

History of HMA – Over Twenty Years of Leadership!

Brief History of the Health Ministries Association 1989 - 2013

During the 1960 - 1970's the Rev. Dr. Granger Westberg, a hospital chaplain and medical school professor began the establishment of holistic care clinics in churches, staffed by a physician, nurse, social worker and pastoral counselor. In the early 1980's the concept of the parish nurse began. By 1986, special training programs were established at the Lutheran Hospital, Park Ridge, IL and the Lutheran Hospital, Des Moines, IA. Through its corporate structure, Lutheran General Hospital System formed programs for congregational partnerships and established the Parish Nurse Resource Center.... An advisory committee began exploring the establishment of a membership organization to further promote the concept of health ministries/parish nursing.

September 28, 1989

The Health Ministries Association was established at a meeting prior to the annual Parish Nurse Resource Center's annual conference in Chicago, IL. "We are thrilled to know that the Church is finally becoming aware of the tremendous potential in giving leadership to the whole field of preventive medicine, or what might be better called *"Wellness Care."*" (Westberg; Connections; Vol.1 #1, Aug. 1989)

December 28, 1989

The Health Ministries Association (HMA) was incorporated as a non-profit organization In Iowa.

1st Annual Meeting/Conference/1990

"We Need Each Other's Time, Energy & Enthusiasm to Continue to Build our Association", Northbrook, IL

HMA receives 3-yr Kellogg Foundation Grant through the Northwest Aging Association. (Iowa) to: Begin a Health Ministries Association, establish staff; and begin national and regional programming to further the concept of parish nursing/health ministries.

Mary Ellen Dyche, RN and Rev. David Carlson were appointed co-directors.

HMA received a three year "seed" grant from the Wheat Ridge Foundation to begin 70 health ministries programs in congregations.

2nd Annual Meeting/Conference/1991

The Mission of HMA is to enable individual and congregations to cooperate for new visions for healing and the desired harmony of body, mind and spirit.

- Logo adopted
- Chapter development authorized

3rd Annual Meeting/Conference/1992

"Impacting the Future". Wheat Ridge Foundation, Minneapolis, MN

4th Annual Meeting/Conference/1993

Carter Center, Atlanta, GA

5th Annual Meeting/Conference/1994

"Health Ministries 2000", Arrowhead Springs, CA

HMA participated in Invitational Colloquium sponsored by the National Parish Nurse Resource Center, *Assuring Viability for the Future: Guideline Development for PN Education Programs*

Inter-faith Position Paper adopted. *The basis for our unity as an inter-faith organization is a common understanding of the importance of spirituality for health.*

(Marsha Fowler, Thomas Droege)

6th Annual Meeting/Conference/1995

"Reclaiming Creation", Lake Junaluska, NC

7th Annual Meeting/Conference/1996

"Faith and Health: Many Tradition, One God", Loyola University, Chicago, IL

8th Annual Meeting/Conference/1997

"Break Forth into Joy", Colorado Springs, CO

9th Annual Meeting/Conference/1998

"Let the Spirit of God Flow: A Gathering at Three Rivers", Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

Parish Nursing granted Specialty Status by American Nurses Ass. (ANA)

ANA publishes HMA's *"Scope and Standards of Parish Nursing Practice"*

10th Annual Meeting/Conference/1999

"Whole Person, Whole People, Wholeness in Diversity",

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

HMA admitted to ANA/Nursing Organizations Liaison Forum (NOLF) and the National Federation for Specialty Nursing Organizations (NFSNO)

11th Annual Meeting/Conference/2000

"Dimensions of Leadership: Opening the Door Through Health Ministries", Camp Allen, TX

12th Annual Meeting/Conference/2001

"Understanding Health Ministries: Awake to the Call", Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

13th Annual Meeting/Conference/2002

"Living Your Call to Health Ministries", Asilomar, CA

14th Annual Meeting/Conference/2003

"Making a Difference through Health Ministries",

King of Prussia, PA

15th Annual Meeting/Conference/2004

“Many Faces...Many Ways: Cultural and Racial Diversity”, Seattle, WA
Health Ministries Journal begins publications

16th Annual Meeting/Conference/2005

“Building Bridges through Health Ministries”, Omaha, NE
Scope & Standards of Parish Nursing is revised and republished as *“Scope and Standard of Faith Community Nursing”* Edited 4/21/10

17th Annual Meeting/Conference/2006

“Faithful Leadership: Transforming Ministry, Health and Community”, Duke University, Durham, NC. *“Connections”* becomes HMA Today

18th Annual Meeting/ Conference/2007

“Navigating the River: Journey with us Through Health Ministries’ Healthy Waters”, San Antonio, TX

19th Annual Meeting/Conference/2008

“The Healing Power of Gratitude...” Irvine, CA

20th Anniversary Year/2009

Celebrating with Regional Conferences: *“Vital Partners in Shaping a Healthier Future”*

Covington, KY – June 3, 4 & 5

Sacramento, CA – June 12 & 13

Detroit, MI – September 11 & 12

Henderson, NC – November 9 - 11

Health Ministries Association National Summit/2010

June 13 - 15, Mercy Center Burlingame, Burlingame CA

A Gathering of National Leaders in Health Ministries and Faith Community Nursing

Health Ministries Association Nation Summit II/2011

“Mobilizing Health Ministry for the 21st Century”

June 26 – 28, Techny, IL

20th Annual Meeting/Conference/2012

“Faith Communities: Claiming a Pivotal Role in Health Care”

June 3 – 5, Nashville, TN

21st Annual Meeting/Conference/2013

“Faith Communities: Building Collaborative Engagement Models for Health”

June 10 – 12, South Lake Tahoe, NV