**Biography/introduction**

**Sharon Becker, RN**

Sharon is the Coordinator of the Health Ministries Program of Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio which she developed and launched in 1994. Becker is a registered nurse with over 45 years’ experience, including patient and public education, marketing and program development.

She is a graduate of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, and completed Phases I and II of Marquette University’s Parish Nurse Preparation Institute in 1999 as well as the Duke Divinity School Health Ministries Leadership course, in June, ‘09.

For HMA Sharon has served as a Board member holding various offices from President, Vice President and Chair of Chapter Development and locally, founded the Southwest Ohio Chapter of HMA in 1994 where she also held numerous offices. She was the co-chair of the 2001 national conference and 2 other regional conferences in ’04 and ‘09. Sharon is a lifetime member of HMA and was the recipient of their 2009 Wilkerson-Droege Award for “creative leadership, compassionate ministry, and visionary faithfulness to the faith/health movement.”

As a speaker and consultant, Sharon has presented the concept of Health Ministries at local, regional and national conferences, including HMA. She has also served as a Health Ministry Development mentor to organizations (hospitals, health departments, seminaries and universities, etc.) in Ohio, Kentucky and Nevada. Sharon was inducted into The Carroll High School (Dayton) Alumni Hall of Fame in 2010 recognizing her work in Health Ministries and was her hospital’s nominee for Healthcare Worker of the Year for the State of Ohio in 2015.

For her church Sharon has served numerous terms on the Parish Pastoral Council at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. She is a member of their Health Ministries Commission and is a team member for their Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

She and husband Larry reside in Dayton, Ohio and have three grown children and three grandchildren.