



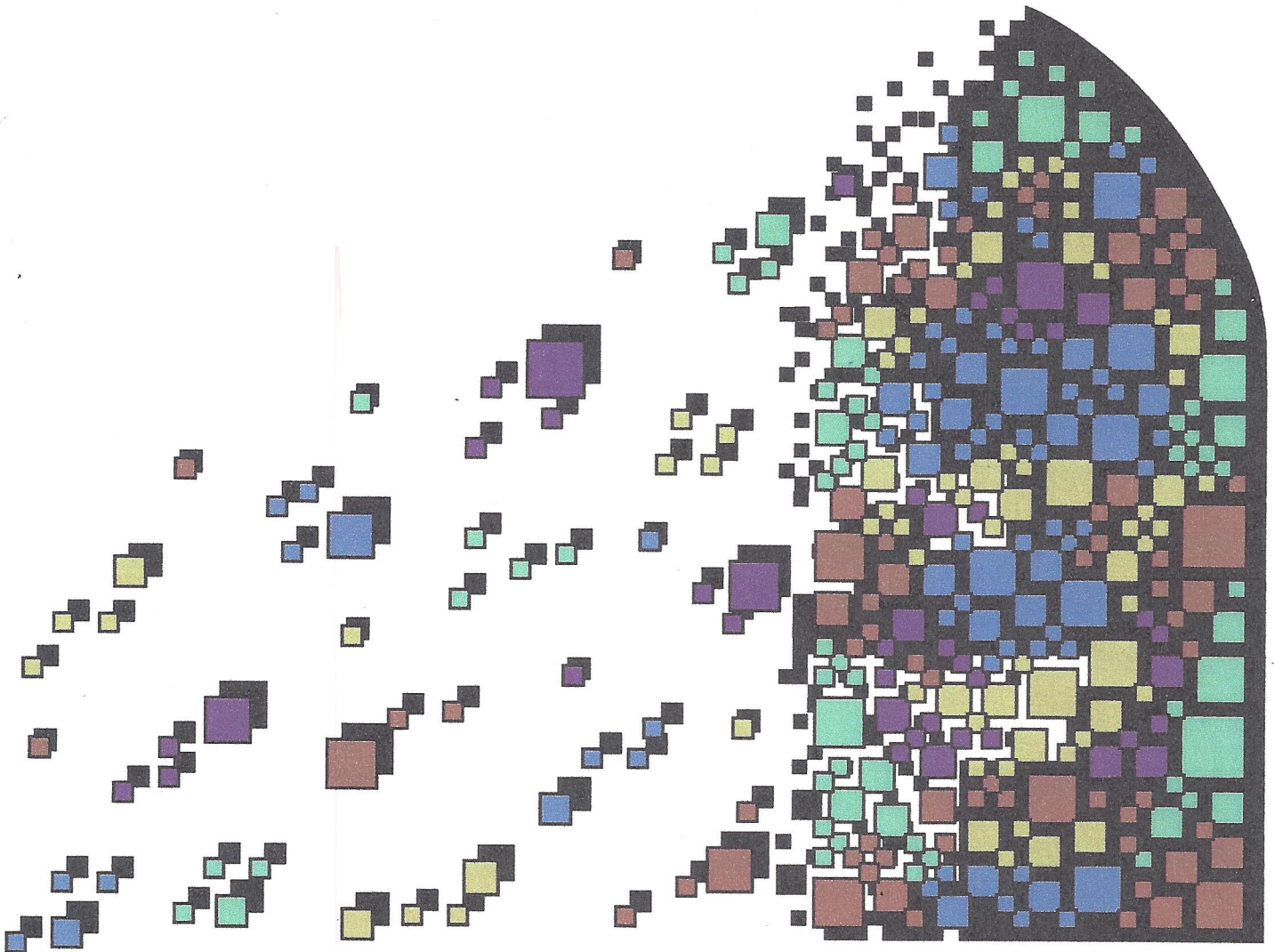
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Tool Box

The Westberg Institute Stained Glass Logo

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You see it everywhere: on resource materials, our website, and especially as the pin awarded to and worn by over 30 years of graduates of the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course, originally entitled Parish Nursing Basic Preparation Course.

This beautiful stained glass logo has been the trademarked symbol of the organization and the resources it provides first as the International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC) and currently as the Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing.

Stained glass is a common image found in many faith-based buildings and often it tells a story. As you look at the Westberg Institute stained glass pin and logo, do you know what the image represents?

At the top is the eternal flame serving as a symbol of an enduring nature such as a religious belief and a reminder of commitment to a common goal.

Underneath the flame are the words health, healing, mind, body and soul with the outstretched hand which represents God reaching into human history bearing love for the earth, and healing for the children of the earth.

Next is the lamp on a table with candles. The lamp traditionally stands for education and teaching. The psalmist writes, “the word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105). Nurses also associate the lamp with Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing. The candles symbolize light in the darkness of life especially individual life, illumination; it is the symbol of holy illumination of the spirit of truth.

The beautiful stained glass colors represent not only the beauty found in nature, but also the beauty found in the wide diversity of faith community nurses worldwide.

Now you can share the story behind the pin you so proudly are presented when you complete a Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course—you are a part of the history of our specialty practice! ✨



Show us your pins!

The Westberg Institute Artist in Residence is collecting images of faith community nurses and their stained glass pins for a special project which will be unveiled at the 2023 Westberg Symposium.

Send us a picture of you and/or your group wearing your pin to be included in the project as well as a digital collage for the Westberg Institute website and the next issue of *Perspectives!* Post your pictures to the *Perspectives* group on the FCN Community Platform in the "Show us your Pin!" discussion.

We can't wait to see you and your pins!