

South Carolina Faith Community Nurses Association

President's Report on 2023 Activities

In 2023 the SCFCNA held quarterly meetings at First Baptist Church in Irmo where we provided CE credit for the educational offering. These meetings were held in person and virtually to allow for the attendance of more members.

- In January, we had a presentation on Grief Share provided by Wendy Bobadilla and Renatta Loquist. This presentation gave an overview of the program and tips on how to use it in the members' congregations.
- In April, the presentation was provided by Marisette Hasan and focused on End of Life Care Decisions and Planning Strategies. This presentation provided objectives, strategies and steps for Faith and Community engagement in advanced care planning.
- In July, Jenais Y. Means, presented information on, "Creating Pathways for Spiritual Growth", and included exercises and group activities. She generated suggestions from the group about how we can incorporate new, inclusive, and supportive practices for our organization.
- In August, we had our annual conference which was set up as a retreat entitled "Come to the Well" and focused on renewal, reconnecting, refreshment, and revival. With emphasis on self-care and resiliency.
- In October, we had a presentation regarding the activities and resources available through the Big Red Barn which provides care and support for military personnel and first responders.

The SCFCNA will be offering a foundations course in 2024 to provide nurses with training in the scope and practice of Faith Community Nursing. More information is provided below.

The SCFCNA has also participated as a vendor for the South Carolina Student Nurses Convention and the South Carolina Nurses Convention.

SCFCNA nominated one of its members for the Palmetto Gold Award and supported the Palmetto Gold Program with an advertisement in the annual publication.

The SCFCNA has provided quarterly articles for the SCNA newsletter which included the activities of the members in their faith communities. As part of the underpinnings of the organization, meetings of the executive board, board of directors and education team were conducted throughout the year. The membership has increased to 56 faith community nurses in 2023, and we are interested in discovering other nurses who have ministries in their faith communities as well as health ministry leaders and pastors.

Faith Community Nurses Build Healthy Congregations

An important objective of the SCFCNA is offering support and networking to members. Sharing our initiatives and programs is one way we encourage one another. Below is a brief description

of the many ways Faith Community Nurses are making a difference in their communities to build healthy congregations.

- **Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Mary Ellen Haile, Contact at marvellen6313@gmail.com)**
Establishment of Care Teams to support families dealing with a health crisis or chronic illness; programs to assist with selecting senior living arrangements and other family issues.
- **Pisgah Lutheran Church (Virginia Bishop)**
Health and wellness classes, Yoga instruction, walking club, exercise room, nutrition education.
All Saints Anglican Church, Florence (Marie Saleeby and Marty Hucks)Flu shot clinic, blood pressure screenings, nutrition education, consultation room, End of Life Planning education.
- **Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Camden, SC (Debbie Herman, FCN)**
Monthly health information in church bulletin, healthy snacks in SS classes, annual blood drive, visitation of members in homes and facilities,
- **Lake Murray Baptist Church, Lexington (Melody Hefline)**
Emergency Response Team during worship services, visitation teams, bereavement meals ministry, card ministry, transportation ministry, health fairs for community participation in conjunction with Lexington Presbyterian Church.
- **Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church Garden City, Debra Moynihan, WHNP-BC, FCN, MSN**
Provide educational material in weekly church bulletin, host blood drives, diabetes prevention program, Yoga classes, community health fair annually, COVID-19 vaccine clinics, Dealing with Dementia support group, domestic Violence healing service, visitation team for shut ins, CPR and AED classes.
- **St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Wendy Bobadilla, RN**
Yoga classes, Tai Chi classes, health education, visitation, health screenings, CPR classes, AED classes, Medicare Workshop.

New Officers Elected to SCFCNA Board of Directors

President – Anita Boland, RN, MSN

Secretary – Ros Squirewell, RN, MN

Treasurer – B.J. Roof, RN, MN

Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2024

Meetings are open to anyone interested in learning more about the Faith Community Nursing practice as well as members of the organization. Educational offerings are held during each meeting and CEUs may be earned by members of the organization. Membership applications

are available on-line at www.scfcna.com. Meetings are held in person and online by zoom from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm.

DATES:

January 9, 2024, April 9, 2024, July 9, 2024, October 8, 2024.

The annual retreat will be held **August 9, 2024** and details will be forthcoming closer to that date.

Faith Community Nursing Foundations Course

Course Goal: To gain the foundational principles and practices of health ministry and faith community nursing in order to prepare the registered nurse to function as a faith community nurse within the context of a faith community or in other community settings.

VIRTUAL FORMAT VIA ZOOM

**TUESDAY EVENINGS
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
JANUARY 9TH through MARCH 12TH
2024**

Application has been submitted for 36.5 contact hours through AnMed. AnMed is an approved provider of nursing continuing education by the South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Expires October 12, 2024.

This class for licensed registered nurses will use individualized learning assignments, seminars, and application workshops to enhance learning.

***** Pre-course independent study assignments are to be submitted on the first day of the course.**

Course Registration Fee: \$250

Participants will be responsible for the purchase of the required texts

Required Texts:

Foundations of Faith

Community Nursing: Participant Guide(2019 Edition). Church Health Center of Memphis Inc. Developed by Westberg Institute of Faith Community Nursing-A Ministry of Church Health.

Complete registration form and mail with payment to the address below.

Registration Deadline: January 2nd, 2024.

Please contact Amy Goodson at amyg524@gmail.com or Donna Kleister at donna.kleister@gmail.com for questions about registration