

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING INTEREST GROUP (FCNIG) NEWSLETTER



Anne-Marie Mohler

Message from President Anne-Marie Mohler

Queen’s Park Day February 2019

During the annual Queen’s Park Day, (QPD) members take this opportunity to engage their elected representatives and watch the political process at work during Question Period.

I had the pleasure of meeting with my MPP Bhutila Karpoche-Parkdale-High Park. I was joined by NP, RN, and a Student

Nurse from other regions.

The breakfast for elected representatives provides MPPs with information about RNAO’s vision for nursing and health care.

Highlights we discussed were: Health System Transformation, transforming long-term care, overdose deaths, national pharmacare program, reclaiming the role of the RN, and increasing access to care by fully utilizing the role of the NP.

We also had the pleasure to attend a press conference hosted by my MPP with other nurses representing different parts of Ontario about Bill 63, Right to Timely Access to Mental Health and Addiction Care for Children and Youth.

In the afternoon, we heard directly from the Minister of Health and the Opposition, Party Leaders and Opposition Health Critics regarding their views on nursing, health care, and the social and environmental determinants of health.

We have accomplished much since our last newsletter: name change, hosting at RNAO AGM, invite to profile FCN at a student nurse career day, and our new election process for nominating executive positions.

I look forward to seeing you at our FCNIG AGM Saturday November 9th, 2019.

May this summer season bring you rejuvenation, and time with family and friends.

Anne-Marie

There were several members of FCNIG who attended RNAO Queen’s Park Day in February. Here is a link to more photos and information about what went on in Toronto: <https://rnj.rnao.ca/feature/queens-park-day-2019>

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Time to get your name in!

*Nominations for elections for our interest group executive are now open at RNAO for two positions – for President-Elect and Student Liaison for 2019-2021. The deadline is **July 10th!***

FCNIG is looking for a few nurse leaders to help those interested in Parish and Faith Community Nursing. Our executive meets via teleconference a few times each year and organizes our AGM as part of RNAO’s AGM. We also organize and provide an education event for members each year. If you are interested in using your knowledge and experience to help other nurses bring their faith and their nursing work together, consider joining our interest group executive.

See page 6 for details.

RNAO AGM

Hosting the RNAO AGM included participating in the Opening Ceremonies in an official capacity and our member Elsie Millerd led the singing of the National Anthem. The FCNIG networking breakfast took place on Saturday morning of the AGM weekend. Many members and other interested nurses arrived and made for encouraging discussions and information sharing.



FCNIG was the Hosting Interest Group for the 2019 AGM. Members Elsie Millerd, Gloria Wiebe, and Ardys Brenneman are seated here wearing their RAO colour scarves to identify them.

The RNAO AGM Banquet was attended by FCNIG members Mary Lynch, standing, Dot Klein, right, and Ardys Brenneman, centre, who sat at dinner with others, including the nurse on the left who was interested in finding out more about Faith Community and Parish Nursing.



RNAO – news about their journal

The RNAO will no longer be printing their journal but will be offering it through their website in a digital format. The last print edition will be the May-June issue. For more information, follow this link:

<https://rnj.rnao.ca/feature/discover-digital>

There is also discussion within FCNIG to make our newsletter completely digital rather than preparing a pdf to be distributed. Stay tuned for more on that in our next newsletter.

We have our new name!

Faith Community Nursing Interest Group is our new name! It has been reflected in our new FCNIG flyer to share with interested people, and in this edition of our newsletter. We will also be updating our pop-up banner with our new name. It was a process over the course of a couple of years to prepare the rationale and resolution to present to the membership for voting. Once this was completed, changes needed to be made in all our digital and print materials. It's still a work in progress. Contact President Anne-Marie if you would like the copy-ready FCNIG information flyer to share at a local event.



CAPNM conference and AGM, May 2019 in London ON



Many of the attendees at the CAPNM conference in London were from Ontario and FCNIG...and several of these were on the planning committee, too. See how many you can name!

By Jeanne Lambert

The 21st Annual CAPNM Conference and AGM was indeed an opportunity to 'expand our horizons'. From the opening worship and welcome talk from BC member Laurie Duke about her vision of PNs being 'retrieval pioneers', through the Bev Foster's inspirational music and wisdom about the power of music in care-giving and her brain-child The Room 217 Foundation, to the Sunday morning Walk for Parish Nursing, those who attended were given opportunities for learning more about the impact of Parish Nursing Ministry. Speakers included Ontario members Debbie Belowitz helping us share examples of outreach programs, Lanadee Lampman, who gave a detailed history of parish nursing at St James Cathedral in downtown Toronto, and Michelle O'Rourke sharing Henri Nouwen care-giving resource information. Other presentators, Patrick Ferguson and Rev. Canon Dr. Kevin George, shared details about the Mental Health Initiative in their parish exemplifying how parish nurses are well-suited to be advocates for people with mental health challenges.

The CAPNM event is not only the AGM and Conference but a bit of retreat, too. There was ample time for quiet reflection and community fellowship at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre which provides a relaxing atmosphere on beautiful grounds. I was privileged to attend as a representative of FCNIG and was able to share our greetings to the attendees from across Canada. FCNIG also shared our name change process and the resolution with other members, as there were many queries about the decision.

