Parish Nursing Institute
Great Care with Great Love

JUNE 23-30, 2017
Offered through the E P Wahl Centre at Taylor
Topics at the Parish Nursing Institute

This intensive professional development course is for Registered Nurses seeking to develop their skills in parish nursing, a compassionate care ministry of a local church.

The Parish Nursing Institute is offered by the E P Wahl Centre, part of Taylor College and Seminary (Edmonton, AB), in cooperation with the Alberta Parish Nursing Council.

The Institute's 8-day course will take place from June 23–30, 2017, and will explore such issues as:

- Introduction to Parish Nursing Theory
- Theological Reflection
- Spiritual Assessment and Pastoral Care
- Healing and Worldview
- Biblical Perspective on Suffering and Healing
- Healing in the Christian Tradition
- Developing Rituals of Healing and Healing Services
- Mental Health Issues
- The Parish Nurse as a Teacher
- Setting Up a Parish Nursing Practice
- Working with Pastors and Volunteers
- The Parish Nurse as a Referral Agent
- Grief
- Ethics
- Legal Issues

…and more.
Parish Nursing Institute

The E P Wahl Centre at Taylor Seminary is launching its first 8-day Parish Nursing Institute. This is a response to interest expressed by Registered Nurses in Western Canada for introductory training in this significant, church-based ministry. The Alberta Association of Parish Nurses, led by Kathy Dempsey-Glegloff, provided essential insights and advice to help the Wahl Centre team situate this Institute in the Western Canadian context.

The Wahl Centre’s Parish Nursing Institute (PNI) is based on a similar Institute held for almost a decade at McMaster Divinity College (MacDiv) in Hamilton, ON. That Institute was led by Dr. Joyce Bellous, now a faculty member at Taylor, who is bringing the program to Edmonton. More than 200 Registered Nurses graduated from the MacDiv program; many of them continue to inspire and lead the Parish Nursing movement across Canada.

The Wahl Centre provides Continuing Education. Within its framework, the PNI introduces R.N.s to the essential roles, skills and professional knowledge required to carry out this ministry. Edmonton is a superb spot for Parish Nursing education because of those living here who have shaped and led Parish Nursing in Canada from its beginning.

This ministry is a strong and vital part of healthy church communities. Many nurses say that Parish Nursing captures the reasons they got into nursing in the first place.

The Wahl Centre invites Registered Nurses to bring their nursing knowledge to the Institute and discover or strengthen their role in encouraging wholeness and healing in local churches.
A Vision for Parish Nursing

A Parish Nurse is a Registered Nurse who is called to ministry and affirmed by a faith community to assist individuals and groups on their life journeys towards health, healing and wholeness.

Those who share in this ministry offer a unique blend of specialized spiritual and scientific knowledge; they are able to offer care within a congregation and beyond, to the neighbourhood. The Church is called to be a place of healing, health-seeking and faith-seeking. These are parallel processes, and the Church must identify them both as relevant and integrated processes.
A Vision for Parish Nursing, cont.

A Parish Nurse integrates faith-seeking and health-seeking. They are the key person on a ministry team who facilitates the whole-person health of a congregation and in doing so, helps to reclaim and vitalize the healing ministry of the Church.

In their local neighbourhood, they are a unique link, medical missionaries in a sense, since their nursing knowledge offers access to people who otherwise are not part of a church community.

A Parish Nurse promotes the integration of faith and health in a variety of ways, including health advocacy, health counselling, and health education. They also act as a referral agent to local and federal services and resources, such as the Public Health Nursing Department, Community Care Access Centres, Department of Veteran Affairs, Legal Aid, and other government departments and support agencies.

Demographic changes in society point to a rising need for compassionate care. The church has an open door to offer ministries of mercy for the elderly, the chronically-ill, those suffering sudden loss or those who have special needs.

