Reflection by Fan Storch



How do you see yourself living your faith through your nursing background and experience with the ELCIC's task forces?

I am a nurse who, early in my career recognized the importance of ethics in patient care and nursing practice. To that end, I have devoted my life to studying, learning, teaching, research and writing about ethics. My writing is focused upon ethical concerns in patient care, and beyond clinical ethics I have also served in clinical and research ethics committees.

My commitment to nursing ethics has involved national work with organizations, such as the Canadian Nurses Association in development of their Code of Ethics, and service on research ethics boards for Health Canada. I also worked with the ELCIC to respond to medical assistance in dying.

Why do you feel it's important to live generously in this way?

I find that people are often fearful of hospitals, doctors, and other caregivers. Helping them know what to expect and how to better understand and participate in their care, and their family members care, can be merciful action on my part.

What would you say to others who want to live more generously and live their faith?



Recognize your gifts of love and mercy, and do not hesitate to share these gifts with others on your own, or with others. Don't be afraid to offer your knowledge and skills to enhance the life of others.

We are called to live generous lives.

Love includes community and service. Love encompasses all.