

**Attention All WPA United Methodist Health Ministers  
And Parish Nurses!**

The Health As Wholeness Team of the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference has created the **Pathways to WHoly Living 2010 Congregational Health Ministry Recognition Award** to thank you for your commitment to God's command to go " ...preach, teach and heal..." *Matthew 9:35*

The Health As Wholeness Team began to meet at the end of 2007 as a part of *Believe Again!* Then at the 2008 General Conference the following was added to the Book of Discipline (p.438 paragraph 639): *The board or authorized agency shall develop and maintain health and wellness programs for the annual conference's full-time clergy and full-time lay employees.*

In the Book of Resolutions, (pp 362-365) we find: *Every church should have a Health As Wholeness Team.*

Finally, the WPA 2008 Annual Conference decided the following: Agency: Health As Wholeness Team. *Address health as wholeness (spiritual, physical, environmental, emotional and relational) of clergy, lay workers and lay members. (Appendix B Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference Structure Proposal).*

The Health As Wholeness Team would be pleased to partner with you to assist, encourage and support all that you do as well as to promote and encourage other congregations to begin their own health ministries.

We are presently developing wholistic health web pages as part of the new WPA conference web site. Go to [www.wpaumc.org/health](http://www.wpaumc.org/health). Our prayer is that this will become a valuable resource. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we "build" this resource.

We would like to acknowledge and affirm your health ministry. Please see the attached Award Recognition and Registration forms. We hope that each of you will decide to participate in this opportunity. If you want to reach us, contact us at [healthteam@wpaumc.org](mailto:healthteam@wpaumc.org).

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