

Finances

Better than expected for 2018

At the time of writing, we are busy with the accounts for December 2018. The most recent completed accounts are for September 2018. Total income for the first nine months of the year is £23k higher than budget, which reflects the donations made to support the growth in ministry in 2018, especially in the development of volunteering. Expenditure is £7K under budget. Overall, CMF was £30k ahead of budget at the end of September. However, donations to support the development of volunteering and other new ministry initiatives have fallen over recent months. We hope that members will commit to regular giving to support this work.

CMF Pastoral Care

CMF's ethos has always been to enable Christian doctors to live out their faith in the workplace. But what does that really mean? When you are over-committed, tired and challenged at multiple levels, how do you apply God's word and find 'grace to help in time of need'? The pressures of medical life are huge at all stages of the career cycle. The opportunities for fruitful service are massive. The difficult bit seems to be getting godly solutions to the problems and godly wisdom to realise the potential.

Local churches are invaluable in supporting Christian doctors and nurses, but we have realised there is a need for specialised materials, peer support and mentoring to help Christians navigate the healthcare environment and apply God's word into their often unique situations. We aim to expand our resources for pastoral care to start to address these needs.

To take matters forward, a new post in Graduate Ministries has been created to support pastoral care. This will support the development of a network for peer support and mentoring, study and training materials and explore innovative ways of enabling members to apply God's word and live out their faith day by day. Pray for this work, that many may be encouraged and enabled. Consider too whether you could be involved in supporting this initiative and look out for further news in the months ahead.

Volunteering

Taking a look at a range of opportunities in CMF

Catalyst Teams



Catalyst Teams are up and running across the UK and we are excited at the potential they have to change the way we 'do CMF' across the country. Six teams are currently functioning with at least four more in the pipeline.

Team roles enable members to serve in an area of interest, receive training and support and to be linked with those doing similar roles in other teams. They are also time-limited in order to keep them focussed and to help in regular review. One example of a team role is as a Prayer Catalyst.

Prayer Catalyst:

- As part of the Catalyst Team, gathers prayer requests and supports other Catalysts in areas such as student or juniors' ministry
- Links 'out' to members leading hospital/practice prayer groups, seeking to encourage others to pray in their workplaces, and might consider a day of prayer for a region.
- Links 'in' to central CMF, both receiving and disseminating prayer resources and requests, and might link with Prayer Catalysts on other regional Catalyst Teams with optional training and resourcing webinars and face-to-face sessions.

Dr Angela Wilkinson, Catalyst Team Leader in Mersey says, *'Forming a Catalyst Team has allowed us to rethink what we are doing in the region and why. It has revitalised the region. From a tired monthly meeting, we now have a junior doctor group, a student group and are looking towards hospital multidisciplinary groups as well. We are so thankful for how God has blessed this work and what he is doing in the region.'*

We see a multiplication of teams of medics and nurses in every region of the UK, passionate about seeing the kingdom of God manifested in the lives of CMF members. We see teams allowing the grace of Jesus Christ to bring transformation – first in and then through them – to the places they live and work. So how about it? Let's see the vision of CMF fulfilled through the building of transformational teams.

John Greenall is happy to discuss the potential for a team in your area. For more information including an interview with one of our team leaders see cmf.org.uk/catalyst-teams or contact volunteer@cmf.org.uk.

'You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5)

Deep:ER:



Applications are open for Deep:ER Fellowships 2019-20. Closing date **31 May 2019**. Aimed at intercalating students and gap-year medics and nurses, spend

a year, part-time, applying faith to your studies. For more details and to apply, visit cmf.org.uk/deeper or email volunteer@cmf.org.uk.

Training: Global and Evangelism Tracks



CMF runs training tracks developing leaders in various areas. The second 18-month Global Track started 29-30 March 2019 with a residential at All Nations College

for 25 students and junior doctors.

A twelve-month Evangelism and Apologetics Track headed up by our new Evangelism Associate, Richard Scott starts with eleven participants in May. Our Thought Leaders' Track with nine participants continues. We are also developing masterclasses in leadership, writing, speaking, media and debating. Contact volunteer@cmf.org.uk for more details. To see how we are developing leaders across CMF visit cmf.org.uk/volunteer/training-tracks

Associates



Associates are volunteers who can commit to partnering with CMF on a project for two years. Contact us at volunteer@cmf.org.uk.