

National Conference 2021
Gospel 24-7: Whole-Life Gospel, Whole-Life Practice
Saturday 24 April 2021

The gospel changes everything. That's the goal at least. Christ calls us to see everything we are, everything we do, every person we meet through the clarifying lens of what he's accomplished on the cross and sent us to do. That doesn't just mean that we have a glorious message to share, or Spirit-empowered compassion to lavish, it means that everything we do — from the wage structure in a GP's practice to the selection of patients for a clinical trial — has to flow out of the implications of this Good News for Everything.

Still, the reality is that overall, for the last 150 years, the gospel that's been shared has been a smaller gospel. It's been a gospel of glorious personal salvation, praise God, and a gospel of urgent social action on behalf of the poor, but not also a gospel engaged in the transformation of all our everyday things and the reimagining of our work, our workplaces, our institutions, our cultures, our nations. What might blossom in our medical practice as well as in our private lives if we grasp more deeply the majestic scope of this gospel? Come explore and imagine together.

A Bigger Gospel? Colossians 3:17, 23-24 & Colossians 1:15-20

A Whole-Life Disciple: shaping a culture in the moment: Ruth 2:1-16

A Whole-Life Disciple: sharing life under pressure: Acts 27



Mark Greene is Mission Champion at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity. He grew up Jewish and joyous and was wooed to Jesus at 23. He is an ex-NYC adman and ex-theological college vice-principal. He became Director of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity in 1999, magnetically drawn to their focus on empowering people to be fruitful for Christ in all of life, and empowering church leaders to help them.

His books include Thank God it's Monday, Fruitfulness on the Frontline, and Probably the Best idea in the World. He is married to Katrina, a Finn, and they have three adult children. Mark loves fiction and film and does a passable imitation of Mr Bean and an unrecognisable one of Sean Connery. His wife wishes it were the other way round. His children wish he wouldn't do either.



Dr Florence Muindi, a native of Kenya, is founder and CEO of Life Abundance International a non-profit organization committed to bringing health to the poor through the local church in Africa and the Caribbean. She is a trained medical doctor, specializing in public health interventions, and has a diploma in Urban Poor Theology. She has pioneered transformational development globally and is a thought leader in the field of integral mission. She regularly speaks and writes about empowerment of the vulnerable and sustainable transformation. Florence is a wife, mother, author and ordained minister.

Programme	
Friday 23 April 2021	
2 pm, 6 pm & 8 pm	Seminars
Saturday 24 April 2021	
09:30	Registration opens
10:00	Welcome & Introduction
	Session 1 Colossians 1: A bigger gospel? – Mark Greene
11:15	Break
11:25	Session 2 Ruth 2:1-16: A Whole-Life Disciple: shaping a culture in the moment – Mark Greene
13:00	Lunch break
13:30	Session 3 Plenary session – Florence Muindi
14:45	Break
14:55	Session 4 Acts 27: A Whole-Life Disciple: sharing life under pressure – Mark Greene
16:00	End of conference
17:00	Seminars

Please note: Highlights and main talks from the conference, will be recorded but seminars will not be recorded.

Seminars

Please note that the same Friday seminars are repeated on the Saturday to allow you opportunity to attend more seminars.

Please choose your seminar preferences for Friday, Saturday, and the week after when booking online via cmf.org.uk/events

