

**PNIG**  
 Parish Nursing Interest Group

**NEWSLETTER**



**Shirley Christo**

**Message from the President,  
 Shirley Christo**

*Update from the Chair - 2014*

2014 to date has been very busy. January was spent planning and setting up and registering for my activities at provincial, national and international level for the year. In early February, I summarized and submitted our member's voices for the Queen's Park assembly to be held from the evening of the 26th to the 28th. I attended the successful 14th Day at Queen's Park and took to our provincial politicians the issues of renewal for the Canada Health Accord; health system restructuring (LHINs); investment in Registered nurses and raising of the minimum wage to \$14.00. This year for the first time we had breakfast meetings with the MPPs and sat in on Question Period. Nipissing Student, Brandon and I had a breakfast meeting with MPP Jonah Schein, NDP critic for greater Toronto issues.

Friday, Feb. 28th at the RNAO assembly, we heard the usual reports of the CEO and the president and had an opportunity to add to Member's voices. The day ended with a request for comment on a 'Dying with Dignity' paper that had been e-mailed by Doris Grinspun and Tim Lenartowych as part of our Queen's Park package. The unusual marking of this paper as 'Confidential' prevented us from sharing this background on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide with the larger RNAO membership.

In March, I joined Mary Wyllie and Kingston parish nurses to have our PNIG display at the Kingston Nursing Research Day at St Lawrence College. Following the day we held a productive supper PNIG AGM planning meeting hosted by Mary & Ken Wyllie. I hosted a teleconference for PNIG and welcomed new Communications/Newsletter editor Shannon Pharoah and Jeanne Lambert.

Gloria Weibe & I attended the book launch of 'Sisters of Mercy and Survival: Armenian Nurses' by Dr. Isabel Kaprielian-Churchill. Through the ritual of pouring wine over the book and the sharing of the stories related to the nurses assisting orphans of the Armenian genocide by Dr. Sonia Sarkission and the author, there was visible evidence of spiritual healing for all involved.

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**UPCOMING  
 EVENTS:**

**June 5-8th**  
 CAPNM Conference  
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**Wednesday, June 14th**  
 ICHM 20th Anniversary Celebration  
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**October 4th**  
 Join us in Kingston PNIG AGM  
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**Michelle O'Rourke**  
 will be our speaker for  
 the PNIG AGM

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**Canadian Association of  
Parish Nursing Ministry  
(CAPNM)  
Conference 2014**

Hamilton is the site for hosting  
the 2014 CAPNM Conference

and AGM. The theme is

**“Embracing Accessibility:**

**The Role of the Christian**

**Community and**

**the Parish Nurse.”**

Whether it is physical,  
intellectual or an emotional  
need, accessibility is an issue

that impacts Christian

communities.

**June 5th-8th.**

For more info: [www.capnm.ca](http://www.capnm.ca)



**President meeting with MPP Schein and student**

*President's Update, cont'd.*

Mary Shaw and I attended the International Parish Nursing – Westberg Symposium in Olive Branch, Mississippi in late April. It was good to connect with other Parish/Faith Community nurses. A highlight for me was to attend the Research workshop that was lead by Dr. Ann Soleri-Twadell a pioneer in parish nursing.

Several of us from PNIG attended the RNAO AGM in early May. The opening reception was lead by the Peel chapter and we were entertained by a circus act of a unicyclist, a stilt walker and a juggler. Special guests included ICN president Judith Shamian and CNA president Barbara Mildon.

May 3rd, PNIG hosted a meet and greet breakfast session and entertained a lively conversation with guests, of the RNAO resolution ‘RN voice in National Discussion Regarding End of Life care’ inclusive of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide and shared updates of our practice.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming CAPNM 2014 AGM Assembly June 5-8th in Hamilton Ontario.