The Parish Nursing Institute will help ensure that churches can confidently offer these services to their parishioners and to the neighbourhood, adhering to best practices as well as the professional and ethical standards of the nursing profession while offering a faithful witness to the mercy of Christ.
Effective Ministry as a Parish Nurse

Above: Former open heart surgery patient Bert Harsch of Edmonton stands with Elaine Domning, R.N., who was the Parish Nurse at Steele Heights Baptist Church at the time of Bert’s surgery.

Bert credits Elaine’s ministry at that time with better health outcomes, and with being an invaluable spiritual care-giver to him as well as to his wife, Myrna, during the challenging period between diagnosis and full recovery.

This picture was taken in early 2017, more than fifteen years after the events described on the following page.
Bert’s Story

The diagnosis of heart disease and the need for open heart surgery came as a shock to Bert Harsch and his wife, Myrna. The crisis was made easier because of the ministry of a part-time parish nurse on staff at their church. Bert credits Elaine Domning with helping them in numerous ways before and after surgery.

“A half-hour after I arrived home from the hospital, Elaine came to our home,” Bert remembers. “Elaine gave my wife helpful suggestions on how to care for me and what signs to watch for. She assured us that she was available anytime we needed her. She also read appropriate Scripture and prayed with us at that visit. After that she always saw me at church and showed a special interest in my recovery.”

Elaine Domning remembers jumping in with an offer of assistance when she heard that Bert was not well.

“The parish nursing role involves education, advocacy, referral and spiritual care,” Elaine says. “So I tried to be informed about congregation members who might need support due to illness, aging, grief, etc.”

Parish nursing was new to Elaine when she first heard about it in the early 1990s; her pastor encouraged her to attending a training course.

“I came away sensing God calling me to that type of ministry so, in 1996, I began my parish nursing education,” she says. “To churches not familiar with PN, I would say this program allows the church to expand the healing ministry that God has called us to. It is a complementary partnership with the pastoral leadership, not a competition or threat,” she continues. “It is a ministry that can expand the pastoral care role within the church and free up the pastor for other things. It opens up doors to ministry both within and outside of the church.”
Meet Some of Our Presenters

**DR. JOYCE BELLOUS**

Joyce Bellous is a transformational educator, leader, consultant, mentor and international speaker. She has designed and offers a variety of personal assessments to develop team-building skills and has expertise in analyzing human systems and encouraging productive involvement in them. She taught at three universities (*University of Calgary, University of Alberta, and McMaster University*) for more than two decades. She is currently Professor of Christian Faith Education at Taylor Seminary.

While teaching at McMaster Divinity College, she directed their Parish Nursing Institute (1997-2004) and served on the Board of Directors of Canadian Association of Parish Nursing Ministry (CAPNM). Joyce has published eight books including her most recent, *Learning Social Literacy* (2016).

**MARGARET CLARK**

Margaret B Clark, D.Min, is an Instructor in Practical Theology at St. Stephen’s College and a member of the Doctor of Ministry Program Committee. She is a CASC/ACSS certified Specialist in Spiritual Care and a Teaching Supervisor in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

Margaret studied Theology at both Newman Theological College (M.Div eq) and St. Stephen’s College (D.Min) in Edmonton, and has trained in spiritual direction through studies at Creighton University (MChSp) in Omaha, Nebraska. Margaret enjoys opportunities to serve others through teaching, spiritual care, CPE Supervision, and spiritual direction.

**DR. ALLAN EFFA**

Allan Effa is Professor of Intercultural Studies at Taylor Seminary in Edmonton. He has a PhD and MTh from Fuller Theological Seminary. He grew up in Brazil and served as a missionary in rural Nigeria for eight years.

Besides courses on culture and mission, he teaches Spiritual Formation and a course on The Healing Mission of the Church. He is married to Karen, a public health nurse and they have two daughters, Carmyn, who is a teacher and Corrie, who works as a kinesiologist.
Meet Some of Our Presenters, cont.

