

World Forum Work Groups

The attendees of the World Forum have formed three work groups to investigate and develop the three components of parish nursing that are crucial to the development and expansion of this practice. The groups and their tasks are:

- **Theology work group:** This group looks at multi-faith, multi-cultural and inter/intra-denominational issues, and develops theologies for integrating health and spirituality. This group has developed a Bibliography of Theological Resources Related to Parish Nursing and Health Ministries. The contact persons are Rev. Deborah Patterson, Executive Director of Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries, and Rev. Helen Wordsworth, Regional minister/Mission Enabler, Central Baptist Association and Coordinator, Parish Nursing Ministries UK.
- **Education work group:** This group looks at the promotion of parish nursing in a global perspective, development and adaptation of curricula for use in other countries, and expansion of the reflective aspects and research for parish nursing. This group was involved with the 2009 update of the Basic Preparation curriculum. They are also involved in how the curriculum is used in other countries. Representatives for this work group are Dr. Andrea West, Director of Curriculum and Research for the IPNRC, and Marabel Kersey MSN, Parish Nurse Educator, and Parish Nurse at First Federated Church, Des Moines, Iowa
- **Practice work group:** The third group facilitates international exchanges and relationships with other health care professionals/ministries and assists non-English speaking countries to articulate parish nursing to their culture. The group tracks international parish nurse exchanges and is discussing the translation of the basic curriculum for use in different countries. The 2009 curriculum is currently being translated into French under the direction of Sr. Ernestine LaPlante of New Brunswick, Canada while a Spanish translation is under discussion. The contacts for the Practice Work Group are Leonie Rastas RN RM PN MRCNA, Pastoral Healthcare Network Australia, and Maureen Daniels RN MN, Director of International Programs and Coordinators' Support, IPNRC.