

## Components of a ‘Healthy’ Faith Community Health Ministry - Measuring the Impact of Health Ministry -

**Note:** This chart is provided as a resource to faith community health ministry programs. It is a sampling of how faith community health advocate programs can gauge and measure their progress and development. It is not intended to dictate particular standards that health ministry programs must meet. The criteria and rationale offered is to help faith communities develop and maintain quality standards for their health ministry program. ©

Program Components	Health Committee	Budget	Mission Statement	Faith Community Assessment	Educational Offering	Health Screening (optional)	Integration of Health & Wellness into Faith community Life	Data Reporting & Collection
<b>Criteria &amp; Rationale</b>	<p>An organized group of individuals <u>meet on a regular basis (usually once a month)</u> to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate health ministry activities and events.</p> <p>The health committee interacts on a regular basis with faith community leaders and decision-makers. The committee should have a defined role and an annual review to identify its achievements and goals for the future.</p>	<p>The health ministry program develops and submits funding requests to the faith community and/or to greater denominational or religious funding groups for health ministry program administration and activities.</p> <p>Review budget expenses quarterly and revise budget annually with faith community leaders.</p>	<p>Health committee produces a mission statement, which relates to their faith community and denomination’s beliefs and purposes.</p> <p>The mission statement also helps to define to congregants and the community what the health ministry will and will not do.</p>	<p><b>For New Programs:</b> Conduct an assessment or use data from other recent faith community surveys to identify areas of need. If available, use membership database to gather this data to avoid duplication.</p>	<p>Host at least <u>one</u> health education event or activity per year.</p> <p>For example, an evening talk on caring for caregivers presented by a psychologist or local community speaker.</p> <p>Another example, host a youth or adult Mental Health First Aid training.</p> <p>Use National Health Observance Calendar for planning: <a href="http://healthfinder.gov/nho">healthfinder.gov/nho</a></p>	<p>Hold at least <u>one</u> health screening sponsored by the health and wellness program per year.</p> <p>For example, the health &amp; wellness program partners with a local home health agency to offer flu immunizations in the fall, especially seniors. Members who are registered nurses can perform monthly blood pressure monitoring.</p>	<p>Faith community recognizes the Health Ministry in its Liturgical Life of the faith community in <u>one event per year</u>.</p> <p>For example, a healing service could be planned with faith community leaders. A special prayer or ceremony could be held to publicly recognize members of the health advocate committee.</p>	<p>Develop a way to measure and evaluate your activities, events, and programs on a regular basis (<u>monthly, annual reports</u>).</p> <p>Data can help the health committee track how it is utilizing its resources and measure its impact.</p> <p><b>Monthly data reporting</b> and collection can be used in annual reports, to apply for grants, and identify growing areas of need for the faith community.</p>
	<p><b>For Established Programs:</b> Re-assess your faith community’s health ministry needs and the current activities and programs offered. Perform faith community health assessment approximately every 3-5 years.</p> <p><b>Resource: Rating Your Health Ministry Tool &amp; Health Assessment Tool</b></p>							