# A life's journey

uniting + equipping Christian doctors & nurses



## A positive legacy

E very one of us could make a long list of people who have influenced, encouraged and supported us at vital times in life – parents, teachers, friends, partners, colleagues. When we look back we see how they modelled good values and practices, leaving a positive legacy for us to build on. This priceless investment should never be taken for granted.

For over 70 years the Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF) has been investing in Christian doctors, medical students and more recently nurses. Although the way this looks has changed over the years, the heart of CMF has always been equipping Christian healthcare professionals to:

- Connect with other
  Christian healthcare
  professionals locally
  and nationally for
  encouragement, support
  and prayer.
- Grow in their ability to face issues at the interface of Christianity and healthcare through high quality, biblically robust teaching.
- Speak up for Christian values in an increasingly secular healthcare culture.
- Serve Christ in healthcare, whether overseas or at home.

The work of CMF helps to maintain a strong Christian presence in healthcare. We want this work to continue and grow for many years to come. But to do this we need your help.

### An invitation





e invite you to remember the work of CMF when making your will.

Leaving a gift to CMF is a wonderful way to ensure that future generations benefit from our ministry. It doesn't matter how large or small your gift is – it is an expression of thanksgiving for what you have received through CMF and an investment in maintaining a Christian witness in healthcare in the future.

### What CMF means to me

ere's what some of our members say about CMF:

'I joined CMF in 1954...the next generation of Christian doctors will need even more support to hold onto the Christian values that we hold dear.' A RETIRED DOCTOR

'CMF has supported me and matured me in the Christian faith – and enabled me to live and speak as a Christian doctor.' **A NEWLY QUALIFIED DOCTOR** 

'CMF's work among nurses is a real lifeline. Christian nurses are often isolated, especially in their early years; CMF supports them through thick and thin with local groups, discipleship resources and inspiring leadership.' **A RETIRED NURSE**  'As I look at my oldest grandchild, who wants to study medicine, I can see how much she could benefit from senior doctors pointing her in the right direction.'

### A RETIRED DOCTOR

'I realised what a privilege it is to have access to so many different doctors, each an expert in their particular field, all willing to take the time to teach students...I've come to realise that it sums up what CMF is – a group of people with a common aim, who build each other up.' A MEDICAL STUDENT

'A legacy is the completion of a lifetime of giving...the final act of stewardship to ensure CMF is there for future generations.' A DOCTOR WHO RECENTLY LEFT A LEGACY

### What will your legacy be used for?

very legacy, large or small, will enable us to continue our work. Your legacy will be carefully used in recruiting, resourcing and supporting a new generation of Christian doctors, nurse and students. We would encourage you not to place any restrictions on how your legacy can be used, so that we can use your gift where the need is greatest.

Here are some examples of how your legacy might be used:

£500 would help an international medical student travel to our annual week-long Sydenham Conference. Many students have gone back from this to play significant roles in developing their own CMF movements.

- £3,000 would help us publish more excellent study resources such as John Wyatt's Matters of Life and Death or Peter Saunders' The Human Journey that have educated and inspired many of our members.
- £25,000 would help us to employ a full-time student worker for a year, enabling them to provide vital discipleship and inspiration to students through speaking, writing and mentoring.

### Your response

he starting point is to make a will. If you haven't yet done this we suggest you consult a solicitor. The cost to draw up a simple will should not be large and a solicitor will ensure that legal formalities are followed.

If you have a will already, please consider adding a codicil (like an addendum) to your will in order to add a legacy gift. Again, your solicitor will be able to advise you as to the correct form of words. If you intend to remember CMF in your will then your solicitor can locate us using our details below:

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If you have any questions or want to tell us about a legacy, please phone us on 020 7234 9666, email: admin@cmf.org.uk or write to us at the address above.

Thank you so much for considering leaving a legacy to CMF. Your gift will help us continue to unite and equip Christian doctors, nurses and students for years to come.

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