

DEAR MEMBERS,

Thank you for the privilege of serving you for the next two years. À ceux et celles qui parlent Français, je vous remercie de me donner cette occasion de servir en tant que présidente. Muchas gracias por la oportunidad de servir!

The path laid out in Vision 2020 is alive and well in my presidential call to action. There are four areas that I am addressing for the biennium:

- **Creating Welcoming Environments**
- **Enhancing Knowledge Resources and Networks**
- **Contributing to Global Health**
- **Creating a Legacy of Personal Leadership**

My dream is that we continue to create an environment that excites current members, entices others to join STTI and builds on these four areas of focus. I look forward to walking with you along the path during the next two years as we work to realize my dream and Vision 2020!



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PRESIDENTIAL CALL TO ACTION



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CREATING WELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS

Welcoming environments are those in which members feel comfortable, respected and valued. Welcoming members to the organization means embracing everyone and supporting their endeavors. This can be achieved by implementing a few simple strategies:

- Reach outside your comfort zone by meeting 5 new people.
- Introduce students to STTI as soon as they enter the nursing program. (Use the Resource Guide as a tool to orient them to the organization.)
- Plan chapter programs and activities that appeal to members with diverse backgrounds, experiences and specialties.
- Extend welcome greetings in the most common/frequent languages of meeting and conference attendees.

CONTRIBUTING TO GLOBAL HEALTH

As a leader in professional nursing, STTI plays a significant role in addressing global health issues. Members, who reside in 86 countries throughout the world, individually and through their chapters may contribute to the health of the world's people in numerous ways, such as:

- Becoming involved in service activities that address health needs of vulnerable populations. For example:
 - Many communities host walks and runs that create awareness for and raise funds to support various health issues.
 - Explore member volunteer opportunities with other community and health care organizations such as the Special Olympics, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, FNIF Girl Child Education Fund, or Safe Sitter.

ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES AND NETWORKS

STTI will continue providing evidence-based nursing knowledge solutions through global and inter-professional collaboration, events and access to knowledge resources. As members strive to improve global health, there are knowledge resources and opportunities available:

- **The Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library** :: This free, electronic knowledge repository links nurses and other health care professionals to one another.
- **Events** :: Check with local chapter and regional representatives to find out what is scheduled in your area. Also consider the annual International Nursing Research Congress, the Biennial Convention and the newly offered Leadership Summits.
- **The International Academic Nursing Alliance** :: This free online community offers nursing school faculty access to educational and research resources.
- **Social and Professional Networking** :: Online communities such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn have created new ways to communicate, collaborate and associate with one another.



- **Online Communities of Practice** :: These communities bring like-minded members together to interact and share knowledge.
- **Scholarly publications** such as the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, *Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing* and *Reflections on Nursing Leadership* help keep nurses connected to the latest research and endeavors undertaken by their nursing colleagues.
- **Visitors can find resources that help nurses help others at Nursing Knowledge International (NKI)**. For example, outstanding continuing nursing education courses are available, as well as books that cover many topics, including leadership, evidence-based health care design, retirement and etiquette.

CREATING A LEGACY OF PERSONAL LEADERSHIP

Creating a legacy of personal leadership starts with the individual asking a simple question: "What difference do I want to make, starting today?" STTI members have unique avenues to pursue leadership development.

- Consider volunteer opportunities that exist at the chapter, regional and international level:
 - Become a chapter officer, a newsletter editor or a regional or international committee member.
 - Organize a neighborhood team.
 - Become a mentor in a chapter mentoring program.
- Make an annual and legacy donation to the Sigma Theta Tau International Foundation for Nursing to advance nursing scholarship and leadership into perpetuity.