<h2>Advocacy</h2>
How is COVID-19 changing medical ethics (and how should Christians respond)?
Friday 23 April 2021 at 2 pm or Saturday 24 April at 8 pm
COVID-19 is changing medical ethics in ways we are only beginning to understand. From home abortions, to blanket DNARs, to the challenges of allocating limited resources, the pandemic has challenged ethical norms and opened the door to some practices that, whilst appropriate during a crisis, may not be during 'peacetime'. In this seminar we will be discussing the new ethical issues raised by COVID, and considering what our responses as Christians should be.
Jennie Pollock & Ben Chang Jennie Pollock is CMF Associate Head of Public Policy, a writer and editor. She has an MA in Philosophy and is studying Bioethics and Medical Law. Dr Benjamin Chang is an A&E SHO in London and is currently studying for a Master's in Medical Ethics. He is part of the CMF Speakers' Track and speaks regularly at Christian Unions, churches, and conferences on a range of topics.
Objecting without being Objectionable – the art of the conscience in healthcare
Friday 23 April at 6 pm or Saturday 24 April at 5 pm
As western healthcare ethics uncouples from its Christian foundations, Christians may increasingly find themselves asked to do something that conflicts with their ethical beliefs. Examples include classics such as abortion, newer issues around pronouns and prescribing in transgender, and the regular everyday challenges of truth-telling and integrity. How can we understand and exercise our rights in a robust yet gracious manner, and how can we turn difficult encounters into positive opportunities?
Mark Pickering and Melody Redman Mark Pickering is CMF Chief Executive and a prison GP. Originally from Yorkshire, he lives in London with his wife Rachael, who is also a prison GP, both in the UK and overseas. Melody Redman is a clinical genetics registrar in Yorkshire, with a background in clinical academic paediatrics. She is married to Xander (a GP trainee) and between them they manage to care for a demanding tortoise called Squirtle
Race, Ethnicity & Culture – Why bother?

**Friday 23 April at 8 pm or
Saturday at 6:30 pm**

An interactive seminar to explore why it is vital for Christian healthcare professionals to engage with this topic, both in our workplaces and our churches. We will look at the issue primarily from a biblical point of view, but also historically and sociologically. We will seek to address questions such as - How do we deal with prejudice and discrimination in our own lives and in wider society? How can we be people who better honour and celebrate the richness of cultural diversity around us? How can we live out today a biblical vision of unity and cultural and ethnic diversity?

Mohan Seevaratnam and Ms Rantimi Ayodele

Mohan Seevaratnam is a GP in Harrow, NW London, and a minister leading Mosaic, which is an intentionally intercultural church community. He is passionate about the church being at the forefront of celebrating and honouring cultural diversity.

Ms Rantimi Ayodele is a Consultant Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon and leads locally and regionally in the NHS on BAME strategy for colleagues and patients. She is driven by a love of Christ to see his justice being fought for in every facet of our lives, including racial justice in our Christian life and message.

Discipleship

Courage to care

**Friday 23 April at 2 pm or
Saturday 24 April at 6:30 pm**

It takes courage to really care for our patients. But it also takes courage to care for ourselves, so that we are able to live well and keep caring in our long-term calling to healthcare. This seminar will consider the courage we need to honestly face ourselves; to make decisions about how to care for the person God made us to be and how to draw on his resources. It will help us understand burnout, how it can be avoided and how we can receive God's peace in turbulent times.

Ross and Liz Bryson

Ross Bryson is a GP who has jointly pioneered an RCP awarding winning wellbeing programme for Foundation Year doctors.

Liz Bryson is a hospital chaplain with expertise in staff support. Ross and Liz run retreats together for doctors. They have had four children: one died from cancer in her 20s and two are junior doctors.

A Godly approach to Success and Failure - Careers in Perspective

Friday 23 April at 6 pm or Saturday 24 April at 5 pm

From the time we first undergo our Apgar scores, we enter a lifetime of assessment that determines whether we are considered by other people and by ourselves as being successful or having failed! A career in medicine reinforces this narrative and the demanding expectations can leave highly able people feeling totally inadequate. On the other hand, secular success can lead to us propagating the myth that our value and importance are dictated by our achievements. As Christians, we are reminded that God's values and definitions of 'success and failure' are totally different from those that the world bombards us with. His transforming power frequently occurs in our vulnerabilities and because of our human shortfalls. This seminar will explore this paradox and help us nurture a Christian approach to our career ambitions and achievements. We will discuss together what Godly ambition looks like and will also explore how we can proactively assess whether we are maintaining a Godly perspective on our careers through the discipline of Spiritual Appraisal. Please join us for this empowering and practical seminar.

