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HEALTH & WELFARE MINISTRIES

AN OUTREACH FOR PERSONS IN NEED





FOURTEEN MINISTRIES: ONE SHARED VISION

The Wisconsin Conference has 14 Health and Welfare Ministries serving persons of all faiths and races as an outreach of The United Methodist Church. The Ministries group is divided into three categories:

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The Wisconsin Health & Welfare Ministries provide invaluable services to their communities. In turn, they need your support. Remember to observe Golden Cross Sunday annually. And, to donate to a specific ministry, send your donation to the Wisconsin Conference UMC Treasurer and designate the Fund Number that you want to support. For more information, visit www.WisconsinUMC.org or call 888-240-7328.

AN EXPRESSION OF WHAT IT IS TO BE UNITED METHODIST

Over many years, beginning before the start of the 20th century, the Health and Welfare Ministries were formed by The Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church as outreach ministries of the Church for persons in need.

The bedrock of each Ministry is the vision of a better world sought by the founders from within the Church, and the Christian values of serving others. Living out the vision and values are fundamental to being the Church that Jesus Christ called into being. The very basis of the Church originally created by John Wesley is the call for every member to combine a personal journey toward the perfection seen in Jesus, with a life of social holiness by being a blessing to all those whose lives we individually and collectively touch. Both ongoing personal and social transformation are fundamental to being The United Methodist Church (UMC), and must therefore be integral to the life of every member of The UMC. United Methodists work toward fulfilling both dimensions of this call.

The Health and Welfare Ministries of the Wisconsin Conference are key expressions of the goal of social transformation within the Conference. The Ministries are structured so they offer all UMC members in the Conference the opportunity to serve others through one of the Ministries. And the Conference encourages the expansion of the Ministries, and the creation of new Ministries to better respond to the unmet needs of both United Methodists and persons of all faiths. Therefore, all the Ministries have common Christian values of service, and a vision of God's Kingdom here on earth.



FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The organizations that make up this group include:

Harbor House Crisis Shelters, Superior

Hillcrest Family Services, Iowa

Northcott Neighborhood House, Milwaukee

United Methodist Children's Services, Milwaukee

Services provided, which are predominately for the poor, include:

- Life-Skill Training
- Homeless Shelters
- Food Pantries
- Gang Prevention
- Nutrition Education
- Parenting Training
- Transitional Living

Services focus on:

- Crisis Intervention
- Rebuilding Lives
- Strengthening Families
- Creating Sustainable Community

These Ministries are very dependent on contributions from the Conference and congregations since they are used as matching funds to obtain foundation, business and government grants. Contributions through the annual Golden Cross offering are used to offset the cost of uncompensated services.

Harbor House Crisis Shelters

1531 Hughitt Avenue
Superior, Wisconsin 54880
Phone: 715-394-9608 or 715-392-4157
Email: info@harborhousecs.org
Web: www.harborhousecs.org



Conference Advance #7788

History

The parsonage next to Faith UMC in Superior had been used as a shelter for homeless families from 1996—2000, though it struggled with volunteers, no director, and no connection to the faith community. It reopened as Harbor House Crisis Shelters in 2001 after the Revs. Certa-Werner family moved to Superior the preceding summer.

Mission

This Ministry's mission is to provide hospitable shelter, transitional living, and emergency services for homeless single women and families. Their value statements are: "mercy triumphs over judgement," James 2:13; and "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, as long as ever you can," John Wesley.

Services

Harbor House Crisis Shelters is committed to ending homelessness by providing children's programming and direct services for homeless single women and families, conducting public education and analysis of model programs and practices that create permanent housing opportunities, and shaping policies to prevent future homelessness.

Hillcrest Family Services

2005 Asbury Road
Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-583-7357
Web: www.hillcrest-fs.org



Conference Advance #7949

History

While relatively new to the Wisconsin Conference, Hillcrest has been in ministry since 1896 in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1924, the organization, called The Hillcrest Baby Fold at the time, began a formal relationship with the (then) Upper Iowa Methodist Conference. Over the century, the organization continued to evolve and grow from one focused mostly on mother-child services to include the wide range of educational and community-enriching programs it offers today.

Mission

Hillcrest Family Services is a faith-connected, nonprofit provider of health and education services for children, families and adults in need.

