

# HOSPITAL



Visitation  
Ministry

**“I was sick and you  
stopped to visit.”**

*Matthew 25:36 MSG*

**ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

Ministry of Care  
The Ministry of Presence

When someone is sick, a visit from a caring person of faith can make all the difference. When faced with treatment options, family responsibilities, and day-to-day struggles – a few minutes of prayer and encouragement is how we can grow together in our relationship with God and each other.

Our lay hospital visitors are specially trained for this service and calling and regularly visit Rockyview Hospital. If someone is known to be in Foothills Medical Centre, Peter Lougheed Centre, or South Health Campus one of our ministers will visit if requested.

*The mandate of our Hospital Visitation Ministry is "to provide spiritual care for the people of St. Andrew's Church who are being treated in Calgary hospitals." However, you are encouraged to visit other Presbyterians on the hospital list.*

## Confidentiality

Many times it is the hospital visitor who discovers that a person from our congregation has been admitted and, if given permission, will let the office or one of our ministers know.



## Spiritual Care Training

St. Andrew's hospital visitors are part of the spiritual care organization of the Calgary hospitals. Consequently our visitors are required to complete the training program approved by the hospital, be admitted into their volunteer care program, and comply with the regulations pertaining to this program. The cost of any training is covered by St. Andrew's.

## Where do I start?

First let our Pastoral Care Coordinator know that you would like to be a hospital visitor and which hospital you wish to visit. There are two parallel training programs—one the spiritual, offered by the church, the other the practical, offered by AHS.

The next step for all interested Religious Community Visitors is to apply online at:

Calgary Religious Community Visitor Volunteer Application

Once you do that you'll be contacted with the next steps required by Alberta Health Services.

After you have completed all the hospital's necessary steps, please contact our Pastoral Care Coordinator again to become a designated hospital visitor for St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's visitor cards are available in the church office and can be left with the patient as a reminder of your visit.

Our visitors offer gently used devotionals (i.e. *These Days*) to patients. If you have any you would like to donate please contact the Pastoral Care coordinator. Large print are especially needed.

## Would you like a Hospital Visit?

If you are to be admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, please pass on the date of expected hospitalization, which hospital and the reason for your stay to one of the ministers, the church office or the pastoral care coordinator at [pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca).

## You can help a timely visit happen...

- If possible, when being admitted to hospital, ensure you are listed as Presbyterian, so your name appears on the Presbyterian Visitor's List.
- If you or someone you know is admitted to the hospital, please pass on this information (with permission) to one of the ministers or the church office.
- The hospital lists patients by their first name so if you are known by your middle name it is important that the church office has your first name on file so we are able to find you.

## Prayer Support

You don't have to walk alone. Please reach out to us if you need prayer by contacting Lorie at [prayer@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:prayer@standrewscalgary.ca)

*If you are interested in learning more...*

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