

"...and when I sicken, then He (Allah) heals me."

*Qur'an 26:80*

## Mission Statement

*Preserve, support and advance the professional practice of faith community nursing in Oklahoma.*

## Vision Statement

*FCNA-OK will be recognized so that faith community nursing will be accessible to the people of Oklahoma.*

*Therefore the association will serve as a model for other states.*

## The goals for FCNA OK include:

- + Promote the standards for basic training and ongoing education and spiritual formation.
- + Develop and support a statewide Faith Community Nursing Resource Center to advocate health issues, collaborate with other health professionals and establish regional networks of faith community nurses.
- + Establish and implement a statewide documentation program.

***FCNA OK meets quarterly on the second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call for more information.***

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# Faith Community Nurses' Association of Oklahoma



***To share practice ideas for faith communities and to nurture personal spiritual development.***

# Faith Community Nursing



*"Jesus sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick".*

Luke 9: 2

## What is Faith Community Nursing?

Faith Community Nursing is the intentional integration of the practice of faith with the practice of nursing so that people can achieve wholeness in, with, and through the community of faith in which Faith Community Nurses serve.

This statement was completed at the 14th annual Westberg Parish Nurse Symposium in September 2000. 600 participants contributed to its development.

*"Healing, according to Maimonides, is the act of repairing both the defects of the body and the turmoil of the mind."*  
*Health & Medicine in the Jewish Tradition, p. 42*



*"A glad heart makes for good health, but low spirits sap one's strength."*

Proverbs 17:22

## What is a Faith Community Nurse?

Faith Community Nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as a specialty practice area for registered nurses who have completed an endorsed training program. In some communities, Faith Community Nurses are called 'Congregational Health Nurses'. This is an independent nursing practice which does not involve 'hands-on' health care. Faith Community Nurses can be found in congregations of every denomination and faith tradition in rural, urban and suburban settings. The nurse actively promotes wellness, wholeness, and preventive health. Faith Community Nursing originated in Illinois during the 1980's; over 10,000 Faith Community Nurses are now part of an international movement.

FCNA OK website: [www.fcnaok.com](http://www.fcnaok.com)

## Functions of a Faith Community Nurse

### ~ Integrator of Faith and Health ~

Promotes the relationship between faith and health to improve body, mind, spirit.

### ~ Health Educator ~

Provides opportunities to learn about health issues.

### ~ Personal Health Counselor ~

Discusses health concerns emphasizing early response to problems and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

### ~ Health Advocate ~

Speaks out to help others obtain needed health services. Empowers individuals and families to obtain appropriate health care and health.

### ~ Referral Agent ~

Provides referral to healthcare and social services.

### ~ Facilitator of Volunteers ~

Coordinates volunteers to help those in need.

### ~ Developer of Support Groups ~

Facilitates support groups for the community.