



PRESBYTERIAN HEALTH NETWORK

The Mission and Ministry of PHN is informed by

...the Scriptures

Jesus said, "...I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

"...he (Jesus) sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." Luke 9: 2

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 37-40

...the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

"This church, as the body of Christ, is called to be a community of health and healing in every level and location of its common life."

Call to Healing and Wholeness

207th General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 1995

...Our Tradition

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart."

"Here I Am, Lord," *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, #525, v. 3

...Our Prayer

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which the compassion
of Christ is to look out on a hurting world.
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless now.

The Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

"Now you are the body of Christ,
And each one of you is a part of it."
I Corinthians 12: 27 (NIV)

Our relationship with the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Presbyterian Health Network (PHN) is one of ten networks organized under the umbrella of the Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association (PHEWA) to address special concerns in the Church and society. PHEWA is a voluntary membership organization whose purpose is to provide resources for Presbyterians involved in social welfare and justice ministries such as health, healing and wholeness. PHEWA has also worked, since its creation by General Assembly action in 1956, to make the church more responsive to the needs of the excluded and suffering. PHEWA is a ministry of the **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)** that is lodged with the **Compassion, Peace and Justice** ministry area's **Justice Ministries**. Justice Ministries includes Presbyterian Hunger Program, Social Witness Ministries (Environment and Mission Responsibility through Investment,) Child Advocacy/**PHEWA/PHN**.

Our commitment is to:

- ♥ focus on prevention and management of chronic illnesses and their effects on members, clergy and staff, congregations and their communities such as:
 - caregiving
 - personal lifestyle choices
 - spiritual, emotional, and physical impact of chronic illness on congregations and families
 - cost—both human and monetary—of illness care, now known as healthcare
- ♥ provide up-to-date resources for volunteer in mission, parish nurses, clergy, sessions, and congregations that will assist them with education and advocacy regarding health and wellness
- ♥ continue to expand the network of Presbyterian congregations who are or would like to be involved in ministries of health and congregational care by starting a Face Book page for PHN
- ♥ encourage congregations to sign-on to Congregational Health-Related Ministry Directory.
- ♥ continue to expand the number of volunteer Health Ministry Consultants who are available for assistance in beginning or enhancing Health Ministries
- ♥ explore funding through grants, sale of PHN materials developed with the assistance of members and increasing membership by providing a member-only page on our website
- ♥ develop an Advisory Committee comprised of past Leadership Team members to assist with the ministry and mission of PHN