

[insert congregation name here]

Health Minister/Promoter Position Description

Purpose of Ministry

To serve by integrating faith and health.

Our Mission

*Following Christ's example of service,
our health ministry cares for our congregation and community by providing
information, support, and healing presence.*

Description

The Health Minister at [insert congregation name here] Provides support to the faith community nurse activities that promote health, healing, and wholeness to the members of the faith community. Health ministers assist the faith community nurse by empowering individuals and their families to navigate the complexities of health care, thus helping to bridge the gaps in our health education and care delivery system.

Qualifications

Education, training, and experience: Completion of Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course.

Accountability

The health minister is accountable to the faith community nurse, pastor and faith community. All health ministers work collaboratively with their church FCN and the FCN coordinator at the Alaska Faith Community Nurse Resource Center at Providence.

Time Required

Varies depending on programs and assessed needs

Liability

Covered by volunteer legislation and church insurance.

Recommend file on each health minister to include:

- Course completion certificate for FCN Foundations course
- Signed confidentiality document
- Criminal background check
- Health ministry job description

Activities/Responsibilities

Health Counseling

- Refers congregational members to faith community nurse.

- Collaborates and communicates with pastoral staff and other health professionals to plan for health ministry programming.
- Interacts with congregation through presence and prayer.
- Role models healthy stewardship of the body emphasizing self care of the whole person.

Health Education

- Assists the faith community nurse with preparing, developing and/or coordinating educational programs based on identified needs for healthier lifestyles, early illness detection, and health resources.
- Promotes health maintenance and disease prevention through the development of health ministry bulletin boards, articles, and announcements.
- Networks with appropriate resources in the community to secure educational program resources. Examples include: Nutrition / Exercise / Stress Management / CPR – First Aid classes / Heart Health / Stroke Prevention / Diabetes prevention.

Facilitation

- Provides general tasks (i.e. administrative assistance, signage, promotion, etc...) when implementing health ministry programming.
- Identifies, develops, and/or facilitates support groups based on identified needs and resources.
- Acts as spokesperson for a local community health related events (Relay for Life, Heart Run, Healthy Cooking class etc....).
- Assists with planning and organizes noninvasive health care screenings: (i.e. greeter at welcome/check-in table, paper/pencil risk assessments, handouts, refreshments, etc...).
- Coordinates volunteers to help recruit members of the church to provide services (i.e. bring meals, transportation, or teach a class if a content expert).

Liaison/Referral Agent to Community Resources

- Supports and promotes understanding of faith community nursing as a specialized practice.
- Develops community contacts to secure resources and services.
- Networks with other health ministers, faith community nurses and professionals in other congregations.

Maintains documentation

- Documents health ministry activity.
- Maintains privacy and confidentiality as outlined in the confidentiality guidelines.