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*Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. Psalm 27:1*

This is just a quick prayer update as NCF staff prepare to gather in Valley Forge, PA for our annual staff meeting March 16-20. An important part of this time together will be Bible study and prayer as we review where we have been and look to the future.

In addition to reviewing what has happened in NCF ministry related to student, nurse, faculty, missions, publications, continuing education, and virtual ministry, we will look at the direction of ministry efforts for the coming years and issues related to a search for a new director. A big focus will be on ways student ministry can be enhanced, including a session on how to engage students in spiritual conversations. Paul Tokunaga, InterVarsity Vice President of Strategic Ministries will be with us Thursday afternoon to talk about next steps and there will be a session on Prayer Ministry in Nursing. In addition to celebrating staff milestones we will also be honoring Judy Shelly for her 40 years of NCF ministry.

In all, we do desire to discern the ways God wants to build NCF ministry because without Him our plans, events, activities, leadership will be fruitless.

## Praise

- The 2010 NCF Event Policies and accompanying forms have been revised according to new ANCC/WNA criteria to meet the April 1 deadline for implementation. Pray that we will be able to get these available online for event planners soon.
- Successful completion of NCF CE activities in January and February attended by over 150 nurses and students. . . despite snow storms which hindered participation in Charlotte.
- Some increase for funding of NCF CE ministry

## Prayer

- Insight and wisdom in how to grow NCF ministry to students in the collegiate setting.
- Wisdom for discerning next steps for NCF leadership related to appointing a new director.
- Encouragement and spiritual refreshing for all NCF staff.
- Healing, restoration, and comfort for significant health concerns affecting family members of several NCF staff and local volunteers.
- Planning for five more conferences this spring/summer including two locations hosting their first activity: Newcomerstown OH and Wytheville, VA.
- Wisdom and clarity as I prepare to teach on *Compassion Fatigue: Strategies for Recovery* for nurses in the Hopkinton, MA area May 14.

Thank you for your partnership and prayers for NCF ministry. I am praying for all of you that, as we enter this time of beautiful spring weather and celebration of the resurrection, you will be refreshed in body and spirit and experience the peace and joy that can only be found in Jesus Christ.



Many blessings, *Fran*

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