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## **Hospice program progressing**

The hospice program in Frederick County is progressing rapidly since its organization meeting on June 20 and the successful conference on May 30. A Steering Committee of 13 has been appointed to coordinate the program. Co-chairs are Peggy Remsberg, Ruth Dorman and Virginia Gaspar Ervin.

Over 50 persons from the county are enrolled to work on ten task forces on objectives, training, volunteers, cooperation with local agencies, public relations, legal aspects, facilities and fund raising.

The next general meeting will be held at the Calvary United Methodist Church

on Wednesday, July 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall (entrance from Bentz St.).

Hospice is a concept of caring. Its purpose is to assist terminally ill persons to live fully until they die and to help their families to face the problem with understanding, love and communication with each other.

The program in Frederick also will be designed to develop informed community consciousness of the needs of those who are dying. Volunteers here will be trained to help patients and their families to deal with the physical, mental, social and spiritual pain of terminal illness.