

## INTERCHURCH HEALTH MINISTRIES AT A GLANCE

### ICHM

- ❑ stands for InterChurch Health Ministries
- ❑ It is an incorporated not-for-profit organization
- ❑ A registered charity
- ❑ In existence since the Spring of 1994

### Funding

- ❑ Has received funding from a variety of sources, including the United Church of Canada, The Holy Trinity Fund of the Anglican Church in Canada, other church sources, Foundations, charities, companies and countless individual donors committed to the health and healing ministry of the church.
- ❑ Has received a one-time Healthy Communities grant from the Ministry of Health; and the Ontario Ministry of Health's Aging At Home Strategy through the Waterloo Wellington Local Health Integration Network.
- ❑ A research grant through Emmanuel College, Victoria University of the University of Toronto.

### Organization

- ❑ ICHM is comprised of a Board of Directors of up to fifteen members
  - Committees, Task Forces, Working Groups and a paid staff consisting of an Executive Director, National Education Director, Ontario Regional Parish Nurse Coordinator and office staff
  - Office at: 44 Metcalfe Avenue, Aurora, ON L4G 1R3
- ❑ Visit our Web site at: [www.ichm.ca](http://www.ichm.ca)
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### Partnership Network

- In existence Relationships with regional parish nursing organizations in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan; 66 partner congregations and agencies (as of 2009) in Ontario.
- representing over twelve denominations
- urban, suburban and rural congregations
- large, small and in between
- in Ontario, from Niagara Falls in the south to Sudbury in the near north, Saskatoon SK, Bathurst, N.B.

- there are currently approximately 80 Parish Nurses serving in our partnerships as well as in practicum placements

## Education Program

- The International Parish Nurse Resource Centre with our Basic Preparation for Parish Nurses Curriculum which is taught in three levels with a practicum and mentorship included
- Emmanuel College, Victoria University, Toronto that provides theological support to the teaching in our curriculum and has initiated a Diploma in Theological Studies in Health Care Ministries as well as a Masters Program
- Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario
- The Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, SK, University of Saskatchewan

## Partnership

- Partnership means that together we are more effective and stronger than we are individually and that we mutually benefit from each other's strengths and our interaction with each other.
- **ICHM believes** in nurturing Health Ministries in congregations and communities.
- **ICHM believes** that by functioning on an InterChurch basis we are unique and we are richly rewarded for having experienced the gifts of such partnerships.

We have come together through a shared belief that in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ we have a unique responsibility and contribution to make to the health of our communities. We believe that it is urgent for churches to reclaim their apostolic mandate to preach, teach and heal.

- **All of this determines our role:**
  - To provide education, support and consultation both initially and ongoing for Parish Nurses, health committees, clergy, congregations and agencies
  - To enter into partnership with congregations and agencies
  - To provide ongoing resources
  - To provide ongoing evaluations, upon request
  - To provide advocacy for Parish Nurses
  - To provide regular communication through *The Pulse* newsletter and our website
  - And finally, to continue to explore new initiatives in Health Ministry for ICHM, congregations, agencies and communities.
- **Our Mission:**

***“Fostering healthy communities through Christ’s healing ministry.”***