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Principles of Christ-centred Faith Community Nursing

NCFI-PACEA Pre-Conference Workshop - Wed 28 Oct 2026



We will cover these topics:

1. Context & Biblical mandate for compassionate care
2. Compassionate care of the whole person
3. Biblical principles underpinning Faith Community Nursing
4. Theology of health and healing
5. Spiritual care and prayer
6. Strength-based approaches to care

This course qualifies for CPD.

You will receive a certificate of completion and course notes

Register early for this pre-conference workshop

Nurses Christian Fellowship International PACEA Conference

**Become the care you want to see in your community
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Time	Session name	What we will learn together
0830 am	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening and introductory activity
08.40 Session 1	Context & Biblical mandate for compassionate care?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context of needs - Jesus call to respond and 'love our neighbour' • Body ministry – uses everyone because we are all called to love •
09.30 Session 2	Compassionate care of the whole person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are a whole person – and so is the person you care for! • Understanding the continuum of care • Needs-based care – how and when it can be helpful • Strengths-based care – how and when it can be helpful
10.30	Morning Tea	
11.00 Session 3	A. Biblical principles underpinning Faith Community Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpacking some of the key Biblical principles for compassionate care as a n FCN – love, justice, service, stewardship, communion, prayer, mercy/grace, compassionate action
11.45 Session 4	B. Theology of health and healing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your theology of care? It will impact your effectiveness! • Is there a difference between healing and curing?
12.45 pm	Lunch	
1.30 pm Session 5	A. Spiritual Care and prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change, disruption and the process of transition • When and how to move conversations to provide spiritual care • Using powerful questions • Listening and prayer support •
2.30 Session 6	B. Strength-based approaches to care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will practice the art of listening and asking powerful questions and bringing an appropriate prayer response to scenarios • Practice using strengths-based approaches to care
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	

This 6 hour course is designed for nurses and other people who want to care effectively and compassionately for the people in their life and in their faith community.

Your facilitator is Dr. Antonia van Loon. She has a long background in nursing, health and community care, pastoral care, higher education and training. Anne has worked as a Faith Community Nurse in her church for 15 years. She has been actively involved with Faith Community Nursing in Australia via AFCNA and internationally from 1996-2026.

The course is taught from a Christian worldview using research-based best practice to assist your learning experience.

Participants can use this course for continuing professional development for Nursing, personal spiritual growth, or as partial fulfilment toward the first topic of the Principles and Practice of Faith Community Nursing, which is an abbreviated version of the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing - the international standard for Faith Community Nursing preparation. The course is a blend of biblical principles underpinning care and practical skills that can be utilised in any nursing or pastoral care context.

You will be provided with course notes for this workshop.