Services

Working collaboratively with local communities, Hillcrest is able to provide a range of quality and innovative services, including:

- Adoption (WI & IA)
- Pregnancy Care, Counseling and Education
- Homeless Outreach and Shelters
- Tobacco Use Prevention
- Professional Health Clinic
- Integrated Health Home (Bridging the Gap Between Mental and Medical Health)
- Residential Services for Adults with Mental Illness
- Outpatient Mental Health Services
 - Seven Iowa Offices
 - Crisis Center
 - Wellness Center
- Anna B. Lawther Academy (On-Campus School and Residences)
- Spiritual and Health Integration Services
- Youth Programs
 - Achieving Maximum Potential (AMP) Group
 - Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention After-School Program
 - Mentor Dubuque Program
 - Young Parents Supporting Each Other (YPSE) Group

Northcott Neighborhood House

2460 N. 6th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: 414-372-3770
Web: www.northcotthouse.org



Conference Advance #7250

History

Northcott, which celebrated 56 years of service in 2017, was first located in the Hillside Housing Project of Milwaukee and began through the initiative of a few Wisconsin United Methodist Women. It has grown to serve more than 10,000 people per year through its programs.

Mission

Northcott's mission is to support family stability, provide educational and recreational programs for youth, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration, and provide various social services for the residents of Harambee and surrounding neighborhoods.

Services

Northcott Neighborhood House offers a variety of programs to enrich the community, including:

- **Youth Programs:** After school and summer programs for teens and pre-teens serve approximately 3,000 youth annually on site and at a Community Learning Center. While emphasizing skill development and community participation, Northcott offers educational enhancement and leadership development options, sports, arts, ATODA and other prevention training, and community involvement activities.
- **Fresh Start/Milwaukee Builds:** Northcott has become a major center of job training for the construction trades with the young adult oriented Fresh Start and the adult Milwaukee Builds programs. These programs provide job training, educational enhancement, and actual construction experience.
- **Neighborhood Development:** Northcott has a long history of work with neighborhood organizations in many joint projects and collaborations, including a Juneteenth Day Celebration and Annual Vigil against Violence.
- **Emergency Services:** These resources include a food pantry, a commodities program, a clothing bank, and information/referral services. Northcott also sponsors health fairs that provide residents with health information and screenings.

United Methodist Children's Services

3940 West Lisbon Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53208
Phone: 414-344-1818
Web: www.umcs-wi.org



Conference Advance #7265

History

United Methodist Children's Services was organized in 1962, and has been serving men, women, children, and families for 50 years.

Mission

Based upon its fundamental belief in God's love, United Methodist Children's Services values the dignity, potential, and worth of each individual; and creates a nurturing environment and sense of community in which miracles happen.

Services

Located in the Washington Park area of Milwaukee, United Methodist Children's Services (UMCS) serves women, children, and families with low-income and affordable housing, childcare, food, household items, and neighborhood organizing, specifically:

- The Growing Tree Children's Center serves children in the UMCS housing program, as well as those in the surrounding community. Many children are from families who participate in the W-2 Welfare to Work Program.
- The Family Resource Center is one of the largest emergency food pantry sites in Milwaukee County, based on the number of people it serves. Through this invaluable resource, United Methodist Children's Services is able to distribute emergency food supplies, and clothing to low-income families, as well as provide other important community services.
- Seventy units of low-income and affordable housing provide safe, quality residences for families, who also receive additional support services to ensure their needs are met.
- A sustainable community initiative works within the Washington Park Neighborhood to ensure it's a safe place for residents to live, work and play.



SENIOR AND DISABILITY SERVICES

The organizations that make up this group include:

Cedar Crest, Janesville

Christian Community Home, Hudson

Evergreen, Oshkosh

Morrow Home Community, Sparta

Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community, Richland Center

Sheboygan Senior Community, Sheboygan

Village at Manor Park (VMP), West Allis

Services include:

- Skilled Nursing Care
- Assisted Living
- Hospice Care
- Home Care
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Transportation
- Therapy Services
- Rehabilitation Services
- Senior Centers
- Fitness and Aquatic Facilities
- Spiritual Services
- Independent Living Services

These Ministries serve persons who are unable to pay the full cost of services provided, as well as persons with sufficient financial resources. Contributions through the annual Golden Cross offering are used to offset the cost of uncompensated services.

