

What does a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse do?

Basic Job Description:

1. Integrate faith and health by:
 - Lifting up lifestyle practices as a matter of stewardship and faith,
 - Participating in the life of North Shore Fellowship,
 - Providing spiritual care and guidance surrounding health issues.

2. Provide health education in the congregation and community by:
 - Coordinating and/or presenting health related classes,
 - Providing health related articles/information to the fellowship,
 - Arrange for the use of the facilities for health education activities.

3. Act as a health consultant by:
 - Providing health assessment on individual basis,
 - Performing a congregational health assessment and develop appropriate programs,
 - Working in the greater community of North Shore specifically the Hill City neighborhood developing programs to address that neighborhoods health related needs,
 - Assisting in visitation in homes, hospitals and long-term care facilities.

4. Act as a referral source by:
 - Assisting the church pastors and staff maintain an directory of community resources,
 - Acting as a liaison between individual member and the community resource when needed,
 - Referring individuals to appropriate services as needed.

5. Act as a health advocate by:
 - Assisting people to understand and effectively use the health care systems,
 - Serving as a resource person for church committees on health issues as needed.