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Welcome to our New Website

It was exciting to launch the official website for our organization this spring. Allow me to guide you to some of the sections you will find at www.fcniinternational.org.

As always the home page provides several specific options. You can immediately access the *International Journal of Faith Community Nursing*, a free on-line journal of peer-reviewed research articles. The “Learn More” bubble offers specific advantages of membership. There is also a bubble for you to contribute to the organization.

Along the top you will find links to various aspects of our organization. The “About” section introduces the members of the Board of Directors and the members of the various committees, as specified in the Bylaws. The Research Committee and the Education Committee, *Ad Hoc* Committees, have begun to develop specific goals for their committee, see what their plans are. The Governance Committee is responsible for making recommendations for Bylaws changes and overseeing Bylaws compliance. The Leadership Succession Committee, an elected membership committee, is responsible for mentoring and recruiting members for leadership positions in the organizations. The members of the various committees are listed in this section.

If you have an idea, question or suggestion, please contact us via the “Contact” section. We want to be attuned to the questions and concerns of the membership. The appropriate person will respond to your inquiry.

There is a “Members Only” section that is opened via an access code that will be identified to you upon renewal of your 2016 membership. Resources, tools, Board meeting minutes and the Bylaws are located here. There is also a “Blog” section written by Alice Murphy, a Board member. Check out the discussion she has posted to keep us all connected in a timely manner.

In addition to the information, you can renew your membership online or by mail. At the close of 2015, there were over 150 members. If you haven’t already, please renew today so that the work of this organization can achieve the goals we have set for this specialty practice. Also, I encourage you to volunteer for some of the committees. We need your input, your experience and your prayers. We can only accomplish our goals with the support of the membership. Consider Paul’s letter to the Corinthians:

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” I Corinthians 12: 4-7

I pray that each of you will use your God given gifts to do His work.

Shalom
Andrea M. West
Acting FCNI Board President