

Watson Caring Science Institute



Vision Mission and Purpose
Regional Caritas Consortium
Expanding Unitary Caring Science
through research, praxis, education, legacy & leadership

Vision Statement: In relationship with Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI), Regional* Caritas Consortia (RCC) build and expand upon the life work of Dr. Jean Watson/Caring Science and the Theory of Human Caring. (RCC) are an interdisciplinary group of nurses and health professionals within a specific geographic area, generating new forms of scholarship, education, leadership & clinical practice knowledge. Members share a Personal/Professional Caritas Consciousness with a commitment to sustaining human caring/healing and health for all. RCC are in relation with Watson Caring Science Institute, a US based non-profit 501c3 organization and its global history. RCC's are committed to, created for, and exist for the betterment of sustaining human caring/healing within their regional communities that radiate out to the world.

Mission: *From Caritas to Communitas*

The mission of Regional Consortia is to build upon timeless universal values and practices of Caritas to create caring-healing communities to advance the art and science of unitary caring knowledge, ethics, education and praxis, in nursing, health and healing professions, and work in tandem with to expand the mission, values and aims of Watson Caring Science Institute.

Purpose:

The main purposes of emerging Regional Caritas Consortia:

- 1) Expand diverse ways to bring Caring Science to life in community, clinical academic and leadership settings by supporting and learning from each other.
- 2) Share leadership experiences, build and disseminate knowledge, and guide self and others in the walk to wisdom thereby fully living caring philosophy and theory in our personal/professional life.
- 3) Disseminate and innovate with new patterns of delivery of Caring in systems organizations and society as a whole (communitas).

Regional Consortia gatherings will:

- Provide an intimate forum to renew, restore, and deepen each person's, organization's and/or system's, commitment and authentic practices of human caring/healing in their personal/professional life and work;
- Learn from each other through shared work of original scholarship, diverse forms of caring inquiry and model energetic caring-healing practices;
- Mentor self and others in using and extending the Unitary Caring Science concepts to transform research/scholarship, education, clinical practice, and leadership.

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- Develop and disseminate Caring Science models of clinical scholarship and professional excellence within communities, locally and globally.
- **Membership of Regional Caritas Consortia:** include invited representatives from the community, clinical, and academic systems and others who wish to share in 'communitas.'

Recommended Structure:

A Leadership group may be formed to facilitate the strategic and operational needs of the consortia. This could be:

- Two co-chairs for the facilitation and two co-chairs for operations to work collaboratively
- A outline of roles and responsibilities, terms of service, rotation and duties be outlined and reviewed annually thereafter;
- Regional consortia encouraged to connect and share with WCSI an annual report or summary of events for knowledge sharing;
- Members of RCC become members of WCSI to support our legacy and act as caretakers
- Membership and dues are invoiced annually.
- WCSI agrees to sponsor and endorse events as deemed appropriate. Please reach out to discover ways we can help. info@watsoncaringscience.org

Please ensure your consortia structure is shared with WCSI, so it can be a resource for other Regional Consortia. info@watsoncaringscience.org

Meetings:

Regional Caritas Consortia members and invitees meet at least once a year, virtually or onsite per the sponsorship of member/s who request to host the gathering in their setting, including the coordination of online attendance. The individual/group/institution and its representatives shall serve as the primary organizing/agenda setting body for the gathering in collaboration with the leadership council.

Responsibilities /Activities for Gatherings:

- Provide a safe forum to explore, create and model self and system through reflection and renewal;
- Share ideas, inspire each other, and learn together;
- Participate through the use of appreciative inquiry whereby each member is facilitative of each other's work, each learning from others;

Responsibilities /Activities for Gatherings cont'd:

- Create opportunities for original scholarship and new models of caring based clinical, educational and administrative leadership practices;
- Generate and share multiple-site projects in Caring Science scholarship;
- Network for educational, professional, and community models for advancing caring-healing practices and transformative models of care;
- Share unique experiences for authentic self-growth within the Caring Science context;
- Educate, implement and disseminate exemplary experiences and findings to broader professional audiences through scholarly work and presence;
- Envision new possibilities for transforming nursing and health care;
- Activate informed moral praxis within an identified community each year that embodies Unitary Caring Science in action
- Pilot new demonstration- experimental models of unitary Caring Science within academe and/or clinical settings.

Note: A regional* geographic area is defined by the participants that includes those who are able to energetically participate in the activities of the regional consortia

Please let us know your Consortia's contact information so we can celebrate with you and also add to our [website!](#)

Regional Consortia organizers receive 10% discount in our Caring Store and our educational programs.

In loving kindness,



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