She leads Equip Church | Academy | Care & has worked in congregational & community ministry settings serving leaders, first responders, and persons in crises for more than a two decades. Dr. Iannicelli has been employed for more than 24+ years in the corporate healthcare arena for a top network in the Boston area. Her love and passion for health, wellness, and care of families and persons leads her charge as a care provider. As the founding Pastor & President of Equip Services, Inc., she strives to advance God's kingdom by bringing a *culture of care* to those in need. Here, she holds faithfully to the belief that there is value, purpose, potential, and dignity in compassionately loving, serving, and caring for the needs of others. She believes that meeting the basic need of others through love, hope, and well-being are the staples of everyday life. Equip is an approved 501c3 church on IRS Publication 78.

Dr. Iannicelli's Pastoral Care ministry is derived from various disciplines including a Doctorate Degree in Religious Education from Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary (Maryland, USA); a Master's of Divinity Degree from Andover Newton at Yale Divinity School (Newton, MA) and counseling coursework with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Hamilton, MA); diverse specialized Crisis Chaplaincy trainings in trauma, disaster, and suicide from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF); and Healthcare Chaplaincy training through Harvard Divinity School's Field Education Program (Cambridge, MA).

Currently, serving as the Dean of Admissions and Academic Development with Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary, Dr. Iannicelli believes that life transformation can be found in both knowing Christ deeply as one gains wisdom and understanding through the Word of God. Her heart and passion for marketplace "community ministries" outside the local church has propelled her love and dedication to families, students, and persons in crisis through her Christian Biblical Care Ministry practice. Here, she provides one to one Pastoral and Spiritual Care, along with coaching and mentorship opportunities to those facing many life challenges and hardship.

Passionate for community, she has worked as the Interim Protestant Chaplain at a local, Metrowest multi-disciplinary hospital, offering Spiritual Care to the many facing unforeseen healthcare crises. As a Crisis Chaplain for Boston Fire Department's Boston Fire/Metro Fire's Critical Incident Stress Management Team, she works directly with first-responders in prevention and postvention that aids to minimize affects faced from risk of compassion fatigue as a result of their daily workplace experiences.

Dr. Iannicelli formally served as US Missionary/Pastor-in-Residence whereby she aided families, children, and those in crisis as the Community Care Pastor at City Church, (Marlborough MA). There, she fostered the many leadership development and volunteer initiatives that served many communities. As a coach for Barnabas Ministries Int'l, Dr. Iannicelli welcomes the opportunity to invest in Pastors. She notes, "Many pastors & leaders are silently leading as wounded warriors, especially now where many churches face turbulent and uncertain times. Both depression and fatigue are areas to watch out for in light of this world's challenging times."

Dr. Iannicelli hosts national enrichment conferences and is an engaging preacher/speaker focused on Pastoral Care initiatives that meet relevant need.

In her spare time, she loves the outdoors! On many days, Dr. Iannicelli enjoys gardening, nature, hikes, fishing, and biking.

Her life verse from the Bible is Psalm 119:105: "The Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path."