

What is the Congregational Nurse Program?

As recently as a hundred years ago, Christian churches were leaders in the health field, building the finest hospitals in the world and educating thousands of religiously motivated women as nurses.

Today, Scientific medicine, aware of its limitations, is looking for assistance in preventive medicine, in health education and in helping to motivate people to care for their own health.

Registered nurses, trained in Congregational Nursing, provide care for the spiritual, emotional, social and physical needs of people.

Emphasizing the holistic approach, the ministry is based on the belief that physical

health is related to spiritual wholeness and the church is a place where people can experience healing.

Following the example of Jesus, the Nurse, who becomes an integral part of the life and ministry of the church assists the congregation in moving out from the worship experience to minister personally to human needs in the name of Christ.



What is the Role of a Congregational Nurse?

The Congregational Nurse joins the Pastor and the Ministry Team in leading people toward wholeness in their lives and supports the church minister in situations that require health care knowledge.

The Congregational Nurse serves as a *Health Educator*, *Personal Health Counselor*, *Referral Resource* and *Trainer of Volunteers*. The Nurse supports the message that God desires us to Care for our bodies and live healthy.

How Are YOU Involved in the Program?

The Church will select a Health Ministry Team to work with the Nurse in identifying needs and planning programs for the congregation.

The Nurse will also ask for various volunteer groups within the congregation to be trained to assist with a variety of ministries.

The success of the program will depend upon a harmonious relationship between the ministerial staff, the Nurse, the Health Ministry Team and the Congregation.

Philosophy

Health is a process that includes the spiritual, psychological, physical and social dimensions of a person.

Congregational Nursing strengthens the individuals capacity to become active in the management of their personal health resources.

Congregational Nursing empowers the congregation to recognize and utilize their gifts in meeting the health care needs of others.



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