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Dear

Greetings to you

COVID 19 and its variants have taught us a great deal, but one thing is becoming more evident as time with his situation lingers on; most clergy are not prepared to deal with a disease of this nature and in fact are not trained to respond to congregational members about health matters in general.

As your faith community starts to reopen its doors, and reviews its staffing models, we suggest the time is now to look at the spiritual, physical, and mental needs of your faith communities. The time is now for your faith communities to look at hiring a trained Parish Nurse.

To be a Parish Nurse you must hold registration from a regulatory body and thus be a Registered Nurse. Further, you will have attended specialized courses in worship participation, scripture interpretation, holistic health, and the integration of spirituality and healing. Together these skills blend with your professional nursing education to provide leadership and pastoral skills that will support all community members.

To learn more about Parish Nursing we suggest that you visit the website of the Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry at [www.capnm.ca](http://www.capnm.ca).

If you do not already have Parish Nursing as a category within the personnel listing of positions within your faith community, we sincerely ask that you consider this position immediately.

If you need assistance with developing salary ranges, examples of job descriptions, ideas on how to create a Health Council to support this position and/or possible funding options or to assist in the creation of such a role, please contact Christine Fournier, coordinator for CAPNM at capnm.secretary@gmail.com or call 226-922-1807 for more information.

Yours in Christ,

Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry