

## Bumper Spring 2014 conference season planned

**L**iam Goligher returns to the UK as the main speaker for the **CMF National Conference, 25-27 April**. Formerly Minister of Duke Street Church in Richmond, London, now Senior Minister of Tenth Presbyterian Church Philadelphia, he will expound Genesis 1-3 under the theme 'made in the image of God'.

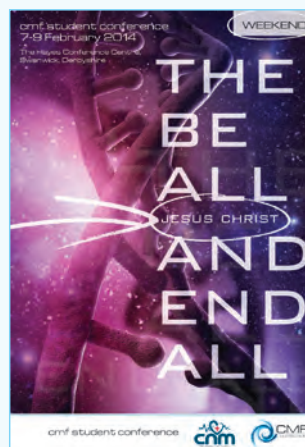
This year's Rendle Short Lecture will have a global theme; the speaker is **Vinod Shah**, CEO of the International Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA). We have a new venue this year: Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL.

**Mark Meynell**, Senior Associate Minister (Training) at All Souls, Langham Place, London, is the lead speaker at the **2014 CMF Students' Conference at Swanwick, 7-9 February**. Mark, who has published three books, *Cross Examined* (IVP), *The New Testament and Slavery* (Latimer Trust) and *The Resurrection* (10Publishing) will expound themes from Colossians under the theme 'the be all and end all'.

Christians in this young church faced many of the same issues we face today; confidence in who Jesus is the key to their resolution.

Professor **John Wyatt** (author of *Matters of Life and Death*) will give the conference address on understanding medical ethics. His seminar will provide further opportunity for discussion. There will be a fascinating selection of informative seminars relevant to student life and witness.

The Students' Conference and the National Conference are both open to nurses, midwives and students. CMF is keen to support Christians in nursing and midwifery at all stages in their careers and to get a vision of the wider, national work that God is doing amongst medics and other health professionals.



### CMF Development Plan

Thanks largely to CMF members' generosity, **over £550,000** has now been raised towards the Three Year Development Plan **target of £700,000** since the appeal was launched at Easter 2011.

That's just under 80% of the income needed to:

- Strengthen our ministry to doctors
- Consolidate our student ministry
- Build our ministry to nurses
- Influence public policy
- Mobilise members for mission

### We still need another £150,000 by Easter 2014

Please send charity vouchers or cheques to CMF Development Fund, 6 Marshalsea Road, London SE1 1HL, donate online: [www.cmf.org/appeal](http://www.cmf.org/appeal) or phone 020 7234 9660.

### Give a gift CMF membership

Do you want to interest a Christian colleague in CMF? Then why not give a gift membership? You pay just £42 for a doctor and £6 for a student. Your friend receives a gift certificate, an attractive stainless steel flask and CMF publications for a year (Students also get reduced fees for the Students' Conference).

To purchase a gift membership go to: [www.cmf.org.uk/gift/buy](http://www.cmf.org.uk/gift/buy) or contact the

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# Juniors & Students ICMDA World Congress

## National Junior Doctors' Conference



A new world is on its way,' Matthew Brailsford reminded Junior Doctors attending their annual conference (25-27 October). 'It is important to hold onto that in a world that is broken, with its disasters, terrorist attacks, poverty, disease and death.' Matthew, who is vicar from Hull, expounded themes from 1 Peter, a letter written to people whose ancestors had been uprooted, sent into exile and had never returned to their country of origin. So they always sensed being aliens where they lived.

Christians today are sojourners too, he said. We are not immune from the troubles besetting our world, but we are called nevertheless to be a people of hope, pointing to God's future. Nearly 100 Junior Doctors came for the event at the idyllic Hothorpe Hall in Leicestershire (25-27 October). Everyone enjoyed the usual great mix of worship, good food, fun and games, and teaching and seminars. Delegates commented on the 'relaxed atmosphere of the weekend', another said they benefitted by 'being challenged'. Audio recordings of Matthew's three talks are on the CMF website: [cmf.li/1aUpswS](http://cmf.li/1aUpswS)

## Irish students encouraged



There was a bumper attendance at the CMF Irish Students' Conference (15-17 November) at the Faith Mission Centre in Durrow, Co Laois. It was particularly encouraging to welcome students



from Galway for the first time for a while. Main speakers were Laurence Crutchlow (Sermon on the Mount) and Matt Lillicap (Ephesians) while seminars featured Matt Lillicap (time management), Abi Crutchlow (psychiatry), and Tim Lewis (careers).

