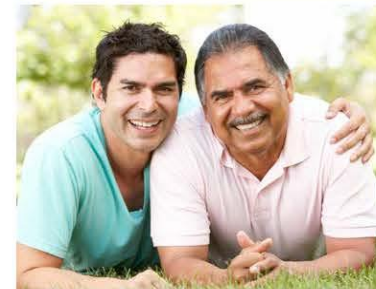


Contact Information

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DFW FaithHealth Collaborative



Right Door... Right Time... Reassured...
READY.



What is the DFW FaithHealth Collaborative?

The DFW FaithHealth Collaborative is an informal collaboration between Baylor Scott & White Health, Children's Health, Methodist Health System, Parkland Health & Hospital System and area faith communities. It is designed to change community health through faith-filled partnerships. Combining the strengths of hospital systems, faith communities, and faith-based ministries, our mission is to connect faith communities and health resources to nurture the health of those we all serve.

What the "Collaborative" offers your faith community:

1. **Training** - for your health ministry volunteers ("Faith Community Caregivers"). We show you how to care for those who have been recently hospitalized and how to help faith community members and neighbors find the best access to health care. We also provide education on prevention of common health issues, and a host of other topics that your faith community wants to learn about. And, if you are blessed to have a nurse in your congregation who wants to become a certified Faith Community Nurse, they will have access to subsidized professional training through the Faith Community Nursing program at Methodist Health System.
2. **Access** - to a professional Faith Community Chaplain who can help your faith community plan a strategy to create or strengthen your health ministry. The Chaplain will also communicate to you the needs your member has upon discharge from the hospital.
3. **Support** - for your health ministry volunteers to prevent burnout and for your hospitalized members who will be ministered to by a trained healthcare Chaplain.
4. **Relevance** - to the neighborhood surrounding your faith community. We will give you opportunities to share the message of health and wholeness and to provide support to neighbors who need your help after their hospitalization.

What we need from your faith community:

1. Identification of at least one person willing to serve as your faith community's health ministry leader.
2. Willingness to support a focus on the connection between faith and health.
3. Willingness to support your health ministry team as they become well-trained to support your members and community neighbors.
4. A desire and commitment to provide a minimum of one health-related educational event per quarter.

Quantifiable results:

The DFW FaithHealth Collaborative is fortunate to have outcome research from FaithHealth initiatives in Memphis, Tennessee at Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare. Based on their results, we believe that you and your participating faith community members can anticipate:

1. A reduced chance of being readmitted after a stay in the hospital
2. Increased access to preventive primary care meaning less visits to the ER.
3. Less money spent on healthcare by receiving needed care earlier.
4. A longer and healthier life.

Who are Faith Community Caregivers?

- Compassionate caregivers who offer companionship to those who are lonely.
- Trained volunteers who help with health education.
- Resource navigators who, with training, can assess needs and help locate the resources needed.
- Health advocates who assist with following plans of care after discharge, help answer or find answers to questions, and help others on their way to full recovery.

Our desire to partner with the faith community is rooted in the following ideas:



Right Door

All too often, patients find themselves at the wrong door—the Emergency Room. With preventive steps we help patients find the right door.

Right Time

Fear, confusion or finances cause health issues to go on for far too long. DFW FaithHealth Collaborative provides education on how to recognize symptoms and issues early.

Ready to be Treated

Being anxious and in crisis mode makes it hard to know what doctors might need from us. The DFW FaithHealth Collaborative helps the patient prepare for a medical need and navigate a sometimes complex health care system.

Not Alone

Hospitals and clinics are huge medical systems and can feel even larger when patients journey it alone. The DFW FaithHealth Collaborative gives patients a network to rely on.

Interested in becoming part of the DFW FaithHealth Collaborative - as a faith community or perhaps as a volunteer Faith Community Caregiver? Please contact us. We will be glad to schedule a time to come to you and share more about this exciting opportunity for collaboration!