

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. [Welcome to our 3rd Issue.](#)

The FCNI Research Committee promotes and supports Faith Community Nursing research by: *1) providing resources related to the utilization of evidence for evidence-based practice and development of scholarly work; 2) providing resources related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of research projects; 3) establishing a researcher network that can provide guidance and expertise to its members; 4) focusing on strategies to increase awareness, application, and advancement of evidence-based practice in Faith Community Nursing.*

Highlights

Happy Summer! We pray that you experience a safe and joyous time in God's beauty and wonder.

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The research committee meets bi-monthly. Please contact us with the evidence-based strategies you are finding vital to your practice. We would love to highlight your efforts in a future newsletter.

Spotlight News

Exciting faith and health connections are being made through our local congregations. We encourage you to explore how outcomes to your FCN practice may be envisioned. Here are a few faith/health connection activities and how outcomes might be envisioned.

> One congregation connected with University of Central Florida nursing students to add health screenings at a monthly community connection event. Outcomes might be envisioned by capturing how many unknown potential health conditions like hypertension or diabetes were identified and how many clients were linked to care. Long term outcomes could be an increase in client knowledge of these conditions or improved compliance with self-management.

> Several groups are incorporating 5K or longer walk/runs to increase awareness of health challenges and encourage healthy behaviors. The FL Children's Home held it's first 4 mile run to support suicide prevention. The FLUMC Annual conference will be holding it's 4th annual 5K this month to unite clergy and lay members to promote faith and fitness. Outcomes to consider might be number of persons including regular physical activity as a result of the events, number of congregations initiating fitness programs, or a measure of increased knowledge about the supported health challenge.

Current Research

Christ Church UMC in South Florida, in collaboration with Holy Cross Hospital and Florida Atlantic University College of Nursing, held it's second annual foot washing/foot care event for people experiencing homelessness. FCN researchers testing a tool measuring Human Connection between community health workers such as FCN and the homeless population during a short term intervention of foot care. Preliminary analysis showed good validity and reliability of the Human Connection Tool.