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Filling a need

Christian Health Care Center recently held its first Parish Nurse Ministry Forum. Years ago, a group of parish nurses began the North New Jersey Parish Nurse Network, which later disbanded. In conversations with Douglas A. Struyk, CHCC's president and CEO, Carol O'Neill, parish nurse at the Old Paramus Reformed Church, expressed an interest in continuing to provide professional enrichment for parish nurses. In collaboration with CHCC Pastoral Resource Coordinator Carol Mutch, the concept was developed for providing an opportunity for parish nurses and other church leaders interested in parish health ministry to meet and network. CHCC Pastoral Care Director Rev. James Knol was the keynote speaker at the first forum. Based on the enthusiastic response of the participants, CHCC will continue to offer Parish Nurse Ministry Forums. The next forum will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20. For more information, contact Diane Cioffi at dcioffi@chccnj.org or (201) 848-5839. Pictured (seated): Jollette Meehan, RN; Carol Coker, RN; Diana Cabezas; and Lillian Ostrander, RN. Standing: Carol O'Neill, RN; Carol Schuler, RN; Cathi Walsh Haehle, RN; Sr. Arlene Kollar; Birte Mainardi, RN; Marion Spranger, RN; Judy Mullane, RN; Don Post, RN; Susan Jackson, RN; MaryAnn Kozel, RN; and Margaret Howard, RN. (Photo courtesy of Jennie Gilman.)