Blessings,  
*Shirley Christo, PNIG Chair*

InterChurch Health Ministries Canada

**Celebrating 20 years of Leadership in Parish Nursing Ministry**

Dear Friends:

Whether you are currently associated with ICHM Canada or are a part of its 20 year history, you are invited to attend our annual meeting and celebration of leadership in Parish Nursing Ministry.

We will recognize the founders and work of the past, celebrate the present and dream about the future.

Please plan to attend on **Saturday, June 14th, 2014,**  
*at St. Mark's United Church*  
*201 Centre Street, Whitby, Ontario*  
*AGM: 08.45 – 10.30 a.m. (registration: 8.15 a.m.)*  
*Celebration: 11 a.m. – 3.30 pm*  
*(registration: 10.30 a.m.)*

*For more information and registration form:*  
*Info@ICHM.ca*

PNIG Annual General Meeting

## Join us in Kingston October 4th!

Historic Kingston will be the site of our fall AGM on **Saturday October 4, 2014** in Christ Church Parish Hall, PNIG Members from Regions 9 are organizing a promising day with business meeting in the morning and an afternoon session on

**'Dying with Dignity:  
Understanding the Role of Hospice Palliative Care'**  
with speaker *Michelle O'Rourke, RN, MA.*

The day begins with morning refreshments at 0830 and the AGM begins at 0900. Lunch will be provided by the members of Christ Church Catharqui. The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity to review the activities of the past year, provide input into decision-making, and set goals for the future.



### Plan to attend and let your voice be heard!

*There is no cost for PNIG Members – Lunch is provided. Non-members may attend for \$25 Charge with lunch included. Bring a nursing friend! We will be enjoying 'Tea for Two' in the afternoon.*

*Christ Church Cathedral is located at 990 Sydenham Road Kingston, ON*

*For map and directions [www.christchurchkingston.ca](http://www.christchurchkingston.ca)*

*Please let us know if you will be joining us and if you need hotel info:*

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## Education Programs for Parish Nurses:



### Foundations in Parish Nursing

*A National, Ecumenical Certificate Program for Registered Nurses*

## Summer Residency – JULY 11-17, 2014 *There is still time to register!*

Participants experience a week-long intensive program in a serene setting at Holy Family Retreat House on the shore of Lake Erie. Learning is facilitated by experienced and passionate parish nurses, professors and pastors representing various Christian faith communities. There are abundant opportunities to build a network of support and friendships as well as time for both communal and personal prayer and reflection.

Among the distinguished faculty who facilitate this program, we are pleased to welcome again *Fr. Mark Miller, C.Ss.R., Clinical Bioethicist*

Fr. Mark has a particular passion for faith-based health care ethics, hospice palliative care, and parish nursing. He is currently the provincial superior of the English-speaking Redemptorists in Canada while working part-time for the Centre for Clinical Ethics out of St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Hospitals in Toronto.

Programs co-sponsored by:

*St Peter's Institute for Catholic Formation and The St. Joseph's Health Care Society*

*Bringing the healing love of Christ to those we serve*

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## Education Programs for Nurses:

As part of the **Foundations in Parish Nursing Program**, two on-line courses are offered through the University of Dayton. Any nurse is welcome to enroll in these courses.

Course Facilitator: Fran Hudson, RN Parish Nurse

### **The Parish Nurse as Counsellor and Spiritual Companion**

October 26th to November 29th, 2014. Registration opens September 10th and closes October 22th, 2014.

### **Parish Nursing: Facilitating Wholistic Health Through**

### **The Lifespan** April 2015 to May 2015

Cost for either course: \$40.00 for those associated with St. Peter's Institute for Catholic Formation, Foundations in Parish Nursing

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## For the Next Newsletter:

- **What is happening in your ministry?** Send us a picture from a recent event.
- **Want to introduce yourself to the membership?** Tell us why spiritual care matters to you.

Word limit: 200-300 words. Email this along with a photo of yourself to:

[communications@pnig.rnao.ca](mailto:communications@pnig.rnao.ca)

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