Health Ministry

Developing your congregation as a center for Healing and Wholeness

Health Ministry at Adventist Healthcare
The Adventist HealthCare Health Ministry Department promotes wholeness and healthy lifestyles through congregational health ministries. Through educational training and support, congregations of all faiths and religious affiliations learn how to develop a successful health ministry.

• Assists faith communities in developing a strong and effective health ministry by providing several training opportunities such as the fall and winter classes of the Health Ministry Team Building course, and the Faith Community Nursing Basic Preparation Course offered in the Summer.

• Provides assessment tools for congregational use

• Assists faith communities in developing support groups, wellness program, and a new vision for health ministry providing the framework for congregations to become a center for healing and wholeness.

• Offers health awareness assistance through a variety of services including health screening classes, workshops, support groups and flu shot clinics.

• Offers on-going support to health ministry leaders and faith community nurses through bi-monthly network meetings, faith community nursing retreats and other continuing education programs.

• Offer one on one mentoring for faith community nurses and health ministry leaders.

• Extends an invitation for you to schedule a visit to our office at any time to speak one on one to a health ministry or faith community nurse coordinator.
The integrated Health Ministry Team concept was initiated by Adventist HealthCare to assist each congregation to discover its role in health ministry, build health into the life of the congregation, and sustain those efforts through a team approach. The training programs offered by Adventist HealthCare prepare Faith Community Nurses and Health Ministers to facilitate health topics and programs which address the individual member’s health concerns, as well as the health interests of the congregation.

Classes are taught from a Judeo-Christian foundation and include all faiths, which care for themselves and others as a response to God’s love.

The ultimate goal of health ministry is to equip each member to incorporate whole-person health principles and experience the abundant life promised by God - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.
HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM BUILDING

Health ministry can begin in a congregation under the leadership of a motivated appointed leader with a vision of health and wholeness (ideally but not exclusively a Parish/Faith Community Nurse). Volunteers with interests in health promotion, and members of the health board, are trained to learn the key elements for successful health awareness campaigns and lifestyle change program planning. Health promotion efforts can be tailored for programs which meet the needs of each congregation and representative age groups. Adventist HealthCare holds Health Ministry Team Building and follow-up support sessions throughout the year.

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FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING (Parish Nursing)

Faith Community Nursing formerly called Parish Nursing, an advanced practice in the nursing profession, utilizes the knowledge and skills of a registered nurse to develop the health ministry of the congregation for whole person health – body, mind, and spirit. The Faith Community Nurse employs her skills across the age span of the congregation to integrate faith and health, and promote wellness. Volunteers who share the passion and vision for whole person health join together with the Parish Nurse in a health board to develop meaningful health ministries for their congregation. The Faith Community Nursing Course offered by Adventist HealthCare is a 40-hr intensive course which prepares the nurse to assume the role of a faith community/parish nurse and begin a health ministry program.

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For dates and registration information see contact numbers on the back
We serve primarily the geographical locations of Montgomery, Frederick, and Prince Georges Counties, but will also assist in lower Howard County, Washington, DC or other areas upon request and availability of resources.

For more information about our program and trainings or to learn more about Health Ministry and Faith Community Nursing contact one of our coordinators:

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The Health Ministry department shares Adventist Healthcare Mission to demonstrate God’s care by improving people and communities through a ministry of physical, mental, and spiritual healing.

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