Cedar Crest

1702 S. River Road
Janesville, WI, 53546
Phone: 608-756-0344
Web: www.cedarcrestnet.com



Conference Advance #7860

History

Cedar Crest was founded in 1961 as an independent living facility for senior women; and the (then) East Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Church assumed operation of Cedar Crest in 1965. Over the years, Cedar Crest has continued to expand and grow its facilities in order to provide optimal care for its residents.

Mission

We strive to enrich the quality of life for senior adults at all levels of independence, guided by a spiritually based, not-for-profit culture that fosters compassion and care.

Services

Cedar Crest is Rock County's only community that provides senior adults with such a wide range of living options, including town homes, apartment homes, assisted living studios, and memory care residences. Other services include:

- **Healthcare Center:** Cedar Crest's Health Center provides 24-hour skilled nursing care in a spacious and recently remodeled facility. The Health Center is designed and staffed to provide an independent, home-like environment where residents can live with dignity.
- **Short-Term Rehabilitation:** Individualized, short-term rehab care and services are offered in a safe, supportive environment for patients to increase their level of mobility and independence. They include physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language therapy.
- **Spiritual Care:** A pastoral team leads devotionals each week, Sunday morning and evening worship services, and Bible study classes, and is also available for private meetings. Cedar Crest's beautiful, interdenominational chapel is also ideal for quiet, personal reflection and organized worship. Religious services for all denominations are held either in the chapel or at nearby congregations.

Christian Community Homes and Services

1320 Wisconsin Street
Hudson, WI 54016
Phone: 715-386-9303
Web: www.cchudson.org



Conference Advance #7530

History

Christian Community Home of Hudson (CCHH) first began its operation in 1981, and expanded to provide independent senior apartments, assisted living, memory care, and most recently added a “Health Hotel” for short-term transitional care guests. In 2011, a second campus was built in Osceola, which is connected to the Osceola Medical Center. CCHH takes pride in their community’s legacy of care toward its seniors. Creating a place of comfort for those who carry such wisdom and strength is their opportunity to care for those who cared for them.

Mission

Christian Community Homes and Services is a nonprofit, faith-based organization offering senior living communities dedicated to serving individuals in ways that reflect the importance of each unique life.

Services

CCHH is dedicated to showing residents that they are truly special and deserving of utmost attention and assistance. This continuum of care campus includes:

- **Senior Apartments:** WinterGreen offers independent living with assisted living services available when needed.
- **Assisted Living:** Pine Ridge offers individual efficiency apartments for seniors requiring assistance with activities of daily living.
- **Memory Care:** Pine Ridge Gardens provides the highest quality of life with a secure environment for those with dementia/Alzheimer’s disease.
- **Skilled Nursing:** Christian Community Home is a caring environment providing 24-hour skilled nursing care for those needing long-term living.
- **Rehabilitation and Fitness:** The Red Oak Center accommodates short-term and transitional care needs, and can provide fitness and wellness programs for all ages.

Evergreen

1130 North Westfield Street
Oshkosh, WI 54902
Phone: 920-233-2340
Web: www.EvergreenOshkosh.com



Conference Advance #7110

History

Evergreen was founded in 1965 by Ruth and Howard Rowland as a Health and Welfare Ministry of the Wisconsin Conference of The United Methodist Church. Open to people of any faith, Evergreen was dedicated in November 1967. With visionary leadership and strong commitment from staff and volunteers, Evergreen maintains a tradition of exceptional services, programs, and facilities on a beautiful 35-acre campus.

Mission

Guided by Christian values, Evergreen is an industry leader in providing a continuum of possibilities for individuals 55 years and older.

Services

Evergreen offers independent living, assisted living, memory care, and both long-term and short-term skilled nursing to nearly 300 residents. Throughout its history, Evergreen has been committed to meeting the individual needs of its residents, and helping each one to reach their highest wellness potential.

Evergreen At-Home services are available to Evergreen residents, as well as to those living in the greater Oshkosh community. Evergreen Therapy Services provides physical, occupational, speech, and aquatic therapy to residents and out-patient referrals. Today, Evergreen is an industry leader, providing a continuum of possibilities for individuals 55 years and older, and strives to be a vibrant community that offers rich life experiences and choices in programs, services, and environments for those they serve.

Morrow Home Community

331 S Water Street
Sparta, WI 54656
Phone: 608-269-3168
Web: www.morrowhome.org



Conference Advance #7320

History

In 1917, Miss Mary Morrow established Morrow Memorial Home in memory of her parents, Judge Joseph and Olive Morrow. Initially, Mary Morrow donated a frame home to the then-West Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since first providing care, the Morrow Community has expanded by adding independent living with services at Parkview Apartments, Homestead and MaryCrest Assisted Living Apartments, and BridgePath Advanced Assisted Living and Memory Care. Morrow is 100 years old and working on its “Second Century of Service.”

Mission

The heritage of our Morrow Home Community was founded on Christian love. This love is apparent in the way its staff cares for those they serve. Morrow Home strives to enhance quality of life by preserving the dignity, independence, and uniqueness of each individual, while meeting their physical, social, and spiritual needs.

Services

The Morrow Home Community serves as a tangible expression of God’s love through a continuum of long-term care services, including independent senior apartments, assisted living, advanced assisted living, and dementia care. Morrow Home Community also offers childcare at their Young at Heart Child Center, which serves staff and the community, and provides intergenerational activities. Mary Morrow’s Attic, a thrift store run by volunteers, operates in downtown Sparta, and helps fund needed capital expenditures. Morrow Home Community also prepares and delivers weekday noon meals through its Meals in Motion program to 50 area seniors in their homes. Morrow Home Community continually looks for ways to serve.

Schmitt Woodland Hills Retirement Community

1400 West Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581
Phone: 608-647-8931
Web: www.schmittwoodlandhills.com



Conference Advance #7840

History

When Wisconsin cheesemaker William Schmitt passed away in 1962, it was found that there was a large sum of money bequeathed for the building of a retirement center. Planning for this new center began almost immediately. Schmitt Woodland Hills (SWH) was incorporated in 1962 as a nonprofit organization, and opened its doors in 1964.

Mission

Schmitt Woodland Hills is a Christian residential retirement community offering a complete continuum of services from in-home to comfort care.

Services

Schmitt Woodland Hills is home to an active group of seniors who share the benefits of a welcoming, secure and comfortable lifestyle. Services include skilled nursing care, assisted living, independent apartments, and personal home support. These facilities were expanded in 2015, increasing the skilled care facility from 25 to 50 beds. SWH can now offer private rooms, as well as individual apartments, all under one roof. The facility currently cares for approximately 200 residents. They also partner with a children's daycare school. Called to create a Christian environment, Schmitt Woodland Hills maintains a pastoral care staff and a designated chapel.

Sheboygan Senior Community

930 N 6th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Phone: 920-458-2137
Web: www.retiresheboygan.com



Conference Advance #7270

History

Since 1962, Sheboygan Senior Community (SSC) has been serving seniors from Sheboygan County with dignity, respect, compassion, and patience. At the end of 2015, they moved into the newest skilled nursing facility in the state, which includes private rooms for everyone, small dining areas, cozy bath spas, and a café for entertaining friends and family. SSC offers a state-of-the-art therapy gym with an actual car to practice transferring in and out, the best equipment available, and a team of outstanding therapists.

Mission

Sheboygan Senior Community strives to provide its residents and their families with an exceptional senior lifestyle, full of purpose and happiness.

Services

SSC serves the social, spiritual and medical needs of area seniors with a variety of options:

- Landmark Square: an independent living community of privately-owned condominiums
- Willow Lane: 25 assisted living rooms
- Oak Creek and Maple Lane: 35 long-term skilled-nursing private rooms
- Hickory Hills: 25 beds providing the finest short-term rehabilitation experience available

Village at Manor Park (VMP)

3023 S 84th Street
West Allis, WI 53227
Phone: 414- 607-4100
Web: www.vmpcares.com



Conference Advance #7710

History

Village at Manor Park (VMP) started in 1925 as a home for the aged on 11th and Kilbourn Avenue in Milwaukee. As years passed, the names and location changed, eventually becoming VMP Healthcare & Community Living. Based on Christian values, the tradition continues today.

Mission

The mission of VMP is to provide a full range of senior healthcare for residents, patients, and the community in accordance with Christian values. VMP is dedicated to providing compassionate care and services for older adults, respecting each individual's personal, physical and spiritual needs. VMP's mission is further enhanced through collaborations with community partners, aimed at improving the care and quality of life of those in the community.

