

What is a Parish Nurse?

A Parish Nurse is a registered nurse who serves in a church to foster health of body, mind, and spirit. While the nurse does not provide hands-on care such as bathing or dressing changes, they do provide support, education, and referral. They serve as a resource in areas such as selecting a physician, managing medications, or advance directives (living wills). In cooperation with the pastors, they provide visits to homes, hospitals, and care centers, and assist in follow-up after a hospitalization or death. Parish Nurses also support the spiritual aspect of health and healing through use of prayer, ritual, and scripture.