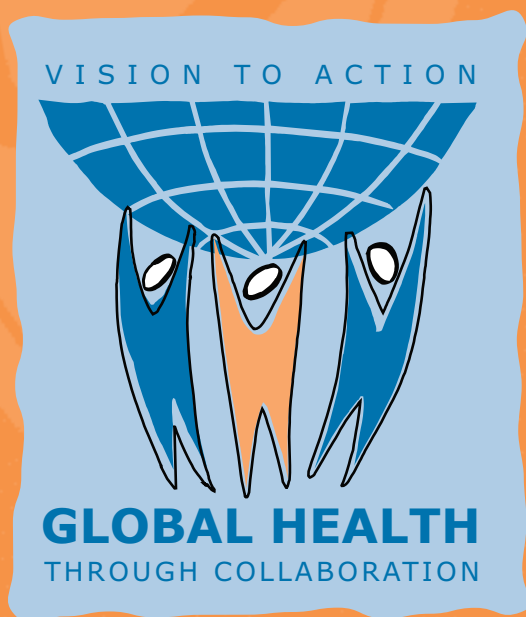


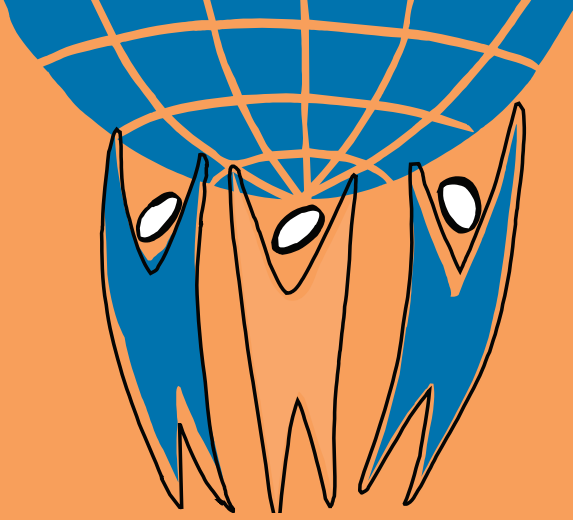


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Presidential Call-to-Action
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**Members and chapters
can make a difference**



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As we enter this biennium, ask yourself and the members of your chapter these critical questions:

- How can I make a difference in achieving the mission and vision of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International?
- What is one thing I can do this coming biennium that would contribute to the success of the defined strategic plan?
- Is my vision that of the honor society's?
- If a critical mass of members answers this question with action, we will be assured continued success and an enriching experience.

Strategic plan areas of focus:

- Knowledge
- Leadership
- Service
- Communities
- Sustainability



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Collaboration in Knowledge

MEMBERS

- ☐ **Participate in an interdisciplinary conference** or e-forum that focuses on research of specific clinical or professional interest or apply for an Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International research grant with an interdisciplinary focus (examples: www.wfs.org; www.who.int/en; www.apha.org; www.nursingsociety.org; www.ipos-society.org).
- ☐ **Identify evidence-based nursing (EBN) resources** of the honor society and other organizations and strategize with others on ways to implement in your work environment (examples: www.nursingknowledge.org; www.cochrane.org; www.cebm.utoronto.ca; www.ahcpr.gov; www.joannabriggs.edu.au; www.asu.edu; www.nursing.uiowa.edu).
- ☐ **Identify three global health issues** that influence your practice and educate yourself and colleagues about them (examples: www.un.org/millenniumgoals; www.unmillenniumproject.org; www.nursingsociety.org/research/main.html).
- ☐ **Participate or present your knowledge work** in one global forum/conference or write an online case study for dissemination through the honor society (examples: www.icn.ch; www.aiha.com; www.icchnr.org; www.nursingsociety.org; www.nurses.info/organizations_international.htm).

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- ☐ **Plan and offer an evidence-based nursing education program** for nurses (members and nonmembers) in collaboration with health care institutions, organizations and schools on a health issue of concern in your locale (examples: care giving for Alzheimer patient; mental health issues and resources; staying well; or disaster preparedness).
- ☐ **Feature collaborative international research** in newsletter, Web site and other communications (examples: www.nursingsociety.org/research/global_agenda.html; <http://cnhs.gmu.edu/whocc-archive/about.html>; www.nursingsociety.org/research/guidelines_ICR.html; www.nursinglibrary.org).
- ☐ **Fund a research grant** for a nurse-led interdisciplinary EBN team (example: www.acestar.uthscsa.edu/about.html; www.cochrane.org).
- ☐ **Select three global health issues** and hold discussion groups, e-forums, a journal club or write an online case study on how chapter and nurses in your community are addressing this (example: www.un.org/millenniumgoals; www.who.int/en).

Knowledge

Collaboration in Leadership

MEMBERS

- ☐ **Develop your personal leadership development plan** (examples: CareeRxel - www.nursingknowledge.org; www.leadershipchallenge.com; www.gallup.com/content/?ci=115).
- ☐ **Make a commitment to find or be a mentor** and to develop leadership skill and ability for change (examples; Chiron - www.nursingsociety.org; www.leadershipforchange.org).
- ☐ **Initiate discussion with nurses and other professionals** from outside your home country around areas of mutual concern affecting patient safety and outcomes (example: www.nursinglibrary.org; www.patientsafety.org; www.npsf.org).
- ☐ **Identify one global health issue of interest to you** and increase awareness about it in your community (examples: www.unmillenni-project.org; avian flu - www.cdc.gov; www.redcross.org).

