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## December 2002 Newsletter

# MINISTRY OF CONGREGATIONAL NURSES AND HEALTH COMMITTEES

Chaplain ministry touches the lives of the sick, dying, and bereaved when people are vulnerable and in tremendous need. Health Ministries Association recognizes that wholeness involves more than just the physical being and so it has begun focusing on specific ways to offer spiritual ministry. Health professionals are comfortable in the hospital setting and recognize the emotional and spiritual needs of the patient and family.

The HMA Chaplains Committee began meeting in June with several items on the agenda. One item of particular interest was to look at the current Temple School materials and determine if current courses covered the subject of chaplain ministry adequately. Chaplains Larry Binnicker and Wally Smith reviewed numerous courses and felt that the subject matter was covered in the courses to varying degrees but that **AL 340 Ministry and the Physically Ill** was the single most comprehensive. It was felt that continuing in-service and practicum learning were very important for competency of chaplain ministry.

### HEALTH AND SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

September 12-13, 2003  
At the Temple, Independence, Missouri  
Early Registration \$45; after Aug. 15- \$55

A second major emphasis of the committee has been to examine the feasibility of a workshop. The "Medical Science and Spirituality Healing" workshop held the last two years in Maryland under the leadership of Dr. Ron Gillilan has created a lot of interest. Many years ago two workshops were held in the Auditorium that featured Granger Westberg, the founder of the Parish Nurse program. The committee met to determine if a workshop could be conducted again in the independence area. The

focus on the workshop would be on subjects important to chaplains, pastors, congregational leaders, hospital visitors, physicians, and nurses. Invitations will be extended to local ministers of other faiths.

Another specific concern expressed was maintaining contact with members of the congregation who enter long term care facilities to declining health. Maintaining contact with these members of the congregational family can be important as they lose independence, familiar surroundings, and cherished friendships.

### THE HEALING ART

We are all aware of the definition of Medicine as a science and an art. Throughout the years of our clinical experience we well know the art aspect of our profession, and that it truly is a significant part of patient care and indeed a gift.

Many persons of need have come for care, and received it simply by the appropriate touch, or by an expression of encouragement, or sincere concern. (not unlike the woman who came to Jesus and was healed by the simple touch of His robe.)

So, why Chaplaincy as a ministry of HMA? **Our background experiences and training places us in a perfect position to be God's PRESENCE among those of need.** It can be, simply standing by the bedside in silent prayer, or a comforting touch as an expression of God's love for a lonely person. Indeed, the laying on of hands in the ordinance of administration is one of the great blessings God has provided for all in need.

Every hospital, nursing home and care center, as well as other gatherings, of persons in need would greatly be blessed by our serving as a Spiritual Companion or Chaplain. **GO FOR IT !!!**

DANJEL E WAITE, DDS Evangelist

## **HMA HIGHLIGHTS OF 2002**

Mission team to El Refugio Orphanage in January  
Mission team to Honduras in March  
Bi-ennial Banquet  
World Conference Booth  
Presentations at 5 Reunions / Family Camps  
Mission team to Honduras / Guatemala in July  
Congregational Nurse brochure and committee work  
Presentations at Cong. Leaders Workshop  
Mission committee work and updating mission manual  
Assisted with Norton Heights Health Fair  
Chaplain committee work and Workshop planning  
Presentation at Wash. Singles Retreat  
Mission team to Honduras / Guatemala in October  
Peace Colloquy Booth  
Four newsletters-1400 person mailing list  
Membership increase of 10 fold  
Contributions increased, some monthly pledges  
Fund-raising for Temple and Auditorium Defibrillator  
Clothing sales of new HMA logo shirts and caps

## **HEALTH and SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP**

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Break-out Sessions

Nutrition

Self Care

Laving. on of Hands

Integrating Health and Spiritually

Chaplaincy

Congregational / Parish Nursing

Relational Health

Plus much more!!!

