



## Interview with Katia Reinert

by Rosalyn Saunders

Dr. Katia,  
It's my honor to have you share your views with the AAFCN community. On this 10th year anniversary, I am excited to hear about the origin, rich history, and progress of the Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing. "AAFCN" organization.

**RS: Question #1: What was the origin of the AAFCN organization? Date?**

**KR:** The preliminary work for the development of The Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing (AAFCN) began in 2011, and it became an official organization in 2013.

**RS: Question #2: Who were the founding members? Where did they garner their inspiration to start such a ministry?**

**KR:** The founding members were myself, Christine Vandenburg, Candace Huber, and Dr. Lilly Tryon. These individuals served as FCN coordinators for different Adventist health systems in the US and saw the need to create an association that would meet the needs and support SDA FCNs. Dr. Reinert ended her role as FCN coordinator for the Adventist Healthcare when she got called to be the NAD HM Director in December of 2010 and envisioned FCN becoming a division wide ministry. The NAD Ministry Vice-President, Debra Brill, supported the idea. In 2011, Christine (Chris) Vandenberg was selected by Dr. Reinert and Debra Brill as the FCN representative in the NAD HM Committee. At the time, Chris was the FCN coordinator for Kettering Health Network. Dr. Reinert asked Chris to draft a constitution and possible bylaws for an Adventist Association to present a proposal to the NAD HM Committee. In December of 2011, the NAD HM committee approved the proposal to form an Adventist association for FCNs.



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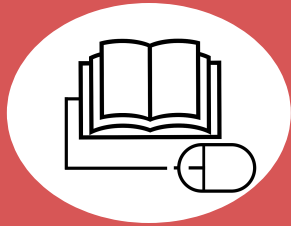
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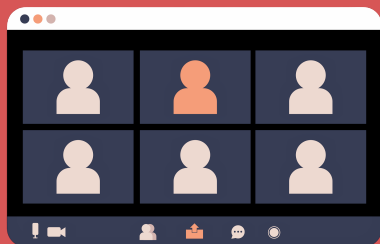




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As the organization was being conceptualized, Katia, Chris, Candy, Lilly, and later Joyce Christman, worked on editing and revising the first Adventist FCN manual that had been used to train FCNs at Adventist Health.

In 2012, while the organization continued to be conceptualized and the manual being revised, these leaders held the first FCN training at the NAD Health Summit in Orlando, in January of 2012. Throughout 2012, others were invited to become part of this effort, including Betsy Johnson, Teresa Nelson, and Maxine Blome. This group continued to conceptualize the focus of this association. Debra Brill and Katia Reinert facilitated the process for the approval of the constitutions and bylaws for the AAFCN formation in collaboration with the NAD legal council (OGC). The NAD administrative committee approved the formation of the organization under NAD HM in late 2012 pending legal approval. By June 2013, the legal issues pending with OGC were resolved and the AAFCN was officially established and started welcoming members.

The FCN working group team before the official board was formed and the organization started to accept general members these were:

Katia Reinert, Executive President  
Chris Vandenburg, President  
Candace Huber, President-Elect  
Teresa Nelson, Secretary  
Lilly Tryon, Membership Coordinator  
Betsy Johnson, FCN Representative  
Maxine Blome, Historian

This committee worked together to develop resource ideas and provide FCN training at the NAD Health Summit held in New York in January 2013. Once the legal team at NAD officially approved the pending issues related to the organization in June of 2013, AAFCN had its first official board:

Katia Reinert, Executive Director  
Candy Huber, president  
Teresa Nelson, president-elect  
Christ Vandenburg, secretary and newsletter coordinator  
Lilly Tryon, membership coordinator  
Betsy Johnson, FCN representative,  
Maxine Blome, Historian.

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