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New Zealand Faith Community Nurses Association

NZFCNA is the Christian charity that equips nurses to serve their local community. NZ Charities Commission Registration number CC45052

FROM OUR PATRON

“It is my privilege to begin an association with faith community nursing as a new patron of this unique and sacred mission. Faith community nurses are engaged in faith communities and beyond, offering education, advice, referral and liaison, management services as well as prayers with pastoral support.

This care comes from a sense of the divine love in all of life and a belief in the presence of healing graces which can flow through people in special ways.

This care can therefore address the whole person, body, mind and spirit. When this happens the potential for deeper care opens up, bringing all kinds of good and a real kind of hope, spiritually or otherwise.

It is an honour to support and commend this mission.

Sir David Moxon
Archbishop Emeritus
The Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia

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Thank You
Our Vision
To have a Faith Community Nurse practising in a church or interdenominational group of churches in every region of New Zealand.

Our Mission
NZFCNA will support Faith Community Nurses committed to working through faith communities to provide a ministry of holistic healthcare.

To achieve this, Our Core Values are:
- to promote Faith Community Nursing as a valid Christian ministry
- to work with and through churches and faith communities
- to promote faith and spirituality as an effective and essential aspect of health care wellness
- to define and maintain professional nursing standards as guided by Nursing Council of New Zealand to meet the legally required competencies and
- to encourage their implementation in the work of its members

With your help we can share our vision much more widely, help churches to embrace a broader view of holistic health, and contact the many Christian nurses who would love to work with a church for at least part of a week.

Dora’s Story
Dora has been a Public Health Nurse and a Practice Nurse in rural areas and is now working as a FCN. She knew a family where the husband had dementia. Fred, was being cared for at home by family and caregivers. Fred developed a lesion on his tongue which was seen by his General Practitioner (GP) who initially thought was dental irritation. Dora continued to keep an eye on this. After some time the lesion was diagnosed as malignant and Fred was offered extensive surgery. Fred had a close, caring family and they were all unsure about whether to go ahead with surgery due to the complications of the dementia. Dora was asked by the family to lead a family conference where the pros and cons were all discussed. After a lengthy discussion and prayer time the decision was made that the surgery would not be taken up.

Up until a couple of weeks before Fred was admitted for terminal care he enjoyed trips away with his wife and special family time. During the time that he was in the rural hospital for end of life care a family member stayed each night with Fred in order to alleviate the confusion that Fred was suffering from. One night no family member was available and so Dora was privileged to spend that time with Fred; they heard a baby being born in the room next door and it reminded Fred of lambing time. Since Fred died Dora has provided follow up care for his family and is greeted with a hug when she meets them in her community.

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