

SC Faith Community Nurses Association

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A Note from the President

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Summer has arrived! It is hard to believe that this year is already half over. There are some special programs and opportunities coming up for Faith Community Nurses and Health Ministries and this issue will highlight several of them.

We hosted a very successful Foundations Course for Faith Community Nurses in May and are excited about these nurses establishing their practices. The new year will continue to bring many challenges as the Affordable Care Act becomes implemented in our nation. Faith Communities have an important role to play in educating our congregations and helping to promote health and wellness.

The SCFCNA is here to assist you in any way we can to help meet your many challenges.

Please visit our website at <http://www.scfcna.com> for the latest information on upcoming events. ■

Mission Statement

The mission of the South Carolina Faith Community Nurses Association is to encourage and support the development and sustainability of faith community nurses and health ministries throughout the state of South Carolina.

Annual SCFCNA Conference: Spirituality and Resiliency; Fostering Resiliency in Others and Ourselves

On **Saturday, August 10, 2013**, the SCFCNA's Annual Conference will be held at Northeast Presbyterian Church, 601 Polo Road in Columbia.

The conference is open to all interested in faith community nursing and health ministry workers, to include nurses, chaplains, pastors, health promoters, and lay ministers.

The featured speaker is **Dr. Alexis Smith**, an ordained chaplain and serves at Wesley Long Hospital in Cone Health Systems in Greensboro, NC. She is the author of several publications and completed a research study on "Finding Meaning and Hope in Situations of Suffering and Loss".

Dr. Smith will present three sessions on the topic of resiliency and spirituality. Session 1 will explain the concepts of resiliency and spirituality in facing death and dying. Session 2 will compare and contrast factors that support resilience with those that work against it and apply this knowledge to foster development of the supportive factors in self. In addition, Session 3 will encourage the telling and connecting of personal stories in healing ways to facilitate the development of resiliency. Each session will include exercises using assessment tools to support the concepts presented.

A pre-conference session will be held for those participants interested in beginning a ministry and will give tips on how to start a successful Faith Community Nursing Ministry.

Registration details can be found on the website (www.scfcna.com) . Payment can be made on the website using Pay Pal. CE credit will be provided to nurses attending the conference.

Time to Collect Annual Dues

The annual dues for the SCFCNA are \$20 per calendar year from January – December. Members of the organization get special price breaks on conferences, are provided advanced announcements of educational offerings as well as assist the organization to promote the practice of Faith Community Nursing. We need your support! Do not delay in paying your dues.

You may now pay your annual dues online using Pay Pal or other major credit cards. Go to our website, www.scfcna.com and click on membership. ■

July 9, 2013 Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the SCFCNA will be held **Tuesday, July 9** at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, 4201 N. Main Street in Columbia from 11:00 am – 2 pm. The speaker for this meeting is **Dr. Dena Rapp**, founder of Rivers of Justice. Her presentation, entitled, **“Hidden in Plain View”** will feature information on the Human Sex Trafficking of children right here in our state. You will not want to miss this presentation. Please remember to bring a bag lunch to the meeting as there are no eating facilities nearby.

“But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40: 31 (ESV)

SCFCNA Granted 501-c-3 Not-for-Profit status with IRS

The SCFCNA is pleased to announce that the Internal Revenue Service has approved the application for 501-c-3 tax exempt status for the SCFCNA.

This designation will assist the organization in applying for grants as well as make all gifts and contributions to the organization tax deductible as allowed by law.

We appreciate your support as we strive to create healthy congregations and communities.

Upcoming Events

July 9 – Quarterly meeting of SCFCNA; 11:00 a – 2:00 p; Harbison Room, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia

August 10 – SCFCNA Annual Conference, “Spirituality and Resiliency”; Northeast Presbyterian Church, 601 Polo Road, Columbia

October 8 – SCFCNA Quarterly meeting, 11:00 am- 2:00 pm ; Harbison Room, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia

October 21-22 – CHMP Fall Retreat; Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC ; “Rejuvenating Self-Care: Creating and Maintaining Meaningful Caregiving Relationships” with Jim and Jean Pruett.

Katora Campbell Takes New Leadership Position

Our loss is the Church Health Center's gain. Dr. Katora Campbell has been designated as the Director of Faith Community Outreach for the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Prior to moving to Memphis to take on this very challenging and important role, Katora was Director of the Midlands Partnership in Columbia. She and her staff have served numerous congregations and have made a significant impact on the health of our local citizens. She has also been a vital part of our SC Faith Community Nurses Association and before that an organizing member of the FCN Network in our state. Katora is well known in the national sphere of our ministry as well, serving as an officer in HMA and regional leadership positions. Katora was recognized as a Palmetto Gold Nurse in 2011.

We wish her well in all her new endeavors and are pleased that "one of our own" is now making a name for herself in a national organization. You can review the website for the Church Health Center at www.parishnurses.org and access some helpful information for use in faith community nursing and health ministries.
