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WCSI Regional Caritas Consortia™ Charter

Expanding Watson Caring Science through research, praxis, education, legacy & leadership

WCSI Regional Caritas Consortia (WCSI-RCC) are region-based gatherings and conferences of interdisciplinary groups of nurses, health professionals, and other mission-led organizations to explore and share the philosophy, theory, values and practices of Watson's Caring Science, also known as Unitary Caring Science.

Mission: *From Caritas to Communitas*

The mission of WCSI-RCC is to build upon practices of Watson's Theory to share the creation of caring-healing communities and advance the caring knowledge, in nursing, health and healing professions, and to work in tandem with the expansion of the mission, values and aims of Watson Caring Science Institute.

Vision: In relationship with Watson Caring Science Institute, the WCSI Regional Caritas Consortia builds and expands upon the life work of Dr. Jean Watson, Caring Science and the Theory of Human Caring. Members share a commitment to sustaining human caring/healing and health for all.

Purpose: WCSI-RCC's exist for the betterment of sustaining human caring/healing within their regional communities that radiate out to the world by generating new forms of scholarship, education, leadership & clinical practice knowledge.

Prerequisites: Each group will have a Caritas Coach®, Caritas Leader® or a Watson Caring Science Postdoctoral/Sr. Scholar as member/organizer of the region's committee.

Partnership agreements: The chair/co-chair will provide the following by January 15th each year:

- an annual consortia fee of \$500
- an annual light touch activity feedback
- attendee contact lists with their permission
- be a current member of WCSI (including discounts in the Caring Store)



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Recommendations:

- Establish a leadership group 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
- Establish roles and responsibilities, terms of service, rotation of duties. Review annually.
- Share your consortia structure with WCSI, so it can be a resource for others.
- Encourage consortia participants to become members of WCSI to support our legacy and mission.

WCSI-RCC Responsibilities:

MEETINGS ADMINISTRATION

- Members and invitees meet at least once a year, virtually or onsite.
- The individual/group/institution and its representatives shall serve as the primary organizers and setting the agenda.
- Invite representatives from the community, clinical, and academic systems and others who wish to share, learn and explore being in 'communitas' via Watson's Caring Science values and philosophy.
- Share upcoming events with WCSI to include in WCSI marketing platforms.

INTENTIONS

- Provide a safe forum to create, share ideas and inspire each other.
- Activate informed moral action within an identified community each year that embodies Watson Caring Science in action.
- Develop and disseminate Watson Caring Science models of clinical scholarship and professional excellence within communities, locally and globally, in conjunction with WCSI to ensure branding and intellectual property standards are consistent.
- Create opportunities for original scholarship and new models of caring-based clinical, educational and administrative leadership practices within academe and/or clinical settings. (i.e. Posters, presentations, research sharing best practice, holistic modality sharing, experiential activities.)
- Pilot new demonstration-experimental models of Watson's Caring Science e.g WCSI Lotus Recognition.
- Opportunity to present at the annual Caritas Community Conference.



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WCSI's Responsibilities:

- WCSI agrees to market, sponsor and endorse events as deemed appropriate, including listing the event on the website, Event Calendar, Newsletters and via our social media platforms. Use of zoom possible
- WCSI will include your region and contact(s) information on the website.
- WCSI will host an annual meeting with Regional leaders to unite and share experiences and learnings.

Disclaimers:

The WCSI Regional Caritas Consortia (WCSI-RCC) works collaboratively in harmony with WCSI.

All information received from the WCSI-RCC will adhere to [WCSI's privacy policy](#).

How to Begin:

Please contact **Dianne Reid, Program Enrichment Director** — dianne@watsoncaringscience.org
— for more information on starting a WCSI-RCC.

Envisioning new possibilities for transforming nursing and health care.

Fees and responsibilities subject to change. Group leaders will be notified.

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