DR. JOANNE OLSON

Dr. Joanne Olson is a Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Alberta and a Parish Nurse at Riverbend United Church, Edmonton. She has extensive experience teaching and practicing parish nursing and working with graduate students interested in research related to spirituality and health. Her own research focusses on nurse-client communication, spiritual aspects of nursing and health care, and nursing and interdisciplinary education. Her book chapters, published articles, and presentations are mainly focused in these research areas of interest.

Dr. Olson is a co-author of: Nursing within a Faith Community: Promoting Health in Times of Transition.

DAVID WILLIAMS

Dr. David Williams is the President of Taylor College and Seminary, and Professor of Theology and Ethics.

Dr. Williams earned degrees from Dallas Baptist College and Denver Seminary, then taught for 17 years at Colorado Christian University while earning two degrees from Drew University. As a respected scholar and theologian, he is particularly interested in engaging the post-modern context, and is an outspoken advocate for social justice.

Originally from Texas, Dr. Williams and his wife, Jeanne, have two sons. The family moved to Edmonton in 2004; he has been President of Taylor since 2008.

Other instructors for the Parish Nursing Institute include Patricia Wirbiski, RN (Mental Health), Kathy Dempsey-Glegloff, R.N. (Parish Nursing Practice), and more.

The Parish Nursing Institute is led by a group of educators and practitioners, including Dr. Joyce Bellous (Taylor Seminary), Dr. Margaret Clark (St. Stephen’s College), Dr. Joanne Olson (University of Alberta), and Kathy Dempsey-Glegloff (of the Alberta Association for Parish Nursing Ministry).

The Parish Nursing Institute is part of the E P Wahl Centre, the continuing education ministry of Taylor Seminary. Dr. Ralph Korner is the Director of the E P Wahl Centre. Other members of the leadership team of the E P Wahl Centre include Taylor President Dr. David Williams, Heather Breitkreuz, Rev. Sam Nikkel, Harvey Hiller and Tim Willson.
Registration Information

IMPORTANT DATES
February 27, 2017: - Registration opens with discounted pricing
March 31, 2017: - Deadline for early-bird registration discount
May 15, 2017: - Registration closes
June 23–June 30, 2017: - Parish Nursing Institute 8-Day Intensive Program

LOCATION
The Parish Nursing Institute will be held at:
Taylor Seminary 11525 – 23 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T6J 4T3

COST
$1,199 if registering before March 31, 2017.
Regular Registration Rate: $1,499.00

HOW TO REGISTER
Online: www.Taylor-Edu.ca/Events  |  By Phone: 780-431-5200
Those attending this professional development program will receive a Certificate of Completion

ACCOMMODATION
Dorm-style accommodation is sometimes available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the Taylor General Office to enquire: 780-431-5201 (800-567-4988, ext. 201).
Who is a Parish Nurse?

The Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry defines a parish nurse as “a registered nurse with specialized knowledge who is called to ministry and affirmed by a faith community to promote health, healing and wholeness.”

- The term *parish nurse* was first used in Europe
- The term was adopted for use in North America when this ministry came to be practiced here in the 1980s. The CAPMN (Canadian Association of Parish Nursing) was formed following a series of informal meetings of interested people in Calgary and Toronto in the late 1990s.
- A parish nurse must be a registered as a nurse in the province where they serve, and must have a current license
- A parish nurse does not offer medical care
- A parish nurse integrates *faith-seeking* and *health-seeking*; they facilitate the “whole-person health” of a congregation and/or a neighbourhood
- A parish nurse commonly spends time with the elderly, the chronically-ill, and those suffering sudden loss or who have special needs
- A parish nurse serves as part of the ministry staff of a church to integrate faith and health
- A parish nurse is subject to all of the ethical and privacy guidelines of the medical profession

Although the term “parish nurse” is new in some churches, it has become the well-accepted and understood descriptor for a ministry that is becoming ever-more needed in our communities.