Paul Johnson

Paul Johnson is Professor of Paediatric Surgery in Oxford and Director of the Oxford Pancreatic Islet Transplant Programme.

Growing, building & keeping family life for busy clinicians and their families

Friday 23 April 2021 at 8pm or Saturday 24 April at 8 pm

Family life can be a wasteland behind the facade of clinical competence. Loneliness disconnect and abuse are more common in medical families than we like to think. Even Christian families. So, if we have 'Christ in us' how does that change the way we live family life? How does God's word provide real safeguards to make a truly happy home? Join us as we share some ideas that have worked and some that have not as we seek to get the balance right as parents, professionals, and people of faith.

Tamie & Greg Downes

Tamie & Greg Downes live in Oxford with their two daughters. Tamie is a part-time GP and is CMF Catalyst Team Leader for Oxford. Greg is ordained and works on the faculty of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University. They seek to get the balance right as parents, professionals, and people of faith!

Leadership

Brokenness – an essential part of Healthcare?

Friday 23 April at 2 pm or Saturday 24 April at 8 pm

Circumstances can 'break' us. The book of Proverbs says, 'a broken spirit, who can bear?'. We fear being broken and tenaciously hold on, 'keeping it together. And yet we are told the sacrifice God desires is a broken spirit. What does it mean to experience true brokenness in our walk with God? How does it come about and how do we walk in it? What is the difference between godly brokenness and worldly grief? This seminar will look at the Biblical concept of brokenness and how it can work out in healthcare and bring the blessings of Christ afresh into our lives.

Steve Sturman is CMF Associate Head of Doctors Ministries, a Consultant Neurologist and an Honorary Professor in Neurorehabilitation.

Leading and Managing in the NHS – reflecting on the unique challenges and opportunities

Friday 23 April at 6 pm or Saturday 24 April at 6:30 pm

How can one be a 'servant of Christ' and a medical leader? Should we aspire to leadership and if so, how do we avoid the temptations of power and reward? Whether you are an aspiring or current leader, a doctor, nurse or non-clinical, join us as we hear from three NHS leaders and managers. We'll seek to process the challenges of stressful times like this pandemic, so come with your comments and questions.

Nick Land

Nick Land is a Psychiatrist and a retired Medical Director, married to Helen a GP. He is training as a Church of England Reader and is Lay Chair for the Diocese of York.

Christian Leadership on the Frontline - Sowing Kingdom Values from Ward to Boardroom

Friday 23 April at 8 pm or Saturday 24 April at 5 pm

This seminar will lay out some of the principles of Whole Life Faith Living with stories and practical application. We want this to be interactive, and to facilitate this, the last third will be a multi-disciplinary team meeting where you can present your difficult cases, not clinical, but those tricky real life management and leadership problems that you are experiencing. Do come prepared.

Chris and Sue Holcombe

Chris Holcombe a surgeon in Liverpool, and **Sue Holcombe** an Advanced Nurse Practitioner have extensive experience of leadership at many levels in the NHS. They are passionate about living out Whole Life Faith in the workplace and seeing Godly Kingdom Values applied in the busy, difficult and conflicted world of the modern NHS. We all lead and set culture whether on the ward, in a formal management or leadership role - big or small - or just in the coffee room.

Witness

A post COVID world - do we still need to go?

Friday 23 April at 2 pm or Saturday 24 April at 5 pm

A post COVID world - do we still need to go? Have you considered how COVID has impacted the world of global health? Do you know of people serving overseas who have been affected by national responses? Come and learn of some of the challenges, ongoing needs, and opportunities at this time. Be inspired by the practical response of one young UK trained CMF doctor, inspired by his faith and obedience to Jesus Christ mobilising response in northern Pakistan.

Fi McLachlan and Anbesan Hoole

Fi McLachlan is CMF Head of Global, and has a background in healthcare management and mission. She served with Interserve and lived in Malaysia before returning to lead an international HIV charity, management in primary care, and joining CMF in 2016.

