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**ANA and Health Ministries Association to Co-Publish *Faith Community Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition***

**SILVER SPRING, MD** –In collaboration with Health Ministries Association, the national professional membership organization for faith community nurses, ANA is publishing *Faith Community Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* on January 24. Developed by twenty-one practicing RNs whose expertise represents the specialty's roles across the U.S., and refined by a public review period and a formal review process by other RNs, this publication offers broad national perspective applicable to many faith traditions. Grounded in the co-published 2005 and 1998 editions and ANA's *Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, this authoritative and fully updated edition (available also as an eBook) delineates the essentials of faith community nursing.

Faith community nursing is a practice specialty that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit, promotion of an integrative model of health, and prevention and minimization of illness within the context of a faith community. Such practitioners consider the spiritual, physical, psychological, and social aspects of an individual to create a sense of harmony with self, others, the environment, and a higher power.

The sixteen Standards of Faith Community Nursing Practice reflect the specialty's professional values and priorities and provide practice directions and the framework for practice evaluation.

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Each standard is measurable by a set of specific competencies that serve as evidence of minimal compliance with that standard. The book's single scope of practice specifies the *who, what, where, when, why, and how* of the practice that is common to and expected of all faith community nurses.

### **About ANA's Specialty Nursing Standards**

Since the late 1990s, ANA has partnered with other nursing organizations to establish a formal process for recognition of specialty areas of nursing practice. ANA's approval of specialty nursing scope of practice statements and acknowledgment of specialty standards of practice remain valid for five years, starting from the publication date of the specialty scope and standards document.

### **About Health Ministries Association**

Health Ministries Association, Inc. (HMA), a nonprofit membership organization, is a support network for people of faith who promote whole-person health through faith groups in the communities they serve. HMA is the recognized professional membership organization for the nursing specialty of faith community nursing and promotes education, research utilization, and evidence-based practice.

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### **ABOUT THIS BOOK**

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