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- ☐ **Develop a leadership alliance with local institutions** or organizations and identify nurse leaders to recommend for service on health care and community boards. Secure appointments for two nurse leaders (example: Omada - www.nursingsociety.org; www.tld.org; www.boardcafe.org).
- ☐ **Initiate dialogue with nurse leaders** or professional associations outside your country to learn about differences in practice, education and credentialing (examples: www.icn.ch; www.cgfn.org).
- ☐ **Identify three global health issues** influencing your community and work with health policy makers to resolve (examples: www.icn.ch; www.aiha.com; Lillian Carter Center - www.nursing.emory.edu/lccin/miss_lillian.shtml).
- ☐ **Create a model and method of leadership** succession specific for your chapter (examples: www.asaenet.org; www.boardsource.org; www.future-focus.ca; www.snp.org).

Leadership

Collaboration in Service

MEMBERS

- ☐ **Engage in chapter and organizational life** (example: VIPProfile – www.nursingsociety.org).
- ☐ **Understand and incorporate the cultural values** and beliefs of the populations you serve (patients, students, colleagues) into your interactions (examples: www.nursingsociety.org/about/Diversity_paper.pdf; www.diversityrx.org).
- ☐ **Organize and lead a discussion** with health care providers and consumers on a health issue of relevance to your community (examples: disaster preparedness; flu, epidemic; obesity; mental health).
- ☐ **Learn about and contribute in service** or philanthropy to a project impacting a global health issue. (<http://www.fnif.org/girlfund.htm>; www.nursingsociety.org/chapters/clr_2003_18.pdf).

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- ☐ **Form a partnership with the local health department** to educate community about health issue of concern (examples: infectious disease, cancer screening, cholesterol testing).
- ☐ **Join with other nursing organizations** and hold a recognition celebration of nurses during Nurses Week or honor the top 20 nurses and nursing units that implemented evidence-based nursing resulting in positive patient outcomes (examples: hospital, other schools, state nursing association, other chapters).
- ☐ **Target one project of global concern** to which your chapter might support in service or philanthropy. (example: Merck library project: www.icn.ch; FNIF girl child education fund <http://www.fnif.org/girlfund.htm>).
- ☐ **Form relationships with nurses outside your country** and connect them with the network and resources of the honor society (example: www.nursingsociety.org; www.nursingknowledge.org; e-forums).

Service

Collaboration in Community

MEMBERS

- ☐ **Recruit and mentor two new members** and identify two ways to become a nurse citizen of the world (examples: www.who.int; www.wfs.org; www.nursingsociety.org).
- ☐ **Make contact with five members** who are currently inactive and re-engage them with the chapter.
- ☐ **Develop a relationship with two nurses** residing outside your home country.
- ☐ **Learn about cultural differences of two regions** of the world, particularly those cultures you encounter in your professional life (examples: www.icn.ch; www.icm.ch; www.isncc.org).

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- ☐ **Open programming and other chapter activities** to the wider community of nurses, other professions and the public.
- ☐ **Form a journal or book club** in collaboration with a local health care institution and involve individuals who are not honor society members.
- ☐ **Heighten global awareness for members** by initiating an electronic round table discussion or panel of culturally diverse nurses and consumers to share the uniqueness of their culture to health care (examples: forums: www.nursingknowledge.org).
- ☐ **Feature at least one global accomplishment** of chapter and members in newsletter, Web page or e-communication (examples: cross country research, presentation or mentoring; hosting scholars from other countries; or a learning e-forum).

Community

Collaboration in Sustainability

MEMBERS

- ☐ **Make one commitment of your time**, talent or treasure (examples: VIProfile, giving opportunities – www.nursingsociety.org).
- ☐ **Identify two potential donors** for your chapter or the international organization, working with them to secure a contribution (examples: www.philanthropy.iupui.edu; www.philanthropy.org).
- ☐ **Honor nurses in another country** through an individual or collective gift of members to the paver garden (www.nursingsociety.org).
- ☐ **Learn about the philanthropy practices** of nurses in own and other countries (examples: www.philanthropy.iupui.edu; www.philanthropy.com; www.philanthropy.org).

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- ☐ **Survey the talents and interests of chapter membership** and ask them to contribute to activities of interest (examples: VIProfile – www.nursingsociety.org; www.gallup.com/content/?ci=115).
- ☐ **Jointly fund grants or scholarships** with other professional societies (examples: medicine, pharmacy, education, consumer groups).
- ☐ **Engage a diverse group of members in a discussion** about social responsibility and collective accountability and develop an opinion statement (examples: www.theopenmind.org; www.nursingpower.net).
- ☐ **Develop a two-year chapter fiscal plan** and identify and cultivate community donors (example: www.stti.org/chapter/logon.aspx).

Sustainability



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