



The idea of Parish Nursing is growing all over the world.
In Europe we met for the first time in November 2016 in
Lachendorf and decided to stay in contact through a Newsletter.

So, here is the first issue!

Hello to everyone from Germany!

We are very thankful for the time we spent together at the 1st European conference. We got quite a few new ideas and input from you all and feel very blessed to have been able to host the conference.

Since then, I went to speak about Faith Community/Parish Nursing at the Viaa Hogeschool in Zwolle, Netherlands in January. It was very interesting to meet Dutch nurses who are already involved in doing a similar work to that of Parish Nursing with their churches. It really is a natural thing to do if you are a nurse and are involved in church work.

In February, we had a Vis-a-vis Basis seminar (Faith Community Nursing Introductory Course). Although it was a very small group (3 nurses who are members of the Catholic, Lutheran and a free church), our learning time together was very intensive and blessed. We had two skype conversations which were very helpful and a wonderful experience of our European connection. Thank you to Pam d'Andre and Dr. Helen Wordsworth for giving us an impression of your work and of Parish Nursing in a different context.

During a Parish Nursing conference which took place in the Ukraine, Christa Scheffler and I had the opportunity to "join" the group for a little while using skype. It was encouraging to see the work growing there and to "meet" such dedicated people.

What is coming up next?

We will have a first regional meeting in Hamburg in May.

I will meet the participants of the LPNI (Lutheran Parish Nurses International) study-tour in Cambridge from 5th – 7th August 17. The panel leader will be Dr Marcie Schnorr. The subjects will be:

- Ministry to grieving people – Sue Neff

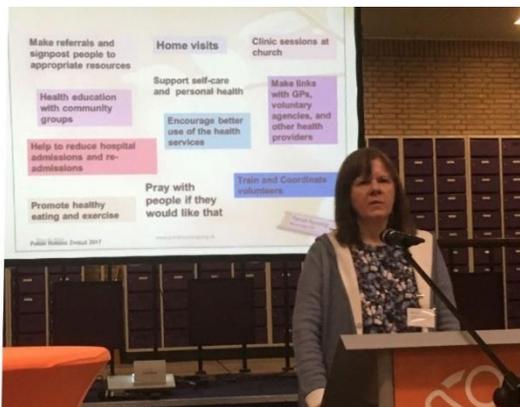
- Witnessing to the Community – Dottie Simon
- A Parish Nurse in a school – Dr. Pat Braun
- The Parish Nurse as a guide through the health system – Angela Glaser

Christa Scheffler and I will meet the Ukrainian team and join the seminar in Kiev from the 29.9. – 2.10.2017

The next meeting and seminar-day for Parish/Vis-à-vis nurses will be 27/28th of October 2017

Blessings to all of you,
Angela Glaser

Parish Nursing Conference in the Netherlands



On January 18, 2017, the first conference on parish nursing in the Netherlands took place at Viaa, the Christian University for Applied Sciences in Zwolle. The nursing school and its research team presented the results of a survey among nurses who are at the same time members of one of the protestant churches. As the majority showed a willingness to work as a caregiver on a voluntary basis within their church community, the conference proceeded to explore the practical implications of introducing Parish Nursing in the Netherlands.

Some 50 participants attended, most of them nurses. Speakers at the conference addressed the perspective of the church and of the society from a macro-perspective, and Vis-à-vis coordinator Angela Glaser presented the concept of the practice of parish nursing in Germany. In parallel sessions several local initiatives of church communities providing some form of care were shared.

All in all, the conference was an event that brought individuals out of the situation of isolation, and addressed several challenges we as educators and scholars face before parish nursing becomes a reality in The Netherlands. But the main conclusion was that we should keep on exploring opportunities for Christian nurses to serve the Kingdom in our changing societies.

Bart Cusveller and Rene van Leeuwen,
Viaa Christian University for Applied Sciences in Zwolle, The Netherlands



Als je gelooft in je werk!

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News from Scotland



Hello dear friends,
I have some good news to share with the European forum. I have been working with an NHS Trust in partnership with PNMUK. A Test of Change in transitional care proved to be successful and the partnership is continuing in a more formal way now. This is the first time PNMUK has worked with the NHS in such a way.

