

Chaplain Donna Hale
Community Chaplain Report
December 2021

“All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God,”
—Romans 8:14 (NRSV)”.

Since my last “Consistory Report,” I completed my second term (total of 6 years) on Maranatha’s Board of Directors and completed my year-term as President of Kiwanis Carlisle. (Member of Kiwanis - 6 years.)

I plan to continue with Maranatha as a volunteer in its’ office working with the Public Relations Staff; and being available to clients who may need my “listening presence” in times when they need someone to talk with about a situation they are experiencing. Also, I am a “collaborator” with PSU “Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome—Pediatrics” at PSU—Hershey.

My year now begins, as Kiwanis Past-President, as one where I aid the Kiwanis President (as requested); and I, along with other Kiwanis Club members, will be busy with the LeTort Park Restoration Project—working together with other community groups and volunteers. And, last weekend, as a member of Kiwanis, I volunteered to “Ring the Bell” for the Salvation Army-Carlisle’s Program to benefit families during the Holiday Seadon.

In addition to Kiwanis and Maranatha, I am also a volunteer member of other Boards who assist with projects that benefit the community. These Boards include Carlisle Area Religious Council (CARC), National Alliance Mental Health (NAMI); Cumberland-Perry Drug and Alcohol Commission—ALL with monthly Board Meetings. I also attend the NAMI family group meetings that are convened through Zoom.

For the past six years I have been an “Affiliate” of the Cumberland County Drug Treatment Court and attend court sessions as a “compassionate listener” for individuals who want to share with me experiences that concern their journeys to recovery.

For the past several months, I have been engaged in activities to reorganize the G.R.A.N.D.S. Family Program (sponsored by Sadler Health Center and the YWCA Carlisle) for grandparents/ families raising children due to the opioid epidemic. I most sincerely appreciate both the support and encouragement of our local community agencies and our church recognizing that this program is important to develop because there are so many families struggling with addiction.

Last week, I “virtually” attended Penn State Hershey’s Addiction Seminar (9 am -3pm), and Yale Divinity School’s “Youth Ministry” presentation on how to develop youth programs in churches.

As I serve on both “Church and Community Connections Council,” and “Christian Education Council,” I plan to develop (with church and community assistance) programs (with strategies) to attract young families and young adults to church to assist developing programs that are focused on bringing church and community together to assist those in need in our neighborhoods.

This month was the last of a series of seven monthly meetings as a member of the Cumberland County Reentry Study conducted through Zoom meetings.

I wrote and submitted my December "Church Newsletter Article" to Lyndsey.

As always, if any questions, please let me know.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022! 🌲🏠

To the Glory of God WE serve, 🕊️☮️

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