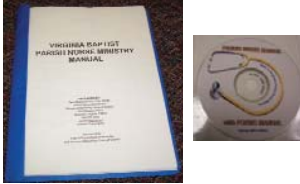


RESOURCES

Virginia Baptist Parish Nurse Ministry
Manual and CD (includes Forms Manual).
Contact WMUV.



Catalog of Resources
International Parish Nurse Resource Center
205 W. Touchy Avenue, Suite 124
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068
800/556-5368

Congregational Health
Journal of Christian Nursing, Winter 1997
P. O. Box 7895
Madison, WI 53707-7895

Health Ministries Association. National
Organization of Parish Nurses, P. O. Box 7853,
Huntington Beach, CA 92646, 714/985-0085,
800/852-5613

Parish Nurse Consultants
Trained practicing parish nurses throughout
Virginia provided by Baptist Nurse Fellowship and
WMUV

Parish Nursing by
Ann-Wolari-Twadell and Mary Ann McDermott
1999, SAGE Publications, Inc.
2455 Teller Road
Thousand Oaks, California 91320
Email: order@sagepub.com ISBN 0-7619-1183-9

Scope and Standards of Parish Nursing Practice
Health Ministries Association
P. O. Box 7853
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
714/985-0085, 800/852-5613

A Ministry of

Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia
P. O. Box 8435
Richmond, VA 23226
804/915-5000 or 800/255-2428
Email: wmuva@wmu-va.org
www.wmu-va.org

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Parish Nursing



***Ministering to the physical,
emotional and spiritual health of the
church family and community***



PHILOSOPHY OF PARISH NURSING

PARISH NURSING is an American Nurses Association Professional Speciality Practice of Nursing that is grounded in the concept that physical health is an interplay of body, mind and spirit.

Parish Nursing is biblically-based. In New Testament accounts of Jesus, more is told of his healing attitude and actions than other facets of his ministry.

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (Matthew 4:23 NIV)

He sent his followers out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. (Luke 9:2 NIV)

Baptist Nursing Fellowship believes that the association and church ministry team should include a professional health ministry member.

Our present mobile society needs support systems. Health professionals within the congregation can use the knowledge and skills to improve the level of the caring community of the church, as well as provide an environment for discussion about moral and ethical issues of health.

Significance of the Logo

The circle symbolizes well-being, wholeness, the eternal God. The Cross, the symbol of healing, is made from the tau, the first letter of the Greek word for God. It calls to mind God's great love in the gift of Jesus Christ. If shown in color, the cross is red, signifying the blood of Christ. The olive branches, in green, are symbols of shalom, peace and wholeness, as well as new life. They also remind us of olive oil, the primary medicine of Biblical times. The symbols rest on a white background, symbolizing the purity of Christ.

PARISH NURSE ROLES

- ◆ Health educator
- ◆ Personal health consultant
- ◆ Referral source and liaison with community resources
- ◆ Facilitator/teacher of volunteers
- ◆ Interpreter of the relationship between faith and health

The Parish Nurse's roles do not include anything that requires a physician's order, anything that requires intervention where a home health or other agency can provide services and anything without a spiritual focus.

VISION FOR PARISH NURSING FROM THE BAPTIST PERSPECTIVE

The Parish Nurse promotes wellness and disease prevention of the congregation by:

- ◆ Organizing health fairs, blood pressure screenings, health promotion seminars and programs;
- ◆ Enlisting members' participation in WMUV ministry projects;
- ◆ Visiting members with health problems to identify concerns or the need for referral for other agency or professional help;
- ◆ Offering training and affirmation to care givers and assistance to persons who have had recent hospitalization;
- ◆ Coordinating a church care team for persons with long-term illnesses;
- ◆ Providing opportunities for outreach through support groups open to non-church members;
- ◆ Educating the congregation on moral-ethical health issues.

STEPS IN DEVELOPING A PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

1. Pray for the ministry and nurses to sense a call to parish nurse ministry.
2. Obtain a Virginia Baptist Parish Nurse Ministry Manual and Forms Manual.
3. Talk with a trained parish nurse consultant from WMUV.
4. Establish a learning situation for church staff, nurses in the congregation, or the congregation as a whole.
 - a. Gather printed information for the study.
 - b. Do a preliminary assessment of needs.
 - c. Distribute bibliography (see back).
5. Follow up with:
 - a. Bible studies on Jesus' model of health care of the whole person.
 - b. a churchwide seminar on parish nursing.
6. Lead the church to create a Health Ministry Committee. Tasks of the Committee would include:
 - a. continuing assessment of needs a parish nurse would address in the church family;
 - b. studying model options for your church's Parish Nurse program.
 - c. defining the church's parish nurse ministry;
 - d. determining compensation and/or support budget;
 - e. keeping congregation informed on progress.
7. Contact church's liability insurance company and notify of desire for a parish nurse ministry .
8. Develop a parish nurse model to fit your church and select a parish nurse or nurses. Keep it simple, start slow and add on after success with an initial focus. Expect a full year before the ministry is established and ready for evaluation.
9. Provide for specialized training in parish nursing for the nurse or nurses who will coordinate the church program.
10. Contact the WMUV Parish Nurse Coordinator with any questions.