Why have a Healing Ministry?

A CHALLENGE FOR EACH CONGREGATION



REACHING

- Individuals
- Families
- Church groups
- Communities

EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF SERVICES:

TOTAL HEALING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON: What the Church Can Do

Healing Prayer for all by all

Education and Screening for wellness

Activity and Nutrition Promotion

<u>Listening through Counselling</u>: Lay and Professional

H ealing Prayer

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L istening through Counselling

T ogetherness promotion

H ealthcare for Whole Persons

"Togetherness promotion" through small church support groups and community outreach

Healthcare services for Whole Person needs

Why should the church get involved?

This is because of the **challenge of Christ for the Church** to have a Healing Ministry is clearly stated in the Bible.

As well, the nature if the individual as a Whole Person calls for a Ministry of Healing.

A BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL BASIS FOR A HEALING MINISTRY

☐ Salvation really is Whole Person Health through Christ.

"I have come that they may have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

John 10:10

"He took up our infirmities and cured our

diseases." Matt. 8:17

☐ The Church is God's main instrument for Health and Healing.

"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out demons and to cure diseases, and sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

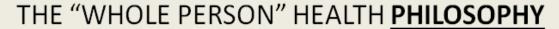
Luke 9:1-2

☐ Wellness and Healing is everybody's business.

"...those who believe...will place their hands on sick people and they will get well." Mark 16: 17—18

Let us reclaim Jesus' Healing Ministry!!

THE WHOLISTIC NATURE OF THE INDIVIDUAL CALLS FOR WHOLE PERSON HEALING





HEALTH IS WHOLENESS OR HARMONY BETWEEN:

- 1. aspects of the self
- (mind, body and spirit)
- 2. self and others
- 3. self and the <u>natural</u> environment
- 4. self and God or a "Higher Power"

THESE ARE "THE CIRCLES OF WELLNESS"

All these aspects of self and life *interact*.

If one is affected all are affected

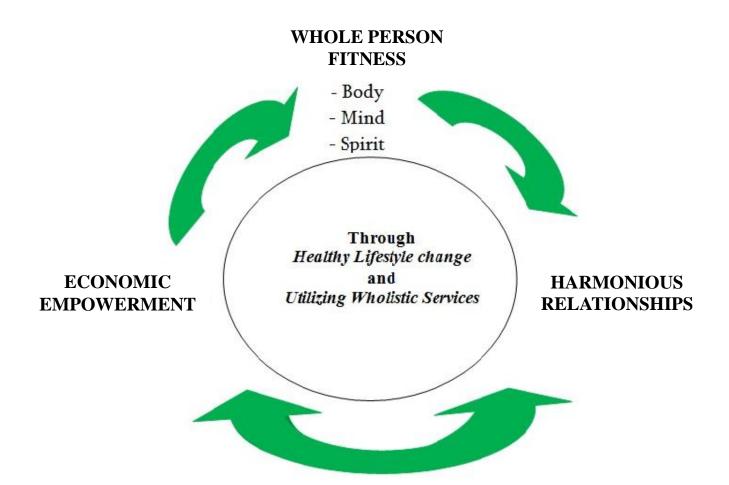
Thus healing to bring about wellness needs to involve ministering to the whole person.

THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES OF A WHOLE PERSON HEALING MINISTRY

- A. THE MISSION: It involves Total Healing for the Whole Person.
- B. THE GOAL: Balanced living for wellness. Health promotion seeks positive changes in lifestyle behaviours involving each aspect of the whole person.
- C. THE STRATEGY: Total healing calls for multi-disciplinary teamwork (Each discipline for respective whole person needs: medical, counselling, socio-economic and prayer).
- D. THE CONTEXT: The Total Congregation as a Healing Community for all. Community is the greatest human agent of whole person health

WHOLE PERSON HEALING MINISTRY ACTIVITIES WILL BRING THE FOLLOWING NECESSARY RESULTS:

WHOLE PERSON FITNESS, HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



"May God himself, the God of peace,

sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thessalonians 5:23