The work was presented recently at the PNMUK annual symposium and has encouraged other Parish Nurses to want to engage also with their local health services. A model of care is being developed that can be used across the UK. The partnership was reported in the Nursing Times a major UK nursing journal and NHS i (NHS improvements) have offered finance to train 6 more Parish Nurses in the UK. The partnership won an award in March from the NHS Trust involved. The award was for building relationships. (there was 120 nominations and 3 finalists in the category.) It was a real privilege to receive the award with the hospital ward staff who have been involved in this new initiative.

God Bless Ruth McDonald

Greetings from the UK

**PARISH NURSING MINISTRIES UK 2017 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM
(INC. THE INTERNATIONAL WESTBERG ON THE ROAD CONFERENCE)**

WESTBERG ON THE ROAD
A YEAR OF COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
Westberg Institute

7th 8th & 9th March 2017

Parish Nursing Ministries UK

The Welcome Conference Centre

Parish Nursing Co Creating Healthy Communities

The Westberg symposium this year was offered as a kind of roadshow, with staff from the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing in Memphis joining the various regional conferences around America and also our UK symposium in March. It was held in Coventry, England, at the Welcome Centre, and around 60 people attended, mostly Parish nurses.

The theme was "Co-creating healthy communities." There were sessions on Advanced spiritual care, Transitional care, NHS news, and a programme for helping women to regain their health and self-confidence, e.g. after childbirth. We also heard the outcomes of a small research project in the North West of England that has successfully helped orthopaedic patients move out of hospital and into the community. There were opportunities for networking, and times for worship. The venue was a church-run conference centre next to a motel, and the facilities were very good.

Maureen Daniels, who was the part-time International consultant for the Westberg Institute retired in December, and had major heart surgery in January, but thankfully is recovering well. They have appointed Revd Dr. Helen Wordsworth from the UK as her successor. Helen will continue to work with Parish Nursing Ministries UK in Peterborough, helping to coordinate the European network, but will also work internationally from her home in England for one day per week. (One of the advantages of our electronic world!)

Helen

Future Events

Introductory courses

Ukraine: Pam D'Andre is running weekend seminars in Kiev for new Parish nurses in English, Russian and Ukrainian, Summer 2017. Details: Pam.Dandre@efca.org

PNMUK are running a five day introductory course for Parish nursing in Belfast, Northern Ireland in June 2017 and in Birmingham, England, in October 2017. Details: enquiries@parishnursing.org.uk

Coordinators course

PNMUK may be running one of these in 2017 and European nurses are welcome to join it. Details: helen.w@parishnursing.org.uk

Educators course

There will be a two day Educator's course in Peterborough, England in November 2017. (Probable dates Thursday Friday 23/24 November) This is for nurses and nurse educators who normally have a masters degree and a teaching qualification, and who wish to use and contextualise the Westberg Institute Foundations course for training nurses in their own country. Details: helen.w@parishnursing.org.uk

The next UK symposium is in March 2018, and the Westberg symposium will be in Memphis in April 2018.

Then, most importantly, our European conference will be in Finland in June 2018. A wonderful opportunity to experience the long summer days of the North.

See you again in Finland

Dear

Friends,

we have now done little survey about the possibly conference places in Finland and in Oulu from 4.-6. June 2018.

We found one spa- and conference Hotel near the sea. The conference – spa- Hotel is big enough, that it can offer accommodation to a big group of participants. Now we have asked the offer to the 50 persons group, but the group can be much bigger and there is not going to be any problems. The auditorium is suitable for 100 People.

This Hotel is located at the beautiful beach near the sea, and at the same time it is near the Center of the City of Oulu. We can (if we want) walk from the Hotel to the City, or we can take a Bus drive to the City (it may take about ten to fifteen minutes).

Conference costs - approximately 380€-400€ and it includes two night's accommodation, all meals and

coffees during the seminar in three days, sauna and spa and the rent of one very big and one lesser space for our Conference. If people want to overnight in a double room, the cost is going to be cheaper. You will find detailed Information in the next Issue of this Newsletter.

With best regards - Lea Rättyä from Finland



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