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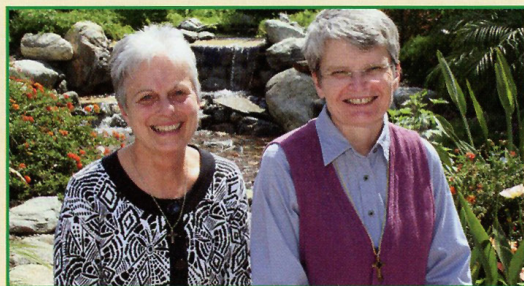
New Sisters Reach Out for Community Health

Two additions to SBMC's Mission Services team are poised to make a big difference in the hospital's impact on community health. Dr. Margo Young, Community Outreach MD, is not only a doctor, but also a member of the order of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Sister Terry Maher, who holds a master's of Theological Studies, is SBMC's new Spiritual Care Liaison and from the same order.

Both positions are new, and these women religious will work with Mission Services to define their work and the ways in which they can make a difference in support of the hospital's mission. Both will help to ensure St. Bernardine's Catholic legacy in their work.

Dr. Young, who spent the last 13 years in Guatemala at a rural clinic, sees her primary responsibility as working with the surrounding community to improve access to care and health education, especially for the hospital's underserved population. Dr. Young will provide direct patient care to those most in need.

Sr. Terry Maher has spent most of her adult life working in parishes. She provides spiritual support to patients in the ED and NICU, and works with churches and places of worship to serve patient spiritual needs. Sr. Terry will work with SBMC's



Dr. Margo Young, left, and Sister Terry Maher, both of the order of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, have brought their expertise to support SBMC's efforts to heal body, mind and spirit.

palliative care coordinator to institute the "No One is Here Alone" program to companion patients who have no family available for support. She hopes to enhance programs of spirituality within the hospital, and to work with staff on spirituality and wellness.

For both of them, it will be a learn-as-you-go process, with a goal of fulfilling the mission of their own order, to be present in the healing of a fractured world, helping to reconcile or restore at least one piece of that puzzle to wholeness. The Precious Blood order is headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, but they have had a presence in California since 1913.