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An Invitation to Join the Spiritual Care Nursing Advocate Initiative

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Westberg Institute for Nursing, I invite you to become a **Spiritual Care Nursing Advocate** and join us in an exciting new chapter in advancing whole-person nursing care.

For four decades, the Westberg Institute has championed the vision of Dr. Granger Westberg, who recognized that health encompasses the interconnected physical, mental, social, and spiritual dimensions of the person. This vision helped establish Faith Community Nursing as a recognized nursing specialty within faith communities. Today, we are building upon that foundation by expanding our educational and professional development efforts into clinical healthcare settings through **Spiritual Care Nursing**.

Spiritual Care Nursing is an emerging nursing specialty that strengthens nurses' preparation to recognize, assess, and respond to the spiritual dimension of health. Through advanced education, nurses develop competencies in nursing spiritual assessment, individualized care planning, evidence-based spiritual nursing interventions, documentation, evaluation of outcomes, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Spiritual Care Nursing complements the important work of professional chaplains while strengthening nursing's contribution to whole-person care.

The goal of this initiative is to advance Spiritual Care Nursing as a recognized nursing specialty within healthcare systems. Achieving this goal requires more than developing educational programs such as the Spiritual Care Nursing Certificate Program and professional certification pathways such as the Certified Spiritual Care Nurse (CSCN) credential. It requires nurses who recognize the importance of spiritual care and are willing to introduce this opportunity to others.

Your Role as an Advocate

As an Advocate, you can help advance this initiative through three simple actions:

1. Share Information

Introduce Spiritual Care Nursing to nursing colleagues, professional associations, educators, and healthcare leaders. Share the Westberg Institute's informational materials and educational opportunities.

2. Identify Opportunities

Watch for openings to present Spiritual Care Nursing at nursing conferences, professional meetings, educational programs, healthcare systems, and nursing leadership discussions.

3. Connect Others with the Westberg Institute

Help establish connections between interested individuals or organizations and the Westberg Institute. Our team can provide additional information, presentations, educational resources, and guidance regarding Spiritual Care Nursing development and implementation.

Moving Forward Together

You are not being asked to establish a Spiritual Care Nursing program independently or become an expert in every aspect of this emerging practice. Rather, we invite you to serve as a knowledgeable advocate who opens doors, initiates conversations, and connects others with the Westberg Institute's resources.

Together, we can help advance a vision in which the spiritual dimension of health is intentionally integrated into nursing practice, strengthening whole-person care across diverse healthcare settings.

To join as an Advocate or request materials, contact admin@westberginstitute.org.

Thank you for considering this invitation and for your commitment to the future of nursing.

Warm regards,

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