



## Bon Secours Hampton Roads Faith Community Health Ministry

**Bon Secours Hampton Roads Faith Community Health Ministry** assists local congregations in their efforts to promote the physical, mental, and spiritual health of their members. We currently serve the Norfolk, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Newport News, Hampton, Suffolk, Gloucester, Williamsburg, Smithfield, and Isle of Wight communities.

**We offer the following two courses:**

### Bon Secours Basic Parish Nurse Preparatory Course

*Faith Community Nursing* (also called Parish or Congregational Nursing) is a ministry that is rooted in a faith community and extends God's healing and compassion to those in need.

Faith Community Nurses (FCN) focus on the promotion of health within the context of the values, beliefs, practices, mission, and ministry of a faith community. They recognize that health is more than the absence of disease. FCNs provide wholistic care to empower individuals, families and the congregation to achieve fullness of life, even in the presence of disease.

### Bon Secours Lay Health Promoter Training Course

The *Bon Secours Hampton Roads Faith Community Lay Health Promoter* (LHP) training course is open to licensed practical nurses, lay congregational members, health educators, current lay health ministry members, and others who feel spiritually called to serve in a wholistic manner within their faith community. The *LHP* may work with the congregation's Parish / Faith Community Nurse, or be a part of the health ministry committee to make connections with congregational members in efforts to restore soundness, wholeness and health.

The goal of this program is to offer structure and content for an effective health ministry, assisting congregations to build capacity in meeting the spiritual, emotional, physical, and social needs of the faith community.

*For more information* about the BSHR Faith Community Health Network, Parish Nursing Basic Preparation Course, or Lay Health Promoter Course, please contact either of the following:

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