

# **Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities**

## **FACT SHEET**

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**The Faith Community Nurse Network (FCNN) is a private, nonprofit service agency led by and for faith community nurses of all faith traditions in the Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, area.**

### **HISTORY:**

Founded in 2003 by faith community nurses and the Hennepin County Human Services & Public Health Department.

### **MISSION AND GOALS:**

**To champion faith community nursing in the Greater Twin Cities by**

- ▼ Providing professional nursing education workshops and seminars to enhance nursing practice;
- ▼ Connecting faith community nurses to community resources and services;
- ▼ Securing funds for program and project grants to address community health problems and issues;
- ▼ Launching new faith community nursing programs in low-income, emerging congregations;
- ▼ Nurturing and sustaining faith community nursing leaders and mentors;
- ▼ Sponsoring and encouraging faith community nursing research; and
- ▼ Promoting faith community nurses as a vital public resource.

### **WHO FCNN SERVES:**

- ▼ Nearly 400 faith community nurses provide professional services through more than 210 faith communities.
- ▼ Active faith community nursing programs have a reach of 250,000 people.
- ▼ FCNN serves nurses located in nine metro counties: Hennepin, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Washington, Ramsey, Chisago, Washington and Scott.

### **PROGRAMS & ACCOMPLISHMENT:**

- ▼ Provides 12 units of professional nursing education annually through four free workshops;
- ▼ Created the “Annette Langdon Faith Community Nursing Collection” in the Hennepin County Library system;
- ▼ Developed an active network of more than 400 faith community nurses;
- ▼ Commissioned a comprehensive survey of metro-area faith community nurses to identify nurses’ current practices and needs;
- ▼ Awarded more than \$37,000 in project grants and \$5,000 in program launching grants to faith community programs;

- ▼ Collaborated with state and local governments to distribute more than 45 computers to faith community nursing programs;
- ▼ Supported and facilitated multiple faith community nursing research projects;
- ▼ Coordinated student mentorship programs with area schools of nursing;
- ▼ Created the [www.fcnnctc.org](http://www.fcnnctc.org) website; and
- ▼ Presented accomplishments to numerous local, state and national meetings.

**LEADERSHIP:**

Led by a 13-member, interfaith Board of Directors; the majority are faith community nurses.

**SUPPORTERS:**

Contributors include Hennepin County Human Services & Public Health Dept (HSPHD); Metropolitan Health Plan (MHP); Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches; Otto Bremer Foundation; and individuals, including all Board members

Community partners include Lyngblomsten Parish Nurse Program, HealthEast Parish Nurse Network, TRUST, Inc., Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Jewish Family & Children's Service of Minneapolis and NORC, State of Minnesota Departments of Health and Department of Human Services, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, Metro State University School of Nursing, and others.

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**POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ▼ Faith community nurses reach up to 250,000 people in the Twin Cities, serving more than 200 ELCA, Catholic, Methodist, Evangelical Free, Evangelical Covenant, Baptist, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, MN State Baptist, Ethiopian Orthodox, Jewish, Baptist General Conference, and Muslim congregations.
- ▼ Research indicates cost savings of \$3.5 million based on 1,000 interventions with seniors by faith community nurses.
- ▼ The term faith community nurse is interchangeable with parish nurse and congregational nurse.

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