VISNA NEWS

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| UPCOMING EVENT  The Biennial Convention is scheduled for the week of January 19 – 22, 2022. It’s a ZOOM event. The Nominations Committee is inviting eligible members paying VISNA & ANA dues to visit the website at visna.nursingnetwork.com for position criteria and to fill out the Consent to Serve form. Registration Form, Schedule of Events and Agenda can be found there also. |
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| Business people video conferencing |

Share a recipe you used for a Heart Healthy Fruit Cake this year and one intervention you did to encourage Heart Healthy parties at your worksite to [visnaus@icloud.com](mailto:visnaus@icloud.com) and win a $50 shopping card to a local supermarket on St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John. One winner will be selected from each island by a group appointed by the President and announced at the Convention in January. Sign on to #healthynursechallenge on the nursingworld.org website for monthly challenges.

PLANNING UPCOMING TRAVEL?

Help VISNA earn some royalty reward monies by booking your hotel accommodations through BookingCommunity.com. Login user: VI nurses; password: visna1954. This is **a member benefit** being offered by ANA to its constituent States for non dues revenue.

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#### ANA Supports Mandated COVID-19 Vaccinations for Nurses and All Health Care Professionals

The American Nurses Association (ANA) [supports health care employers mandating nurses and all health care personnel to get vaccinated against COVID-19](https://www.nursingworld.org/news/news-releases/2021/ana-supports-mandated-covid-19-vaccinations-for-nurses-and-all-health-care-professionals/) in alignment with current recommendations for immunization by public health officials. We call on all nurses to uphold their professional and ethical obligations to model the same prevention measures as their patients. ANA’s decision to support COVID-19 vaccine mandates for nurses aligns with its [longstanding position on immunizations](https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/nursing-excellence/official-position-statements/id/immunizations/), which emphasizes that effective protection of the public health mandates that all individuals receive immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases. Find additional Guidelines for Nursing Programs and Nursing Students [here](https://www.ncsbn.org/16263.htm).

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LANDMARK LEGISLATION FOR NURSES

Governor Albert Byran, Jr. signed into law Bill NO. 34-0040

An Act amending title 27, chapter1 of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new subchapter Va. Establishing the Nurse Licensure Compact to create a multistate nursing license. The Bill in its entirety is on the VISNA website.

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# The office of the Lieutenant Governor, division of Banking and Insurance has given full approval to Nursing Service Organization (NSO) to offer Life & Liability Insurance to nurses. It is expected to be fully operational by March, 2022. See above the other benefits that should become available after that date. Non dues revenue will be enhanced as members sign on.

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