

## Faith Community Nursing Professional Organizations

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**Westberg Institute** (WI), formally the Internationally Parish Nurse Resource Center.–Web site- <https://westberginstitute.org/> WI is a ministry of Church Health. As a leader in faith community nursing (FCN) education, consultation, and research for over 30 years, the Westberg Institute serves health ministry programs worldwide. Its mission is to promote the development of high-quality outcomes-based FCN practice as part of an overall health ministry program.

- They host the annual **Westberg Symposium** in spring.
- They publish *Perspectives* <https://www.cambeywest.com/subscribe2/?p=per&f=paid> for as little as \$12.00 annually for digital copies. Perspectives is a quarterly newsletter for faith community nurses with research news, educational articles, and practical stories about the difference faith community nursing makes. Subscriber also receive on-line access to the *Perspectives* archives.
- WI developed and provides the electronic platform *Yammer*, a Microsoft based networking website that is accessible from any computer, tablet, or smartphone. Currently, there are more than 1,100 FCNs using the site to discuss health topics ranging from diabetes to heart disease and everything in between. Over 70 groups focusing on denomination, location, or general interest topics have been formed since its launch. There is no cost to participant but you must register. Fill out the form at <https://form.jotform.us/71555480094156> to join.
- They have authored and maintain the Faith Community Nursing Foundation's Course for FCNs. This is an evidenced-based course provided to thousands of registered nurses nationally and internationally, who want to function in the role as a FCN. Search on <https://westberginstitute.org/foundations-of-faith-community-nursing/> for listings of where courses are being held.
- FCN Position Statements are answers to frequently asked questions about the practice of faith community nursing. The position statements are free and accessible to all housed in the files of the *Research Group* on *Yammer*.
- Westberg Institute also offers a variety of resources for the practicing faith community nurse in their bookstore

**Faith Community Nurse International** (FCNI) –Web site- <https://www.fcniinternational.org/> FCNI is the international professional membership organization for **faith community nurses**.

The vision of FCNI is to create a vibrant global network of Faith Community Nurses. There is an annual membership fee.

- FCNI offers a free open-access research journal for faith community nurses called The *International Journal of Faith Community Nurses*. It is free and available at <https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/ijfcn/>
- FCNI has an active committee of FCN researchers. They provide free consultations on FCN research and keep current the **FCN Citation List** of literature (currently 42 pages). The **Research Committee** members currently meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 11am (CDT). Contact [dziebarth@herzing.edu](mailto:dziebarth@herzing.edu)

**Health Ministry Association** (HMA) –Web site- <https://hmassoc.org/>

The HMA encourages, supports and empowers those who integrate faith with the promotion of health and wholeness in local communities. Membership is made up of **health ministers, faith community nurses, clergy, chaplains, faculty, and program leaders**. There is an annual membership.

- HMA Annual Conference
- FCN scope and Standards were created through a relationship with the American Nurses Association. They are revised every 5 years.
- Newsletter