We hope a strong contingent of UK

doctors and medical students will sign up for the 2014 World Congress of the International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA). It is to be held in Rotterdam 19-26 July; the theme is 'Serve, Share and Shine'

The 2014 Congress will sound a joyous note as ICMDA celebrates 50 years. It was back in 1963 that doctors from 16 different countries gathered in Amsterdam for the first ICMDA Congress. Who of them would have guessed that under God the network they founded would grow to over 70 national member organisations?

Living as we do in the relative comfort and safety of the UK and Ireland, it can be difficult to appreciate the challenges some of our brothers and sisters in other countries face. It's a huge encouragement for them to know they are not alone and there are like-minded Christian doctors and



students from whom they can draw strength. Attending an ICMDA world or regional event creates vital connections and many of those who attend go home to take key roles in Christian witness in the profession.

The programme is packed with highly relevant lectures and seminars where topics include faith and science, the challenges of working cross-culturally, sharing the Good News, career choices, preventing burn out, integrity in medicine, leadership, work-life balance, medical missions and a range of ethical issues.

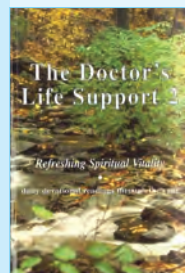
A Congress flyer is included in the current CMF mailing. Do plan to come and book soon to catch the 'early bird' rate. The organisers are arranging free accommodation with host families for those who wish to reduce costs.

## World Congress Bursary Fund

Even if you can't come to the ICMDA World Congress

yourself, then why not help someone else to go instead? Please prayerfully consider giving a generous gift to enable doctors and students from resource-poor countries to attend. We hope UK members will contribute at least £20,000. For details on how to give see the CMF website: [cmf.li/1ieR3P1](http://cmf.li/1ieR3P1)

## New issue of DLS planned



The Doctor's Life Support has been a great resource for doctors and medical students worldwide over many years. CMF members often testify how particular daily readings have spoken into their circumstances in ways the original writer

could never have foretold. Work is underway to produce a new edition of DLS and the plan is to launch the new book at the ICMDA World Congress in Rotterdam, 19-26 July 2014.

## Developing Health Course hits new high



This year we had an almost record-breaking attendance with 68 delegates, working in 11 different countries.

We had a wonderful mixture of participants including doctors and nurses working overseas long-term, juniors hoping to go out after foundation training and seniors planning to go in retirement. A number of medical, nursing and midwifery students came as day visitors. We held a mission fair during the course with 16 mission agencies, Bible Colleges and support organisations exhibiting.

Next year's course runs from 29 June - 11 July, with the Mission Fair on the evening of 2 July.

## Nurses

### New flyer hits the mark



There's been a hugely encouraging response to a new nurses' flyer aimed particularly at freshers and timed for the start of the new academic year. It has already opened up fresh contacts at Belfast, London, Oxford, Dublin and Nottingham with reports of groups meeting to pray and share fellowship. Our thanks to colleagues from UCCF for help in making this possible.

### Cardiff explores leadership

For the last three years we have been working with a small but dynamic and growing Christian Union for health professional students at the University of Cardiff, including a good number of nurses and midwives, linked with our Cardiff CNM group. In October the Cardiff CNM Group ran a day on Christian leadership in nursing, looking at different biblical models of leadership and how they relate to leadership in the NHS today. Sue Allen (Emeritus Dean of the School of Healthcare at Northampton University) led the day, and there was input from Gwyn Ratcliffe, a midwifery tutor in South Wales who has also been working in Bangladesh with a new midwifery school.

### Abstracts sought

CNM is part of a wider, international network called Nurses Christian Fellowship International (NCFI), very similar to ICMDA. The NCFI European region is holding its quadrennial conference in Madrid next September, and is looking for papers, workshops and presentation from Christian nurses that address the following three themes:

- The history of whole person nursing (with an especial focus on the Christian roots and development of the practice and concept)
  - The current practice of whole person care (with a particular focus on Christian perspectives)
  - Reflections on new directions and innovations in practice of whole person care
- Abstracts should be submitted in English or Spanish by 15 Feb 2014 to [enfermeria.cristiana@gmail.com](mailto:enfermeria.cristiana@gmail.com)

For more details about the conference and to download the abstracts form go to: [www.ncfieurope.org](http://www.ncfieurope.org)

