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Felicia has over 25 years' experience in nursing, with a background in longterm care, psychiatric nursing, surgery, higher education, family practice, and health ministry. In 2010, she began her work in health ministry, as part of her doctoral studies. While exploring the role of the advanced practice nurse in the faith community, she began serving as a health ministry leader at her local church in Indianapolis, IN. She completed the foundations course and was commissioned as a faith community nurse in 2012. She was later asked to serve on the Parish Nursing/Health Ministries Committee for the United Methodist Church in Indiana Conference. Felicia became board certified as a faith community nurse in 2014. She served patients as an unpaid nurse practitioner in a free clinic based out of the St Thomas Episcopal Church in Franklin, IN from 2012-2015. After moving to Terre Haute, IN in 2015, she started the process of conducting a health needs assessment in her local church as the foundation for building a health ministry program there. She is employed full-time at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College as an Associate Professor and Family Nurse Practitioner program director. Additionally, she sees patients part-time as a family nurse practitioner delivering primary care throughout Indiana.

Felicia's numerous poster and podium presentations have focused on assessing osteoporotic fracture risk, adult back pain, a new diagnosis toolkit, using personal experience to drive innovation and evidence-based inquiry, basic assessment skills and behavioral changes in the elderly, preceptorship and mentorship for nursing students, challenges of preceptorship, self-care, and screening for mental health and substance abuse. Her journal publications have focused on numerous health conditions addressed in primary care. She is frequently invited to present about maternal and child health topics. Recently, she co-authored a chapter in faith community nursing textbook published in 2019 focused on the faith community nurse with advanced graduate education. Additionally, she has been on numerous medical, evangelical, and vision mission trips to El Salvador and Mexico over the past decade.

Felicia is a member of Health Ministry Association, the Indiana Center for Parish Nursing, American Nurses Association, and the Indiana State Nurses Association as well as the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses of Indiana, Indiana League for Nursing, and the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

Felicia is a member of HMA's FCN Society and served on the task force for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the FCN Scope and Standards of Practice. Felicia continues to be active on the HMA's Marketing and Guidance Committee and joined the Board as the Director for Practice and Education in January 2017.

Felicia lives in Terre Haute, IN with her "sweet old man"—a 14-year-old maltese named Murphy. She enjoys traveling, reading, movies, and spending time by the pool (with sunscreen!) in the summertime.