

# Australian Faith Community Nurses Association facilitates Faith Community Care



We promote health focused pastoral care in Australian churches.  
We equip and support Australian Christian faith communities to care effectively.

## Your Faith Community Care volunteer is your partner in compassionate care

**AFCNA** is an incorporated professional association and a registered charity

### **AFCNA's Vision:**

- Churches that provide effective, compassionate health focused pastoral care

### **AFCNA's Purpose:**

- AFCNA prepares people of faith to provide care to the whole person (body, mind, spirit, relationships) in the context of their faith community

### **AFCNA's Mission:**

- AFCNA serves our community by preparing nurses, health professionals and gifted lay workers to provide quality, compassionate care within their faith community and the population that community serves.

### **AFCNA provides this by:**

- using a Christian worldview of the whole person to shape care
- using scripture and research as the foundation for good practice
- facilitating continuing education that enables effective care
- developing information and resources to support Faith Community Care roles
- providing networks for encouragement and support
- website, training, resources, e-newsletters, etc. visit [www.afcna.org.au](http://www.afcna.org.au)
- ensuring people are prepared to legal, ethical and professional standards

[www.afcna.org.au](http://www.afcna.org.au) & [www.faithhopehealth.org.au](http://www.faithhopehealth.org.au)

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You will find many free resources on our websites.

AFCNA is a registered charity with ACNC.

You are invited to partner in our vision via membership or donation.

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# Faith Community Care workers

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Your Faith Community Care worker may provide:

## Health promotion



- ♥ promote your whole health – (body, mind, spirit, relationships)
- ♥ consider your family, home, religious and cultural context
- ♥ support your personal health and life goals

## Empowerment



- ♥ empower you to manage your self-care
- ♥ develop and support your capacity to self-care
- ♥ enable you to determine the best options for your situation

## Advocacy and referral



- ♥ help you locate resources, obtain referrals and get support
- ♥ advocate for you in ways that uphold your values and beliefs

## Listening and visiting



- ♥ listen and discuss with you –health, social and spiritual concerns
- ♥ can visit you in residential care, hospital, and at home
- ♥ encourage you with your health choices and goals

## Transformative relationships



- ♥ Faith Community Care workers nurture and support you to connect
- ♥ they promote positive transforming relationships within yourself; between you and your family or significant others; you and other people in your community; you and the natural environment (creation); and you and God.

## Hope and spiritual care



- ♥ provide support for your spiritual journey
- ♥ pray with you (if you want this support)
- ♥ provide hopeful encouragement and pastoral care

Faith Community Care activities promote health, healing and wellbeing of the WHOLE PERSON - body, mind and spirit, within the person's social, religious and cultural relationships. Workers may be voluntary or salaried, working under the governance of an employing faith community which supports, oversees and resources all care activities.