

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM

The purpose of the Faith Community Nursing Program is to help people in religious congregations and surrounding communities reach their optimal level of whole person health.

The church has always been a sign of hope and healing, the place people turn to in times of need. The Faith Community Nursing Program is designed to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals in the church. Through this alliance between the two healing communities (the church and the hospital), the Faith Community Nurse is empowered to promote general improvement in health and wellness through screening programs, education seminars, distribution of health literature and the provision of support services to those in need.



## WHAT IS A FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE?

A Faith Community Nurse is a registered nurse who helps members of a congregation of faith reach their optimal level of health and well being. The nurse understands the healing mission of the church, accepts the holistic concept of care and promotes wellness and prevention of illness within the congregation. A Faith Community Nurse serves as part of the church staff.



## PHILOSOPHY OF FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING

Faith Community Nursing is based on the concept of holistic health care—being well in mind, body and spirit.

The Faith Community Nurse Program promotes holistic wellness by:



**Visiting church members in their homes, hospital and nursing homes.**



**Assisting congregation members in identifying their health needs through surveys and interviews.**



**Counseling members on health related issues.**



**Serving as a resource person, referring to community resources and assisting in obtaining needed services.**



**Coordinating health education classes on a variety of subjects.**



**Coordinating health screenings.**



**Developing support groups within the church.**