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Lyngblomsten launches Care Ministry Network to help churches train volunteers

ST. PAUL, Minn. (October 18, 2019) — Lyngblomsten, a senior care organization serving older adults in the Twin Cities since 1906, has launched a new online training platform for church volunteers called Care Ministry Network.

Care Ministry Network is an online platform that provides standardized training for volunteers and volunteer leaders of congregational care ministries for older adults. Its goal is to equip congregations with the tools they need to support their unique ministry.

“We’re trying to empower churches to carry out a ministry style that their people need the most and that fits who they are as a congregation,” said Becky Hulden, a faith community nurse who oversees the network. “We’ve given them a lot of tools, and they can use those tools in a way that is best for them.”

Care Ministry Network is offered to congregations of all faith traditions on a yearly subscription basis through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten life enrichment centers. Membership includes access to online training modules and other resources that are available anytime, anywhere.

The available training materials include videos, how-to guides, templates and more. They address a variety of topics, such as volunteer recruitment, risk management, communication strategies and volunteer driver training.

One of the platform’s key benefits is that congregations can choose what materials to use for their volunteer training.

“Caring ministries may take many different forms in various faith communities, such as visits with practical help, visits with prayers and communion, visits and rides, or phone call ministry,” Hulden said. “The Care Ministry Network allows each faith community’s care ministry leaders to design the exact training that is needed for their volunteers.”

Congregations also are able to connect with Care Ministry Network staff and others using the platform at quarterly meetings held in the Twin Cities, which include opportunities for networking and resource gathering.

Care Ministry Network is offered through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten life enrichment centers. Located in the east metro area, these centers are designed to connect adults ages 50+ to community services,

resources, and opportunities to enhance their quality of life. 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten also provides resources to church partners that allow them to support older adults in their congregations.

The Care Ministry Network is supported, in part, through the Lyngblomsten Foundation and a grant from the Lutheran Services for Elderly Endowment at the ELCA Foundation.

For more information, visit www.CareMinistryNetwork.net or email CMNetwork@lyngblomsten.org.

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