

**Faith Community Nurses International is a professional membership organization for faith community nurses.**

As part of our research committee outreach, we will be providing a newsletter to share information and connect with our members. [This is our inaugural newsletter.](#) Look for it every other month.

The FCNI Research Committee promotes and supports Faith Community Nursing practice through research by:

- ⇒ providing resources related to the utilization evidence for evidence-based practice and development of scholarly work;
- ⇒ providing resources related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of research projects;
- ⇒ establishing a researcher network that can provide guidance and expertise to its members;
- ⇒ focusing on strategies to increase the awareness, application, and
- ⇒ advancement of evidence-based practice in Faith Community Nursing.

## Highlights

**WELCOME & HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We pray that you experience God's best throughout 2017.

Research Committee Members:  
Donna Callaghan (Chair),  
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The committee meets bi-monthly and would appreciate learning from you; What evidence based strategies you employ, and What research you are doing or would like to do?

## Spotlight

Did you know that our FCNI Membership recently completed an on-line survey.

>57% of our members hold a graduate degree or higher

73% of our members range in age from 56-65 or older

20% of our members receive a stipend or practice from a paid model

97% have participated in Foundational recommended education for Faith Community Nursing

We are a well educated group and should be able to engage in research activities and /or guide all nursing practice from an evidence base. Still our age range is such that we need to be giving thought to intentional succession planning and developing others to continue the practice of Faith Community Nursing.

## Current Research

Demonstrating outcomes for Faith Community Nursing is vital for our specialty practice and efforts that illuminate outcomes are needed. Documentation provides an account of the practice, yet studies that consider documentation are limited. In this past year, members of the research committee initiated an exploratory descriptive study related to faith community nurse's documentation practices and barriers to their documentation. Data collection is complete and data analysis occurring. Please look for findings and recommendations in a published report later this year.

A position paper for documentation is available and published by the Church Health Center. That position paper can be found in our members only resources

Feedback from this newsletter can be sent directly to [sdyess@health.fau.edu](mailto:sdyess@health.fau.edu)

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