Lord You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the Word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard.
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise—Life abundant meant for each.
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, May we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

by Jeffrey Rowthorn, Hope Publishing Co.

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34
Class size is limited to 20 participants.
Registration ends September 5th, 2017.
Cost: $395 for RNs inclusive of CEs.
Cost: $200 for non-RNs.
$50 early registration discount with full payment and postmarked by August 16th.
Pittsburgh Mercy employee discount.
Hybrid course: online modules and classroom presentations.
Limited, partial scholarships are available upon request.
Location: UPMC Mercy, Uptown.
Free parking and continental breakfast.
Call our office and ask about our church group rate for 3 or more participants.

- RNs will be commissioned as Faith Community Nurses, will receive a pin & 38 CEs.
- UPMC is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
- All other participants will be commissioned as Health Ministers and will receive a pin.
- For Application, please visit https://www.pittsburghmercy.org/parish-nurse-program/education-and-resources.aspx

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Churches are, and have always been, places of healing. Through communities of faith, we understand the meaning of wellness: harmony of body, mind, spirit and living in right relationship with God and with each other. Health ministry can make a difference in peoples’ lives through health promotion, illness recovery, and support during difficult seasons. With care and compassion one can reaffirm the church's role in ministering to the needs of individuals, families, and communities. Both nurses and lay persons can be called to serve as instruments for God’s healing touch.
To learn more visit Church Health Reader at: http://chreader.org/the-nature-of-care/
25th Annual Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Symposium
Saturday, October 28, 2017   9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Celebrating Health Ministry—
Our Past, Present and Future
Sister M. Ferdinand Clark Auditorium
UPMC Mercy
1400 Locust Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Keynote Speaker: Marlene Feagan, MA, BSN, RN-BC
President of the Health Ministries Association, Inc.

Join us for the 25th year Milestone Celebration of Health Ministry in the Pittsburgh area. Discover the roots of health ministry, witness the reward of service, and grasp the dynamic vision for the future. Health Ministry stands on the frontline of well-being and healing for many at risk. Explore important health care trends of wholistic care, cultural competency, diversity appreciation, complex community needs, addiction, pain management, and behavioral health. Learn insight, direction, tools and application to practice for the changing landscape of health concerns.

Continuing education (3 CEs) will be offered to registered nurses. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation (ANCC). UPMC and American Nurses Credentialing Center do not endorse any commercial products as a result of the CE activity. More details coming soon on our website!

Registration is accepted by U.S. Mail only. Seating capacity is limited. Early registration is encouraged. The deadline to register is Friday, October 13, 2017.

Registration form available on pp. 9 & 10 of this newsletter.

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”
Romans 12:11 (NIV)

Target Audience
Faith community nurses, registered nurses, health ministers, physicians, clergy, social workers, licensed professional counselors, other health care professionals, others interested in promoting whole-person health, healthcare educators, undergraduate nursing students, and seminarians.
Used By God

_A Letter from Our Heavenly Father_

I can always use you to be a blessing to others. I want you to have an open and willing heart to help others when I need you to—it is vital to living out My purposes for your life. Nothing will bring you greater joy than being used by Me, so be ready to be a vessel of My glory.

Life can take some very unexpected turns that leave people in a state of confusion and drive them into a deep pit of despair. I have given you everything you need, and I want you to reach out to others, giving them the same hope you have in Me. It won’t always be easy. Despair causes deep doubt. You will need to stand firm in your own faith and provide strength for those who are weary.

You must rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you, to give you the strength and resources you need to help others in their time of need. Don’t be overwhelmed and resist helping because you feel inadequate or because your own problems are too overwhelming to help others.

I will be all you need. Focus on the needs of others and I will take care of yours.

From _He Whispers Your Name_ by Cherie Hill  ISBN 978-1-4321-1778-8

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in various forms.”

_1 Peter 4:10  NIV_
Electronic Documentation System for Faith Community Nurses
from the Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Program

This user-friendly electronic program was designed by FCNs, rigorously tested by FCNs, and is now in use by FCNs nationally. This documentation system offers the following:

* **Documents client problems easily** by using a concise list built-in to the system with drop-down boxes (physical, mental, spiritual, social, financial and relational areas)

* **Rates the problem** initially and at follow-up assessments using a 1-5 scale

* **Demonstrates the outcomes** of your parish nurse interventions creating customized reports with ease

* **Includes many more useful features!**

Read more from the linked article in IPNRC’s Perspectives

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Contact us!

To receive a link to download the demo version or to set up an online meeting where we can personally demonstrate the system, email or call us.

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Pittsburgh Mercy Launches Integrated Care Pilot

In July, Pittsburgh Mercy, serving in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, and a member of Trinity Health, launched the first and only federally Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in Southwestern Pennsylvania. This federally funded, two-year demonstration project is part of a new, comprehensive, national effort. It aims to integrate behavioral and physical health care, increase the consistent use of evidence-based practices, and improve access to high quality, community-based, behavioral health services for persons with mental health and substance use disorders (also known as addictions) and other vulnerable populations.

CCBHCs offer nine essential services to anyone in need, regardless of ability to pay:

- Mental health crisis services
- Screening, assessment (including risk assessment), and diagnosis
- Person-centered and family-centered treatment planning
- Outpatient mental health and substance use (addiction) services
- Primary care screening and monitoring of health risks
- Targeted case management (service coordination) services
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services
- Peer and family supports and counseling services
- Intensive, community-based mental health care for active armed services members, veterans, and their families.

“The CCBHC was developed on the principles of excellence in mental health care. I can think of no better way for Pittsburgh Mercy to fulfill its mission and demonstrate its core values of reverence and community than by empowering those we serve to lead healthy, full lives in the community,” said Sister Susan Welsh, RSM, president and CEO of Pittsburgh Mercy.