Services

VMP of Milwaukee is a residential and outpatient senior health care community that provides independent, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing. VMP also provides rehabilitation and ventilator care. In addition, its Pastoral Care department helps develop the spiritual and emotional life of residents, families, staff and those in the community-at-large within the context of their faith and values. A program at the heart of VMP's Pastoral Care is *No One Dies Alone (NODA)*, which trains volunteers from the community to sit vigil with those at the end-of-life. VMP's Chaplains offer the opportunity for residents to attend weekly ecumenical worship services, Bible studies, inspirational gatherings, and one-on-one pastoral visits with Pastoral Care staff.



HEALTH SERVICES

The organizations that make up this group include:

Bellin Health

United Methodist Hospitals Ministry

United Methodist Parish Nurse Ministry/Faith Community Nursing

Services include:

- A comprehensive diagnostic, preventative, acute care, and rehabilitation system
- Congregational programs providing parish nursing services to the community
- Chaplaincy services for United Methodists from around Wisconsin who are being cared for in Madison area hospitals.

Contributions through the annual Golden Cross offering are used to offset the cost of uncompensated services.

Bellin Health

744 South Webster Avenue
P.O. Box 23400
Green Bay, WI 54305
Phone: 920-433-3500
Web: www.bellin.org



Conference Advance #7850

History

Established in 1908, Bellin Health has been serving Green Bay and northeastern Wisconsin for more than 100 years. The Bellin Hospital is known as the region's heart center, as it was the first hospital in the area to offer a comprehensive heart program.

Mission

Bellin Health is a community-owned, not-for-profit organization responsible for improving the health and wellbeing of people living in Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and all others they serve.

They carry out this responsibility through individualized care excellence, community health improvement, and equitable healthcare financing plans –all designed to positively impact health and wellbeing. They are steadfast in their commitment to providing compassionate, safe, and coordinated care that is accessible and affordable for everyone.

Bellin builds trusted relationships and advances true collaboration, fueling its desire to constantly improve and innovate.

Services

Bellin Health's services include a general hospital and psychiatric center located in Green Bay, a critical access hospital in Oconto, and numerous Primary Care, Specialty Care, and FastCare clinics throughout Northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

- Cancer Services
- Digestive Health
- Emergency Care
- Heart & Vascular
- Neuro Services
- Obstetrics
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Pulmonary
- Rehabilitation
- Surgery, including Robotic Assisted
- Wound Care

United Methodist Hospitals Ministry

Phone: 888-240-7328

Email: MadisonHospitalsChaplain@WisconsinUMC.org

Web: www.WisconsinUMC.org



Conference Advance #7630

History

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry began in the 1950s when a part-time United Methodist chaplain from Methodist Hospital in Madison visited Methodists in the other Madison hospitals on behalf of the Church. In the late 1960s, when the chaplain became full-time, the ministry was picked up by one or two local congregations who affirmed the need to provide a healing ministry within Madison area hospitals. It has evolved from parish pastors providing care, to a volunteer chaplain, to a paid, part-time chaplain, to what it has become today.

Mission

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry is an outreach visitation Ministry of healing and connectional support by The United Methodist Church of Wisconsin. Over the years, this ministry has provided spiritual care and comfort to many United Methodists hospitalized in Madison hospitals, and has strengthened (sometimes re-established) their connections with local pastors and churches.

Services

The United Methodist Hospitals Ministry consists of two parts:

- The chaplain visits United Methodist patients and their families hospitalized in Madison's major hospitals. The chaplain fills in for local clergy when they are not able to visit, and provides a connectional link between the patients and their congregations and pastors. The chaplain also visits Methodists who have no relationships to congregations.
- The Chaplaincy Committee of lay and clergy persons oversees the work of the chaplain, sets goals and compensation, and assists in fundraising.

United Methodist Parish Nurse Ministry

Phone: 888-240-7328

Web: www.WisconsinUMC.org



Conference Advance #7806

History

One hundred years ago, leaders in the health field practiced in Christian Churches, which began in answer to Jesus' mandate to care for each other. In 1998, Faith Community Nursing was formally recognized as a specialty practice by the American Nurses Association.

Mission

Parish Nursing is a unique, specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the promotion of holistic health in a faith community, such as a church, synagogue, or mosque. Parish Nursing ministers to the needs of the individual, the family, and the community the church serves. The Parish Nurse serves within the context of the values, beliefs, and practices of the faith community and in accord with its mission and ministry.

Services

Parish Nursing integrates education, advocacy and referrals with the gift of healing presence, which is the condition of being consciously and compassionately in the present moment with another. Healing presence affirms an individual's potential for wholeness, regardless of their life circumstances.



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