Member Elsie Millerd wrote a detailed article about her impressions from the conference. Here is a link to the Huron Diocesan paper. Elsie's words are on pg. 7.
<https://diohuron.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/web-HCNJune2019.pdf>



Education Opportunities



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Are you a nurse interested in incorporating spirituality in her present nursing practice or interested in learning about parish nursing and establishing a parish nurse ministry in a faith community?

For more information about this comprehensive ecumenical educational program visit:

www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Parish-Nursing/21

Or contact Program Coordinator Louise Trapp at ltrapp@rogers.com

Foundations in Parish Nursing:

Upcoming On-line Course – Fall 2019

The Parish Nurse as Counsellor and Spiritual Companion:

Registration Period: September 2nd to October 14th, 2019

Course Dates: October 18th to November 21st, 2019

This course is ideal for parish nurses who are looking for insightful and interactive online professional development, nurses interested in incorporating spirituality into their current nursing practice and for nurses who are interested in pursuing a certificate in parish nursing.

This course is a requirement for nurses who are enrolled in the Foundations in Parish Nursing education program.

For more information visit:

www.stpetersseminary.ca/Programs/Parish-Nursing/21

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A New Masters Level Education Opportunity!

The Lutheran Theological Seminary has developed a new program for Parish Nurses. It's one of the options in their Masters of Theological Studies (MTS) programs. This MTS in Health Care and Parish Nursing is newly designed and the first cohort is to start in September. The Rev. Dr. William Harrison, Ph.D. from Saskatoon and shared details of the program with attendees. It's a part-time program intended to be completed over five years and one doesn't have to be in Saskatchewan to take the courses. Please check out this link at the University of Saskatoon website:

www.usask.ca/stu/luther/programs-healthcare.html



Greetings from InterChurch Health Ministries – May 2019

By Carole Beam, RN Parish Nurse (ret)

ICHM Canada recently held the 24th Annual General Meeting at St. Aidan's Anglican Church in London Ontario. Susanna Suchak, the guest speaker, led us through process and hope for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. We reluctantly offered good wishes for retirement from the Board (once again), to Rev. Henry Fischer, one of the Canadian Parish Nursing pioneers. He will remain ICHM Canada Board Member Emeritus.

After a time of refocus and restoration, ICHM Canada continues to support individual ministries within our partnership. There are exciting new opportunities for collaboration and education within ICHM, however there is a pressing need for enthusiastic, visionary official Board members. We are currently recruiting Clergy, Parish Nurses and specialists (fundraisers, marketers).

Please refer anyone who may feel called to becoming a working Board member of ICHM Canada, to me at carolebeam@gmail.com.

May God continue to richly bless all Parish Nursing Ministries.

UK represented at CAPNM AGM

When our President, Anne-Marie Mohler asked me to represent her at the CAPNM Conference and AGM, she requested that I might reach out to her friend Helen who would be attending from the UK. I knew very little about Helen when we met and even though we chatted on the weekend and I have been reading of her work, I suspect that there is much, much more to learn from this woman. The Rev. Dr. Helen Wordsworth is a fount of knowledge and experience. Bringing together her nursing and ministry backgrounds, Helen has had her parish nursing ministry research published and continues to promote and fundraise for parish nursing ministry in the UK.

Helen is known as the founder of Parish Nursing in the UK and remains committed to global promotion of Parish Nursing Ministry through her involvement with the Westberg Institute in the US. Helen had copies of her book available and the research findings in the book are being included in CAPNM's research committee work. Here is one of many links on the internet to videos and interviews with Helen and her impressive works:

https://acrosspeterborough.org.uk/Articles/451638/Across_Peterborough/Passion_for_Peterborough/People/Revd_Dr_Helen.aspx



Members of FCNIG meet Helen Wordsworth. (Left to Right): Lanadee Lampman, Mary Lynch, Carole Beam, Jeanne Lambert and Helen. (Our IG banner will be updated with our new name soon!)



Call for Nominations!



Call For Nominations For FCNIG Executive 2019-2021 Have Been Extended Until July 10th!

Don't forget to check out the details of nominations. **You can even nominate yourself!**

For details on the positions, timing and on how to nominate someone, check your email for messages from RNAO or go to the website by following this link:

<https://chapters-igs.rnao.ca/interestgroup/46/email/822>

Important Dates

Plans are in the works for our AGM and Education Day.

Please save the Date for FCNIG AGM **Saturday, November 9, 2019.**

Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi has offered to host our FCNIG AGM at her church in Toronto.

YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
Details will be shared in September.

For the Next Newsletter:

- **What is happening in your ministry?** Send us a picture from a recent event.
- **Want to introduce yourself to the membership?** Tell us why spiritual care matters to you.

Word limit: 200-250 words. Email this along with any photos to: communications@fcnig.rnao.ca

Send photos of your PN event and make sure they are high resolution (300ppi or 1MB+ preferred)!

We are still in need of qualified people to fill the following vacancies:

President-elect and Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9 & 10.

If you know of someone who would be interested please pass this newsletter along and/or have them contact Anne-Marie at amohler@sympatico.ca.

Your FCNIG Executive

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Vacancies for Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9 & 10
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