Health Ministries Association, Inc.

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Health Ministries Association, Inc. – Who We Are

• Founded in 1989 under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Granger Westberg and others. Founding officers included:

  Joann Gragnani Boss, Jean Denton,
  David F. Carlson, James Scherf,
  Anne Marie Djupe, and Joni Goodnight

• The membership organization for people of faith in various roles impacting the health of their community

• The professional membership association recognized by the American Nurses Association to represent Faith Community Nursing
Our Vision

HMA aspires to engage, educate and empower people of faith to be passionate and effective leaders for creating healthier communities

Our Mission

HMA encourages, supports and empowers leaders in the integration of faith and health in their local communities
An association for people of faith working together:

- Faith Community nurses
- Health Ministers
- Program Coordinators
- Spiritual Leaders (Clergy/Chaplains)

Membership:

- FCN 63%
- Health Minister – 8%
- Program Leader – 16%
- Spiritual Leader – 3%
- Other – 15%
HMA Organizational Chart

Executive Committee
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer
- Past President

Directors for Constituents
- Director for Faith Community Nursing
- Director for Health Ministry
- Director for Program Leadership
- Director for Spiritual Leadership

Directors for Operations
- Director for Research Development
- Director for Public Relations
- Director for Practice & Education
- Director for Collaborative Development
Collaborators & Working Relationships

- American Nurses Association (ANA)
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- American Red Cross
- Carolinas Health Ministry Partnership
- Catholic Health Association - Community Benefit & Continuing Care
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention Office on Smoking and Health
- Faith United to End Childhood Obesity (FUTECO)
- Faith United to End Gun Violence (Sponsored by the Brady Campaign)
- National Association of Catholic Nurses USA
- National Council on Aging (NCOA)
- Nurses Christian Fellowship /Journal of Christian Nursing (JCN)
- Texas Health Ministries Network
- United Church of Christ National FCN Leadership Team
- Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing (Church Health Center)
- Other Local/Regional Networks
Benefits of Membership

• FCN Mentoring Program
• Participation on Committees
• Nationwide Networking
• Financial Discounts
  ▪ Registration for Annual Conference
  ▪ FCN Certification
  ▪ Publications & Resources
    o *Scope & Standards of Practice for Faith Community Nursing*
    o *The Health Minister Role: Guidelines and Foundational Curriculum Elements*
    o *Journal of Christian Nursing*
Faith community nursing is the specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit as part of the process of promotion of holistic health and prevention or minimization of illness within the context of a faith community.

HMA has a longstanding collaborative relationship with the ANA for both the establishment and recognition of this specialty practice.

- Scope & Standards of Practice for Parish Nursing - 1998 (Acknowledged by the American Nurses Association, Congress of Nursing Practice & Economics, February 1998)
- Scope & Standards of Practice for Faith Community Nursing - 2005 (HMA sponsored work group)
- Scope & Standards of Practice for Faith Community Nursing, 2nd edition, January 2012 (HMA sponsored work group)
- Scope & Standards of Practice for Faith Community Nursing in revision by HMA sponsored work group; anticipated publication fall 2016.
The novice FCN needs guidance and support after completion of a Foundational FCN curriculum in order to establish and sustain a successful professional practice.

- HMA recognizes that many FCN begin their role as a lone practitioner without the benefit of a health system or network to provide a nurturing environment for spiritual and professional growth and development.

- The HMA FCN Mentor Program links the novice HMA FCN member with an experienced HMA FCN leader to facilitate sharing of knowledge, experiences, and wisdom.

- The program encourages growth and achievement by providing an open and supportive environment in the development of professional practice.
Faith Community Nursing Certification

• HMA has been the driving force working toward formal certification for faith community nursing.

• In 2013, HMA provided the funding to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) for their development of certification through portfolio for faith community nursing.

• Sept. 15, 2014 ANCC and HMA announced certification for faith community nurses.

• Information available at ANCC website: www.nursecredentialing.org
In an effort to **identify** and **recognize** HMA faith community nurses who have achieved certification through ANCC in Health Ministries Associations Inc., has developed the Faith Community Nursing Society.

**Statement of Purpose**

- To recognize superior achievement in the specialty practice of faith community nursing for faith community nurse members of HMA
- To strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession and the organization that supports the work of faith community nursing
- To encourage ongoing leadership and involvement (present and future) in the evolving practice of faith community nursing through efforts led by HMA
- To share best practices, attend educational seminars, discuss research, promote professional publication, and engage in peer-to-peer networking.
- To support and assist with improvement of the related specialty through identification and development of new skills.
Faith Community Nursing Society

Membership Criteria

Criteria for consideration:

• Faith Community Nurse Member in good standing ~Health Ministries Association, Inc.
• Faith Community Nursing Certification achieved in Faith Community Nursing through ANCC
• Ongoing demonstration of the Vision & Mission of Health Ministries Association, Inc.

Active Members of the Faith Community Nursing Society will be listed on the main HMA page newly created Faith Community Nursing Society roster.
Are YOU the missing piece?

Your membership is important in the ongoing development of the integration of faith and health!

You are VITAL to advancing this nursing specialty!
JOIN HMA

Membership Levels:

- Standard dues – $105.00/year (rolling calendar)
- Student/Senior/Group Discounts – Contact the HMA office

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Lead
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