# RESPOND TO GOD'S BLESSINGS

At the close of each year as families and as individuals we take inventory over the financial, physical, and spiritual blessings God granted throughout the year. This inventory becomes the basis for passing end of year blessings on to others and for making New Year resolutions.

Requests for funding from charitable organizations arrive in the mailbox along with the Christmas cards of friends and family. Households look at monies available to assist these organizations and prioritize their donations. Some people resolve to more involved in volunteer work and to be better stewards over their time, talent, and treasure next year so they will have more resources to give.

While HMA recognizes the many demands bombarding personal budgets, HMA is one organization that makes a difference in the lives of people in local congregations, in communities, and in the world. Eyeglasses make it possible for Christians in Honduras to read their Bibles. Nurses in congregations educate, assist, and minister to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Ministry offered by Chaplains and hospital visitors touch lives at a very vulnerable time.

Your annual dues and contributions make these HMA ministries happen. Many have become part of Health Ministries Association during this past year and we appreciate your generous response. It would be very helpful in planning for 2003 to receive renewals now through January 2003. HMA can also accept monthly pledges on credit card for your convenience.

Families will be able to financially support HMA differently. *Please consider a gift that appropriately corresponds to the blessings you have received from God so others will be blessed*

Thank you for your financial ministry.

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## CONTRIBUTION AND / OR MEMBERSHIP FORM

Information may be taken over the phone by calling 1-800-825-2806 ext 1262 Mon., Thurs., or Friday

Name.....Phone.....Occupation.....

Address.....

E-Mail.....Signature.....

Level of Membership: \$.....Member (\$25-\$99) \$.....Sponsor (\$100-\$249) \$.....Patron (\$250 & up)

Additional Contributions: \$.....Onil Stoves/ Ruth Humbert support in Guatemala @ \$100 each

\$.....General Fund, \$.....Missions Fund, \$.....Chaplain Ministries, \$.....Cong. Health Ministries

Payment Method: .....Check

*Please mail to:* Health Ministries Assoc. 1001 W. Walnut Independence, Mo 64050

.....VISA.....MasterCard #.....Exp. Date.....Amt.....

Pledge amount: \$.....monthly, \$.....quarterly. Will make by check....., Make by credit card.....

Ministry and Committee interests: .....

# HEALTH MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION

## Vision Statement

To increase sustainable health and wellness by providing services and ministries that express our Christian commitment and promote peace.

## Mission Statement

The Health Ministries Association is a charitable organization of volunteer health care providers dedicated to promoting health care, advancing health education, promoting wellness, and networking with others to empower the physical, mental, and spiritual well being of those we serve.

## Seeking Your Input

HMA continually evaluates our programs and their effectiveness. We also seek input from you on additional ways this organization can fulfill its Mission Statement. Each person brings a unique perspective based on past experience and we value those insights. Please send comments and ideas to:

**Health Ministries Association**

**1001 West Walnut**

**Independence. Mo**

## UP-COMING EVENTS

- OPEN BOARD MEETING-** January 26, 2003 9:00 AM Temple Seminar Room  
Independence, Mo
- HEALTH MISSIONS-** Dec 28- Jan 4, 2003 El Refugio Orphanage Honduras  
Leader- Bob Paschall [Paschall@kids.wustl.edu](mailto:Paschall@kids.wustl.edu)  
Jan 11-18. 2003 La Buena Fe Clinic Honduras  
Leader- Shannon Hattey [Shattey@aol.com](mailto:Shattey@aol.com)  
Mar, 26-Apr. 3, 2003 La Buena Fe Clinic Honduras / Mujeres in  
Accion Guatemala  
Leader- Ron Edwards [Redwards@aol.com](mailto:Redwards@aol.com)  
July 2003 Leader- Shannon Hattey [Shattey@aol.com](mailto:Shattey@aol.com)  
October 2003 Leader- Ron Edwards [Redwards@aol.com](mailto:Redwards@aol.com)
- WORKSHOP-** Health and Spirituality 2003 at TEMPLE Independence, Mo  
(More details about speakers and breakout sessions in the  
next newsletter)