

## **Faith Community Nursing and Health**

**Ministry:** The practice in faith communities promotes health and healing in body, mind and spirit.

**Faith Community Nurse** is a registered nurse who is committed to the healing mission of the faith community and has completed a faith community nurse curriculum.

### **What will Faith Community Nurses and Health Ministers do?**

The Faith Community Nurse/Health Minister roles varies from faith community to faith community depending upon the needs of its members and available resources.

Roles include:

**H** - Health Counselor

**E** - Educator of Wholistic Health

**A** - Advocate/Resource Person

**L** - Liaison to Community Services

**T** - Teacher of Volunteers/Support Groups

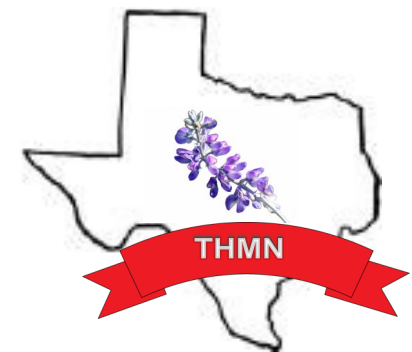
**H** - Healer: Body, Mind, & Spirit

The national **Health Ministries Association** is a global interfaith organization committed to encouraging, supporting, and developing whole-person ministries in faith groups and the communities they serve. Application to join is available at [www.hmassoc.org](http://www.hmassoc.org) or call 1-800-723-4291.

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[www.westberginstitute.org](http://www.westberginstitute.org)

# Texas Health Ministries Network



**Description:**

In 2002, the Texas Chapter of the national Health Ministries Association (HMA) was organized. In November 2009, a 501c3 organization the Texas Health Ministries Network (THMN) was formed. Meetings are held in January, April, and October in the Austin/San Antonio, Dallas/Fort Worth or Houston/Beaumont areas. Through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), a comprehensive bibliography of health ministry resources including a calendar of events is available online at [dshs.texas.gov/library/nursing.shtm](https://dshs.texas.gov/library/nursing.shtm).

**Target Audience:**

Faith community nurses and health ministers including clergy, social workers, health administrators, and educators.

**Purpose:**

- Promote a statewide network with regional contacts in Texas for health promotion education and access to resources.
- Provide educational opportunities targeted to member needs.
- Maintain a database of faith community nurses and health ministers in Texas.

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Home/Cell:

Work:

Employer:

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My Faith Denomination (ie: Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, etc):

Annual Membership Dues in January:  
Individual: \$20  
Corporate (Up to 5 Members): \$90**No Credit Card Payment Accepted.**

Make Checks Payable to:

**Texas Health Ministries Network (THMN)**

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