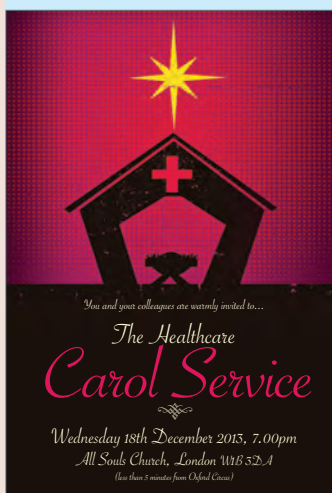
### Christmas appeal

You will have already received our Christmas appeal letter which focuses entirely on the growing ministry to nurses which we launched with **Christian Nurses and Midwives** three years ago. The work is still in its infancy but has the potential to grow beyond CMF in numbers and to complement our own ministry hugely. **Please help us reach our appeal target of £100,000** which matches what we aim to spend on nurses in 2014.

### Cardiff mission

'Convinced' was the theme for a mission for Cardiff nursing students held during the third week of November. Michael Ots, a highly engaging speaker, shared the gospel in programmes interspersed with music, videos and testimonies. Annie Leggett, CMF nurses staffworker, spoke and fielded lots of searching questions. Pray and give thanks for students who during the week professed faith and signed up for follow-up courses. Pray too for the Christian students who organised the mission whose task will be to stand alongside and mentor new believers.

### Healthcare Carol Services - London and Cardiff



In Cardiff, the annual Healthcare Carol Service took place on Wednesday 5 December, led by Bob Capper with Jonathan Vaughan-Davies speaking. The London carol service for healthcare

professionals is on Wednesday 18 December, 7pm at All Souls, Langham Place, London. CMF Chief Executive, Peter Saunders will be speaking and Hugh Palmer will be leading the service. There will be mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards. The service is free to attend, and is a great opportunity to invite friends and colleagues to hear the Christmas message.

### Links update

Our dream is to have a CMF link person in every church, workplace, locality and specialty where there are Christian doctors. Our most recent head count puts the number of CMF Link Persons at 235 in 405 roles. It's a great encouragement to see this level of take-up. The result will be a stronger, better connected fellowship. It's now possible for CMF Link Persons to access people in their area via our online database and make contact with them. The next phase of database development will be complete early in the New Year with every member able to login and update their personal details. Remember, the office is here to help should you need it.

### London and the South-East

We are delighted to report the founding of a new local group in the Wanstead and Woodford area of north east London. It's an addition to other regular London groups meeting in Southall, Putney, Bromley, Dulwich and Stepney. Outside the M25 there are regular group meetings in Billericay, Harpenden and Chorleywood. There are occasional meetings too in Eltham, Farnborough and Chelmsford.

Talk to Julian Churcher CMF London and Southeast staffworker if you'd like to be linked to one of these groups, or about starting one in your area. [julian.churcher@cmf.org.uk](mailto:julian.churcher@cmf.org.uk)

### Calling former Canonbury students

Are you a former resident at the MMA Hostel? CMF member Alison Davies is organising a reunion of students who were at Canonbury anytime between 1977 and 1981. If you would like an invitation to the reunion, please email [graham.sopp@cmf.org.uk](mailto:graham.sopp@cmf.org.uk) who will be passing on replies to Alison.

### Media influence

In November CMF Blogs moved up to number 12 in the Ebuzzing rankings for UK religion and belief blogs – its highest position. This is largely thanks to a high frequency of posts and people sharing our content on Facebook and Twitter. Overall, CMF's social media influence is growing strongly, with a healthy 2,600 fans on Facebook and 1300 followers on Twitter. Also look out for our videos on YouTube.

## Public policy

### CMF submissions

CMF makes regular submissions to official bodies on a wide range of issues at the interface of Christianity and medicine. In the last four months we have responded to consultations on prosecuting cases of child sexual abuse, mitochondrial donation, abortion for anencephaly, children's involvement and preventing sexually transmitted infections.

All are available on our website at [www.cmf.org.uk/publicpolicy/submissions](http://www.cmf.org.uk/publicpolicy/submissions). See also regular comment on topical issues on the CMF Blogs pages: [www.cmfblog.org.uk](http://www.cmfblog.org.uk)

### Assisted suicide debates

With the Falconer and MacDonald bills attempting to legalise assisted suicide due for debate in the New Year (see *Triple Helix*) dialogue is hotting up. CMF CEO and CNK Director Peter Saunders was involved in formal debates on 'assisted dying' in November in both London and Oxford with Lord Falconer (and others) and former MP and Liberal Democrat health spokesman Dr Evan Harris respectively. The text of Peter's talk at the former debate on the 'slippery slope' (along with a full review) is available on the Care Not Killing website: [bit.ly/1camAfF](http://bit.ly/1camAfF)

## Staff

### Farewell to Annie



Annie Leggett

At Christmas **Annie Leggett**, our full time nurses staffworker for the last three years, will be moving on to pastures new. Annie has made a huge contribution to the life of the fellowship over the last few years, and has pioneered the student ministry from the ground floor up. Anyone who has met Annie knows she is a bundle of energy and fun with a deep love for the Lord and his people. She will be missed by all the team. Join with us in praying that the Lord would bless her as she moves back into church pastoral ministry.

