



# Revelations

## The FCNI Membership Newsletter

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Faith Community Nurses International (FCNI) is the professional membership organization for faith community nurses.

*The vision of FCNI is to create a vibrant global network of Faith Community Nurses.*

### Reflections from the President

Spring is here with a multitude of blessings and opportunities for thankfulness. Spring is also a season to reflect on the past year and the growth and lessons we have gained. It is at this time we are all thankful for our members who had the vision and tenacity to develop this organization and serve as the Charter Board of Officers and Directors. We truly stand on the shoulders of giants when we accept the torch of leadership from those who have paved our path, including Wanda Alexander, Susan Dyess, Beverly Siegrist, and Andy West. FCNI has been blessed with the support and commitment of Wanda Alexander, the Founder and Director of the Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities over the past years for without it this organization would not have flourished. Thank you, and thanks to all of you for building upon a dream!!

It is with my belief in servant leadership that I thank you for selecting each of us as members of the 2018--2019 FCNI Board to serve you and the needs of Faith Community Nurses International. The Board has been strategically planning goals for the year, including establishing a university-setting home base. If you have considerations or recommendations for a university base for FCNI, please contact me or a member of the Board. Current considerations include Western Kentucky University, supporter of our International Journal of Faith Community Nursing, Samford University, which is the home of the Center of Faith and Health, and Lees-McRae College, the college where our Treasurer Teri Darnall is employed.

We are requesting all of our members to help continue strengthening this organization, an organization that represents each of us, with your involvement and support. Members of the FCNI Board, the Officers and Directors, will chair the committees and provide a conduit for information. Consider your interests and how you can become involved in the organizational work for FCNI! The following Committee Chairs are requesting the help of members to serve you and the needs of the organization. Please consider reaching out and contacting the Chair of the committee that interests you.

#### FCNI Board Members:

Donna Callaghan, President  
Andrea West, Vice-President  
Yvette Duloherly, Secretary  
Teri Beth Darnall, Treasurer  
Deborah Fell-Carlson, Director  
Marcus Gaut, Director  
Susan Mills, Director  
Judy Shackelford, Director  
Deborah Ziebarth, Director

We are just learning the technology and dynamics of the organization. Please share your insights and recommendations. May you be blessed one hundred-fold for your giving of time, talent, and treasure!

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**Education Committee:** If you have an interest in planning educational activities, developing initiatives & topics that support the practice & professional development of the FCNI membership, consider joining the FCNI Education Committee. You can join by calling Judy Shackelford, Chair @ 217-814-5448 or e-mailing me @ [Judy.shackelford@sics.edu](mailto:Judy.shackelford@sics.edu). Also, thoughts or suggestions are always welcome!

**Finance Committee:** Members are required to oversight the Treasurer to ensure that the FCNI finances are properly managed. You do not need a financial background – if you can add and subtract, you are qualified! If you are interested, please reach out to me, Teri Darnall at [tbdarnall@gmail.com](mailto:tbdarnall@gmail.com) with your contact information and any questions!

**Governance Committee:** Do you like the “nitty-gritty” work of revising documents? Not necessarily a fun job but an essential one for every organization. The Bylaws of our organization were ratified by the membership in 2015; it is now time to review them and make the necessary changes as we move forward, and we are looking for additional committee members. If you are interested in helping us, please e-mail Andy West, the chair of the committee at [amwestrn@yahoo.com](mailto:amwestrn@yahoo.com). This work needs to be completed this summer for a vote by the membership this fall.

**Leadership Succession Committee:** This committee is charged with solidifying a ballot in the fall of every year to fill officer and board member vacancies. We are in need of 1-2 new members on the Leadership Succession Committee who are interested in serving for either a one-year or a three-year term. If you are interested, please email me, Cristy Daffron at [cristydaffron@yahoo.com](mailto:cristydaffron@yahoo.com). I will be delighted to provide additional information about duties and responsibilities.

**Membership Committee:** Faith Community Nurses International is a membership-driven organization. This means we cannot do what we are doing, or what we plan to do, without you! We are developing ways to better serve our membership. If you would like to be a part of our efforts to identify and meet the needs of FCNI membership (current, new, and potential), please feel free to contact me, Marcus Gaut. I can be called or texted at 601-255-3811, or email me at [brogaut@gmail.com](mailto:brogaut@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

**Outreach Committee:** They say “many hands make light work”, and that goes for members too! The more members we have, the easier it is to share information and meet the needs of Parish Nurses and Faith Community Nurses. As members, you support the organization and are an extension of FCNI in your community. We want all FCNs to know about Faith Community Nurses International! Would you like to help with this effort? There is something for everyone to do, from sharing information about FCNI with your local groups to making recommendations for programming, being involved in presentations, or becoming a member of the Board. Interested? Call or text me, Deb Fell-Carlson at 541-248-0595 or send me an email at [debfellcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:debfellcarlson@gmail.com). I am excited about what we can do together!

**Research Committee:** This committee is all about research. This is an open committee and the only requirement is an inquisitive mind! As a FCNI member, we are looking for answers to questions! We are in the process of reviewing our objectives for 2018. We are looking at maintaining the FCN citation list, regular research consultations, and possibly an annual research forum. One thing I can promise you is access to experienced faith community nursing researchers. We want to expand our group. Come join us. Zoom meetings are every 2nd Friday at 11am central. Contact me, Deb Ziebarth, if interested at [dziebarth@herzing.edu](mailto:dziebarth@herzing.edu) — I would love to answer any questions.

**Website Committee:** The World Wide Web has created new possibilities and changed how we communicate. We are in the process of updating the FCNI website and would greatly appreciate your suggestions or recommendations. Do you have information or items to share? I would like to create an area under the Members Only site to share information to assist new Parish Nurses or Faith Community Nurses in starting their practice and an area for shared practice projects to assist those who have an established practice. Or, do you have other ideas? We need your vision and your experience! Please let me know how you would like to be involved! Call or text Yvette Duloherly at 507-317-3763 or send me an email at [yduloherly@gmail.com](mailto:yduloherly@gmail.com)



**Westberg Institute — 2018**

FCNI had a strong leadership presence at the 2018 Westberg Institute held in Memphis, TN during April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Pictured from left to right are Deborah Fell-Carlson, Director and Outreach Committee Chair, Marcus Gaut, Director and Marketing Committee Chair, Dr. Donna Callaghan, President, and Dr. Deborah Ziebarth, Director and Research Committee Chair. Dr. Ziebarth presented a pre-conference session entitled "The Nuts and Bolts of Transitional Care for FCNs" and served on the Helen Westberg Memorial Panel to discuss "Transitional Care Research: Evaluating the Impact of Faith Community Nursing on Post-Discharge Patient Outcomes." Marcus led devotions and worship. The symposium was packed full of great information applicable to FCNs, and, as always, the networking was invaluable—and we are bringing that information back to our organization! Hope to see you at the next Institute— Deb, Marcus, Donna, and Deb

(Submitted by Deb Fell-Carlson)