

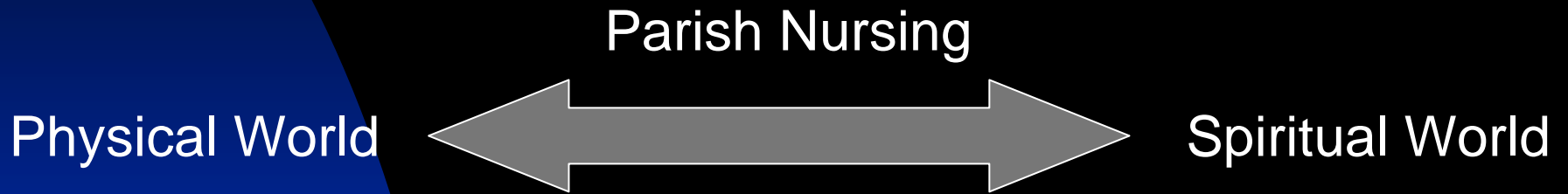
What Is Parish Nursing?

Faith Community Nursing

Introduction

- Origins of Parish nursing or Faith Community Nursing
- Should spirituality be part of health care?
- Why a parish nurse?

A foot in each camp



God is love but sometimes we prefer love with skin on!!!

Focused Pastoral Care

Questions Commonly Asked:

- Where do they work?
- How do they work?
- What is their role
- What training do they need?
- Is this church mission or nursing practice?

Where Do They Work?

Faith community:

- Church fellowship
- Elderly care facility
- GP practice
- School
- Hospital



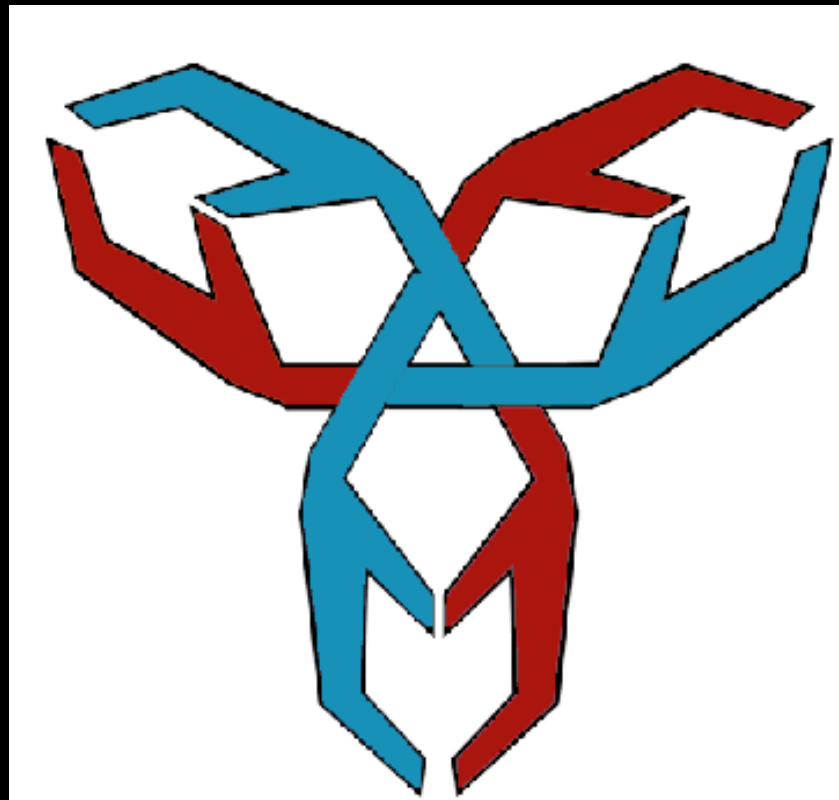
How Do They Work?

- As a registered nurse
- Endorsed by the church
- Network with other health agencies
- Primary health care for
- Part of team



So Whose Work ?:

Faith community nurse,
faith community and God



Issues and Trends in Healthcare

- Influences of Today's Healthcare Settings / Policies
- Rising Consumerism
- Technologic Advances
- Access to Healthcare and Financial Resources

Factors Affecting Spiritual Health

- Culture
- Gender
- Previous Experience
- Crisis and Change
- Separation from Spiritual Ties
- Inadequate or Inappropriate Care

Parish Nurse Roles

- Health promotion
- Health education
- Health counselling
- Advocacy
- Referral agent
- Volunteer coordinator and trainer
- Ministry team member
- Faith support
- Case manager***

Skills required for a nurse

- Critical thinking skills
- Communication skills
- Assessment skills
- Management skills
- Facilitation / networking skills
- Self evaluator

Person specification

- New Zealand Registered nurse
- Current practicing certificate
- Indemnity Insurance
- Senses a call to health ministry
- Ability to work alongside the minister
- Manage a team of pastoral care workers
- Maintain a database
- Be able to profile faith community nursing

What Training Do They Need?

- Professional portfolio with updated training in primary health care
- Theological training eg DEFT
- Initial FCN course
- Graduate courses eg Diploma course in theology majoring in FCN

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A model of how parish nursing could view the health of a person

Church Mission or Nursing Practice?

Valerie Sirett, PN at
Nelson Cathedral



Advantages for elderly care

- Keep them faith focused
- Reduce the revolving door syndrome into hospital
- Improve well being
- Reduce rates of illness
- Empower people to respond positively to life
- Build a faith community of people who care for each other

Definition

- FCN is a form of advanced nursing practice distinguished by its endorsement of a faith based perspective of the person, which focuses nursing care on integration, nurture and restoration of the whole person in all their dimensions (physical, spiritual, psychosocial and intellectual). The practice context is the faith community and the geographic or cultural community it serves. (van Loon, A. 2003)

Sharing the Journey

- Guest speakers:

Elizabeth Niven – Nursing lecturer
Unitec Auckland

Wyatt Butcher – Chaplain Hillmorton
Mental Hospital

Practical forum

Worship

Social interaction

INFORMATION

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- Membership \$30.00 per annum