

Are You or Your Faith Community Interested in Becoming a Faith Community Caregiver?

What is the goal of the program?

The goal of Faith Community Health is to help people reach optimal health by integrating faith communities with healthcare to provide more effective patient navigation, education, and support, and to partner with faith communities in developing health ministries.

What is Faith Community Health?

Faith Community Health seeks to bridge the gap between healthcare and faith communities. This program pairs volunteers from area faith communities with complex patients who have been referred by healthcare professionals. The goal of the Faith Community Health Program is to partner a volunteer with an individual who could benefit from extra support, struggles with loneliness, and needs assistance connecting to resources.

The program also helps guide faith communities in developing a health ministry, which exists to help educate, empower, and connect people with the resources they need to be well.

What are Faith Community Caregivers?

Faith Community Caregivers are trained to support and offer a ministry of presence to patients, operating from four principles:

- **Right door**, providing education for patients on the most appropriate healthcare treatment location
- **Right time**, providing patients information to recognize symptoms early
- **Ready to be treated**, helping people prepare to share concerning symptoms, medication, and home remedies with healthcare provider
- **Reassured/not alone**, treating people with compassionate care, assuring them they are not alone

What does a Faith Community Caregiver Training include?

- The four principles of Faith Community Health
- Communication and listening skills
- Boundaries
- How to have a productive home visit
- Care Cards for specific health situations

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