### Other staff news

In other staff/volunteer news, **Alice Johnson** is taking a year out after FY2 working with students and juniors in the west Midlands. **Emma Pedlar** (Manchester) and **Rachel Perry** (Southampton) are both doing intercalated courses in global health and are working as volunteers with CMF for two days a week, assisting the International and Student departments. Emma is helping organise the 2014 International Medical Students' Conference in February.

### Outgoing

**Philip Davies** (Birmingham) to Uganda  
**Chris Downing** (Leeds) to Albania  
**Rosemary Faulkes** (Birmingham) to South Africa  
**Howard Friend** to Malawi  
**Raymond Givan** (Belfast) to Uganda  
**Philip Griffin** (University College) to Ethiopia  
**Alison Lievesley** (Guy's) to Sudan  
**Douglas Noble** (Oxford) to Nepal  
**Christine Raby** (Sheffield) to Malawi  
**Rebecca Reith** (Bart's & The London) to South Africa  
**Nicola Wood** (Bristol) to Malawi

### Homecoming

**Ronnie & Carolyn Alcorn** (Belfast) from Mongolia  
**Rosie Barnes** (Liverpool) from Singapore  
**Richard Stainton** (The London) from Peru  
**Becky Hammond** (Norfolk) from Somaliland

### Obituaries

**Margaret White** (q Sheffield 1943) a Croydon GP and renowned campaigner against euthanasia and abortion who according to her *Daily Telegraph* obituary, once left the highly opinionated broadcaster David Starkey lost for words. Died 17 April 2013.

**David Baldwin** (q Cambridge 1946) died 10 May 2013, CMF notified 21 November 2013. **Richard Sears** (q Cambridge, 1948) died 14 June 2013, CMF notified 14 June 2013.

**Mary Rackham** (q Royal Free, 1957) retired GP, died in Soros on 7 April 2012. CMF notified 30 July 2013.

**Kenneth Barker** (q Bristol, 1952) for many years a GP in Pontardawe, died 28 February 2013.

**Maureen McFarland** (q Belfast 1982).

CMF notified 19 November 2013.

**Elizabeth Atkinson** (q Durham, 1961) died on Saturday 20 July 2013. CMF notified 13 August 2013.

### Opportunities for Volunteers

There are growing opportunities to do voluntary work in CMF. We are currently looking for:

- **A Trust Application Writer**  
To draft approach letters to charitable trusts in support of CMF projects. Essential: experience writing applications or research funding application writing. Contact: **Graham Sopp**, T 020 7234 9666, E [Graham.Sopp@cmf.org.uk](mailto:Graham.Sopp@cmf.org.uk)
- **Communications Committee**  
To be part of a team that assesses manuscripts submitted for publication and oversees CMF social media work. We are keen to hear from medically-qualified persons who are theologically aware, have an eye for detail and can take on proofreading and copy editing projects to a high standard. **John Martin**, T 020 7234 9665, E [John.Martin@cmf.org.uk](mailto:John.Martin@cmf.org.uk)

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### Dates for your diary

#### December

18 London Healthcare Carol Service, 7pm  
All Souls Langham Place, London

#### January

23 Saline Solution (Session 1), Keele

#### February

7-9 CMF Student Conference, Swanwick  
15 Saline Solution, Riverside Centre, Derby  
20 Saline Solution (Session 2), Keele  
28 Saline Training of Trainers

#### March

8 East Anglia Day Conference  
13 Saline Solution (Session 3), Keele  
15 Saline Solution, St Wulstan's Church, Birmingham

#### April

25-27 CMF National Conference  
Yarnfield Park, Staffordshire

#### May

17 Saline Solution, NCF Scotland, Glasgow  
21 Ophthalmology Breakfast

#### June - July

29-11 Developing Health Course  
Oak Hill College, London

#### July

19-26 ICMDA 15th World Congress  
Rotterdam, Netherlands

For more details see [www.cmf.org.uk](http://www.cmf.org.uk)

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