**Faith Community Nurses International**

**Annual Committee Report for Journal and Publications Committee 2021**

**Committee:** Journal and Publications Committee

**Committee Chair:** Liz Sturgeon, PhD, RN, CNE

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**Main Objectives:** The FCNI Journal and Publications Committee is responsible for supporting FCNI by serving as the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Faith Community Nursing*. The Committee evaluates the editorial quality and content of the FCNI publication program, including the system of primary publications for the Journal of FCNI, and reports its findings to the Board of Directors. The Journal and Publications Committee works in collaboration with the Western Kentucky University in the publication of the *International Journal of Faith Community Nursing***.**

**Summary of accomplishments:**

1. Journal web site content areas updated: “Journal Home”, “About This Journal”, Aims & Scope”, “Editorial Board”, “Policies”, and “Author Guidelines”.
2. Call for manuscripts resulted in the submission of five manuscripts.
3. Fall issue published on October 25, 2021 after a two-year hiatus.

**Summary of continuing activities:**

1. Update and streamline communication process between authors, reviewers, and editor.
2. Identify additional reviewers.
3. Include additional instructions in the “Author Guidelines”.

**Summary of items in progress/upcoming events:** A callfor manuscripts has been issued for the spring 2022 issue.

**Recommended goals for 2022:**

1. Develop a sustainable process for publication of high quality articles and news related to the practice of FCN.
2. Evaluate annually the quality of publishable materials in the *International Journal of Faith Community Nursing*.
3. Develop an annual publication plan and priorities for the journal.
4. Produce an annual peer reviewed publication with the goal of moving to a twice a year publication which is aligned with the evaluation and plan developed for the journal.
5. Serve as the Editorial Board of the journal.
6. Promote the practice of FCN and growth of FCNI.

**Recommendations to the Board:**

**Submitted by:** Liz Sturgeon

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