For additional information: [https://www.pittsburghmercy.org/pdf/Pittsburgh_Mercy_CCBHC_NR_FINAL_06-29-17(1).pdf](https://www.pittsburghmercy.org/pdf/Pittsburgh_Mercy_CCBHC_NR_FINAL_06-29-17(1).pdf)
Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands
People in Need of Change Helping People
in Need of Change
Author: Paul David Tripp

Always searching for ways to increase our capacity as Faith Community Nurses, Health Ministers and Ministry Teams to serve God and others, this book came to our attention. As the summer wanes and our minds turn once again to venues of service, enhancing our toolbox becomes a common focus.

Paul David Tripp offers the reality of the Christian calling. God’s plan has never been to leave service to others solely to the trained ministers within the Church. As every part of the body of Christ has a perfect place and function, so does every person. Seeing the need for positive, healthy change, learning how to get to know people, and how to dynamically speak into their lives are key for creating growth and well-being. He states, "God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the lives of others".

Understanding the power of a purposeful life, building relationships, ministering to the body, mind, and spirit, recognizing suffering, and following the Wonderful Counselor, are ways to make a difference in our world, our Churches, and our communities—one person at a time.

Serving as an instrument of positive change runs deeper than a ‘band-aide’ fix. It transcends to heart changes—through loving, knowing, speaking, and doing. Join this amazing journey, transforming lives by sharing the struggle, easing the pain, and showing compassion. Each of us has unique, God-given talents to be honed and used for His perfect purpose in the lives of others.

Is Being a Faith Community Nurse or Health Minister Easy?
The answer may be NO. As Donna Marie White, DNP, RN shares in her article, Actively Involved?, we in health ministry are taught to provide wholistic care to our parishioners, but many of us are never taught how to provide spiritual care. Compassion should permeate every part of our lives and practice. But it is not always easy to portray a positive attitude. We need collaboration for resources, tools, and support. To access the entire article, visit the Journal of Christian Nursing at http://journals.lww.com/journalofchristiannursing/Fulltext/2017/07000/Actively_Involved_.1.aspx

“May the eyes of your heart be enlightened so that you will know the hope of His calling.”
Ephesians 1:18 NIV
 Wellness Ministry Coordinator  
in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Ingomar Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. is looking to fill their Wellness Ministry Coordinator position.
This role is responsible for helping to empower church and community members of all ages with access to information, skills, resources and spiritual strength in order to improve the quality of their health. This individual will become an advocate and facilitator in helping church members respond to the emotional and physical challenges of life and health events. To learn more about the part-time, exempt, salaried position, please email the Director of Administration, Mr. Chub Dietz, at cdietz@ingomarchurch.org

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For more information, visit http://hmassoc.org/news-events/upcoming-conference/

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We enjoy hearing from our E-Newsletter readers about your church ministries. Send an email with a short description of your church event and we will include it in our section “News from You!” If you like, include a photo of you at your event.

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Thank you.

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Health Observances
http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/default.aspx
See all monthly observances and tool kits too!

Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
Gastroparesis Awareness Month
National Breastfeeding Month
National Immunization Awareness Month
Psoriasis Awareness Month
1 - 7 World Breastfeeding Week
7 - 13 National Health Center Week
22 - 26 Contact Lens Health Week

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Eye Injury Prevention Month
Health Literacy Month
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
National Bullying Prevention Month
National Dental Hygiene Month
National Down Syndrome Awareness Month
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month
2 - 8 Mental Illness Awareness Week
21 National Check Your Meds Day

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Fruits & Veggies—More Matters ® Month
Healthy Aging ® Month
National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month
National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
National Pediculosis Prevention Month/Head Lice Prevention Month
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
Pain Awareness Month
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
Sepsis Awareness Month
World Alzheimer's Month
Sports Eye Safety Month
Whole Grains Month
10 - 16 National Suicide Prevention Week
13 National Celiac Disease Awareness Day
18 - 22 Malnutrition Awareness Week™
20 National School Backpack Awareness Day
22 Falls Prevention Awareness Day
24 Family Health & Fitness Day USA ®
25 National Women’s Health & Fitness Day
28 World Rabies Day
29 World Heart Day
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Mercy Health Center

1515 Locust Street, Suite 705

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Name ____________________________________________________________

First Name __ Middle Initial __ Last Name __________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

City __________________ State ____ ZIP _______ Telephone ___________

Email Address _________________________________________________

Name of Church or Organization __________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________

City __________________________________________________________

State _____ ZIP ______________

Denomination __________________________________________________

Your role within your church/organization (please check all that apply):

__ Clergy __ Social minister
__ Member/attendee __ Social worker
__ Health ministry coordinator RN __ Nursing student
__ Coordinator health minister __ Volunteer
__ Faith community nurse (volunteer) __ Pittsburgh Mercy employee
__ Faith community nurse (salaried) __ Seminarian
__ Health Minister __ Other ___________________
REGISTRATION FORM (continued)

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Are you a board–certified faith community nurse (RN-BC)? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, year of certification ________

Are you a member of the Health Ministries Association, Inc.? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you have any dietary restrictions and/or require special accommodations in order to attend?

Yes (please explain):
________________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________.

Are you applying for nursing education credits (CEs)? ___ Yes ___ No

Please read the statements below and check all that apply.

☐ I permit you to publish my name and the name of the organization I represent on my nametag and in the symposium participant listing.

☐ I would like to receive information periodically about continuing education opportunities from Mercy Parish Nurse and Health Ministry Program and Pittsburgh Mercy.

☐ I would like to receive your free monthly E-Newsletter, The Faith Connection. Please add me to your mailing list.

☐ I prefer not to be contacted.

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