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*I believe the faith community has an important role in addressing substance abuse and mental health prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery. As a graduate of Duke Divinity School, I am aware of the limited attention mental health and substance abuse get in a faith leader's education – Dr. Martin*

Volunteer work is a big part of my life. Both of my parents were active volunteers in the community, so it has been rooted in my actions from an early age. After working 20 years in community mental health and 10 years in public education, I retired and now provide training and clinical supervision for counselors seeking North Carolina licensure or certification in the substance abuse field and volunteer in the community. I am excited to be part of the Cross Roads Board of Directors, as there is a great opportunity for the treatment community to re-think the relationship with the faith community. Cross Roads is working to bring the faith community and the treatment community together to address the crisis facing our community.

In addition to serving on the Cross Roads Board of Directors, Dr. Martin participates on the Dare County Saving Lives Task Force Faith Outreach subcommittee, the local and NC State Collaborative for youth, adults and families and the John T. Edwards Foundation focusing on family therapy.