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 build and expand upon the life work of Dr. Jean Watson/Caring Science and the Theory of Transpersonal Caring. Regional Caritas Consortia are an interdisciplinary group of nurses and health professionals within a specific geographic area, generating new forms of scholarship, education, clinical practice knowledge. Caritas Consortia members share a Personal/Professional Caritas Consciousness with a commitment to sustaining human caring/healing and health for all.

Regional Caritas consortia are in relation with Watson Caring Science Institute, a non-profit organization and its global history and legacy of human caring across time. Regional Caritas Consortia are created 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.

Purpose:
The main purposes of emerging Regional Caritas Consortia:
1) Expand diverse ways to bring Unitary Caring Science to life in community, clinical and academic settings by supporting and learning from each other, and
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 and society.

Regional Consortia gatherings will:

- Provide an intimate forum to renew, restore, and deepen each person's, and each 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 Unitary 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/ or selected individuals who are advancing Unitary Caring Science/Caritas through their respective roles and activities in local regional communities around the world.

**Recommended Structure:** The following is recommended as guide – please review and create what works best for your group, with this as backdrop. Let us know what you decide. Regional Consortia use the following structure as a guide and have adapted it to their needs. **Please ensure your consortia structure is shared with WCSI, so it can be a resource for other Regional Consortia.** info@watsoncaringscience.org

A Leadership Council is formed to facilitate the strategic and operational needs of the consortia. This council will consist of:

- Two co-chairs for the facilitation of strategy and two co-chairs for operations to work collaboratively to ease the work of the regional consortia;
- A more specific outline of roles and responsibilities, terms of service, rotation on and off the consortia and duties will be outlined within the first year and reviewed annually thereafter;
- Regional consortia will send an annual report or summary of events at the end of each calendar year to WCSI. This report will include the activities and outcomes of the consortia for the year;
- Membership and dues requirements for the regional consortia will be determined by the Leadership Council and reviewed annually. A 50% WCSI membership cost portion of the Regional dues will support WCSI as well as regional consortia events. WCSI agrees to sponsor and endorse events as deemed appropriate. Please reach out to discover ways we can help. info@watsoncaringscience.org

**Meetings:**
Regional Caritas Consortia members and invitees shall 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;

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• Create opportunities for original scholarship and new models of caring based clinical, educational and administrative leadership practices;
• Generate and share multiple-site projects in Unitary 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.

Membership: The participants of the Regional Caritas Consortia will become members of Watson Caring Science Institute at the ‘Ambassador’ discounted Rate to stay connected with larger global Caritas Community. We recommend the Regional Consortia also subscribe to our Sage Membership

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!

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