

# SUMMER 2022

Lots of LifeRing newsworthy events and meeting updates have happened since the LifeRing Fall 2021 Newsletter. We're excited to offer this recap of some of our year-end highlights and our projections for the remainder of 2022. We think you'll be excited, too!

## HIGHLIGHTS



### LifeRing Executive Director Retires

After serving for 12 years, **Robert Stump** has retired as LifeRing's Executive Director. Robert has been instrumental in migrating in-person meetings to Zoom meetings to offset pandemic mandates. Robert will remain as **LifeRing's Operations Manager**, where his keen leadership skills and sense of fair play will continue to keep us all in line. **Way to make it look easy, Robert!**

The LifeRing Executive Search Committee has been tasked with finding viable candidates this dynamic position. If you are interested in helping LifeRing navigate through the evolving recovery landscape, we enthusiastically encourage you to reach out. The LifeRing BOD chair is acting as interim ED.

[LifeRing Exec](#)



### New Focus Meetings!

LifeRing is opening new online focus meetings to support specific needs in our recovery community. Our newest HWYW focus meetings include **People of Color** and **Men in Recovery**. Two additional **LBGT+** meetings were introduced and two more were added for people in recovery diagnosed with **co-occurring disorders**. Focus meetings bring together specific communities of individuals with commonalities that may not be adequately represented in LifeRing general meetings.

[focus meetings](#)



The National Recovery Conference

### CCAR | MPRC Conference

LifeRing made a big appearance at the **CCAR | MPRC national conference** this year! LifeRing Outreach Chair and long-time BOD member Lorraine Hull was invited to address healthcare providers and treatment professionals

gathered to discuss the importance of multiple pathways to recovery. The conference was held on May 11th-13th in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

[mprc conference](#)



### 2022 LifeRing Annual Conference

Not to be outdone, LifeRing hosted its own **Annual Conference** online on June 4th and June 5th this year with over 90 people in attendance. Highlights included a Keynote Address by **Dr. John F. Kelly**, the **LifeRing First Generation Roundtable**, and the **Delegates Assembly**. The event was well received, and participants' feedback showed an 8.6 out of 10 approval rating. Videos will be made available on the LifeRing YouTube Channel, but our production team operates on **Island Time**.

[annual conference](#)



### Unite to Face Addiction

UFAM hosted the **5th Annual Rally and Advocacy Day** on May 19th at the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan. This in-person meetup was a great way to bring our cause directly to State lawmakers and served as an excellent opportunity to meet those in recovery as well as those who try to help us achieve our goals.

**Special Settings Convenor Josh D.** was there to represent LifeRing and to mingle with the 217 crew!

[ufam rally](#)



### LifeRing Speakers Bureau

To meet the growing interest in LifeRing Secular Recovery, podstar Mary Beth O'Connor has formed a **Speakers Bureau**. The Speakers Bureau provides speakers for recovery houses, podcasts, conferences, presentations, and other engagements. You can check out previous speaking engagements on our Events webpage and our Podcast webpage.

[speakers bureau](#)



### LifeRing is Recruiting!

Why let everyone else have all the fun? LifeRing has a number of impactful volunteer opportunities open: **Executive Director**, **Social Media Maven**, and **Meeting Convenors** to name just a few. You can find details about how you can jump in and help LifeRing grow into a more diverse, inclusive recovery community by going to our Engagement Opportunities webpage linked here.

[engagement](#)

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