

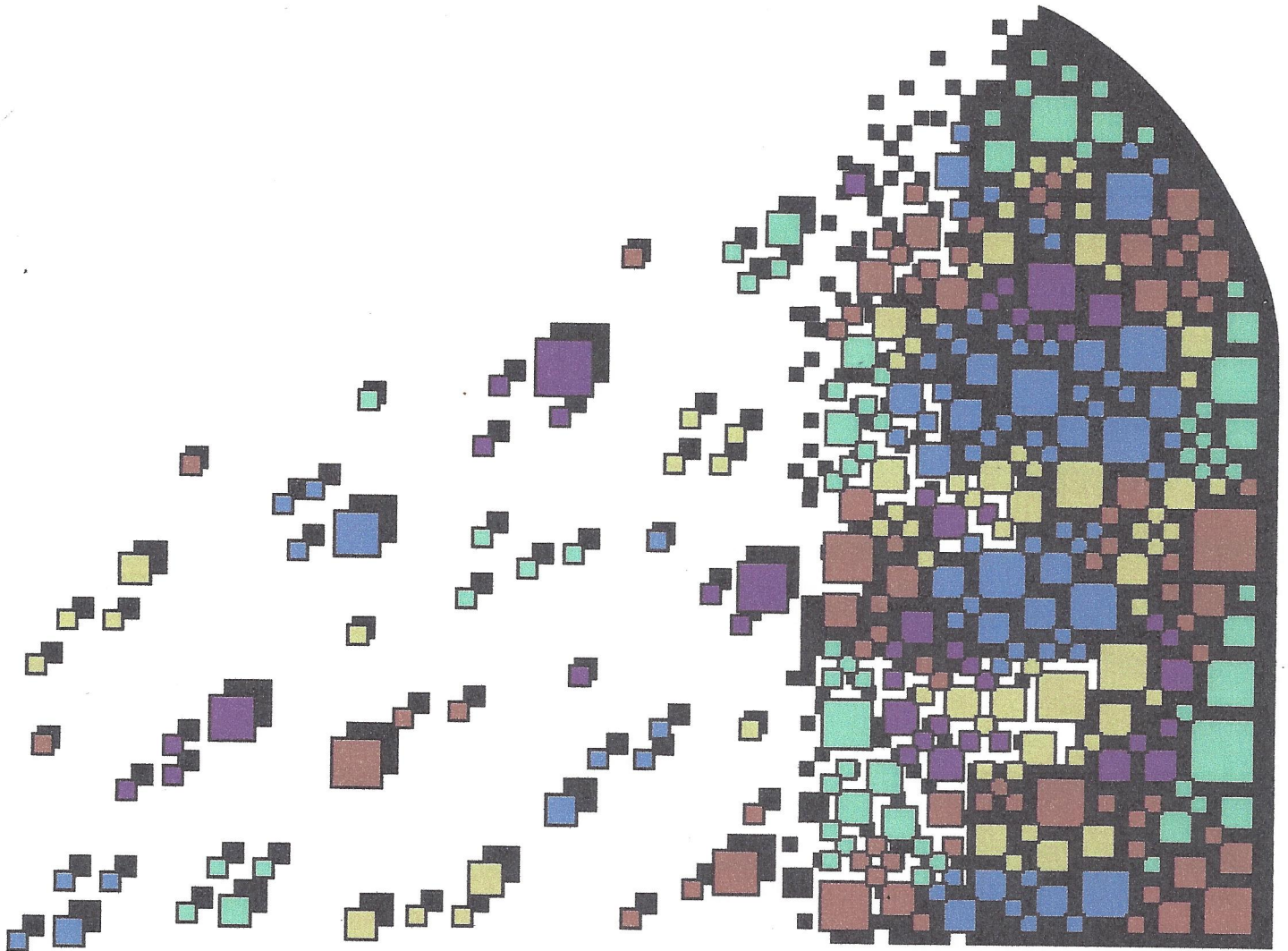


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Director's Perspective

Welcome to the New Perspectives

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Welcome to the first issue of the newly renovated *Perspectives: Spiritual Care in Nursing and Faith Community Nursing Practice!*

From our first issue in 1991, the format and tag line of *Perspectives* has changed several times. What has not changed is the high-quality content focusing on the specialty practice of faith community nursing.

Congratulations and many thanks to the new production editor and contributing editors. Under their guidance *Perspectives* will continue to grow and provide information and articles focusing on the many aspects of spiritual care in nursing practice. New features include articles with available continuing nursing professional development contact hours that are ANCC accredited through the Spiritual Care Association Nursing Division Provider Unit, resources that are immediately available for use in your practice, a bulletin board section for announcements and a separate section for ads.

This is your journal! We encourage you not only to read each issue and comment on the contents but also to submit articles about your practice, resources you are using, activities and events in your area. Photos are always welcome. If you don't feel comfortable as a writer, join the writers group on the Westberg Institute knowledge sharing platform and attend the writing workshop available at the 2022 Westberg Symposium at the Caring for the Human Spirit Conference.

As a past contributor and editor of *Perspectives*, I am very honored and excited to be a part of this newest version with the broad scope of spirituality in nursing practice in addition to the many aspects of faith community nursing.

In service,

Dr. Sharon T. Hinton, Managing Editor

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