Anbesan Hoole is a CMF member who lived and trained in the UK before moving to work as a medical doctor in northern Pakistan. Anbesan has pioneered a COVID unit within his hospital over the last year.

Being salt & light – conversations about Jesus in the workplace

Friday 23 April at 8 pm or Saturday 24 April at 6:30 pm

In this interactive seminar, we will explore how we can appreciate and live out our roles as salt and light for Jesus in our places of work, especially during this pandemic. Let's share our stories and testimonies of how we can bring Jesus into our conversations wherever God has placed us, whether it be in the lecture hall, the GP surgery, the ward, the clinic or the lab.

Sarah Foot and Femi Daramola

Sarah Foot is a medical trainee working in East London, married to Dave and mother to Samuel. She loves to talk about Jesus!

Femi Daramola was born again in his first year of medical school. He is a GP Change to partner, trainer and appraiser in East London and International GP Training Programme Director in the East of England with HEE. He Loves Jesus!

Outreach in Outpatients

Friday 23 April at 6pm or Saturday 24 April at 8 pm

The seminar acts as a taster for a new evangelism course (“OR in OP”) aimed at health professionals. Highly inter-active, your questions will influence our dip into WHY and HOW we can step-out in faith at work. With many stories from general practice and the wider mission field, we won’t ignore the rules governing medics and nurses, whilst emphasising that we should not be cowed by them and prepared to take risks where prompted!

Richard Scott and Anna Gould

Richard Scott is a GP based in Margate, Kent and CMF’s evangelism associate. With E.M.M.A and other mission trips currently dormant, he is delighted that outreach in the workplace continues.

His GP wife, Heather keeps him grounded

Anna Gould is a GP Registrar living in Sheffield and on the South Yorkshire Catalyst team.

(Nurse and Midwives) 'For Such a Time as This'

Friday 23 April at 8 pm or Saturday 24 April at 5 pm

Be reminded that God has placed you where you are ‘for such a time as this’ and is using you as part of his big purpose. Take time out from the treadmill of the NHS and be refreshed in God’s grace.

Pippa Peppiatt is CMF Head of Nurses & Midwives, A previous nurse, charity worker and church planter

Georgie Coster is a Critical Care nurse and CMF Associate Head of Nurses and Midwives.

Rachel Denno is a Mental health nurse and CMF Associate Staff Worker.

Esther Chevassut is an HDU (High Dependency) nurse and CMF Staff worker.

Post Conference Seminars

How can I be a Christian leader in healthcare?

Monday 26 April at 8pm

This is an interactive 1.5-hour session for those currently in and aspiring to leadership in healthcare to further hear from leaders and explore together what it looks like for you to be a Christian leader - being a Christlike servant leader, going the distance in the Lord's strength, guarding against self-glory and using your influence for good.

How can I be a disciple in healthcare?

Tuesday 27 April at 8 pm

This is an interactive 1.5-hour session with seminar leaders to further explore what it looks like for you in your work and life to be a disciple for Jesus Christ in healthcare - juggling busy work, church, family life, striving hard to succeed yet wanting to trust in Christ for your strength and being careful not to burn out at the same time. We would love you to share your stories to encourage and inspire others.

How can I be a Christian advocate in healthcare?

Wednesday 28 April at 8 pm

This is an interactive 1.5-hour session with seminar leaders to further explore what it looks like for you in your work and life to be a Christian advocate in healthcare - understanding, navigating and addressing the ethical and inequality issues, how and when to speak up, the ways in which you can make a difference in the culture around us. We would love you to share your stories to encourage and inspire others.

How can I be a Christian witness in healthcare?

Thursday 29 April at 8 pm

This is an interactive 1.5-hour session with seminar leaders to further explore what it looks like for you in your work and life to be a witness for Jesus Christ in healthcare - how to be salt and light and equipped in your conversations in the workplace and wider culture, especially at this time when there are more opportunities to hold out hope. We would love you to share your stories to encourage and inspire others.

How can I be a whole life disciple for Christ in healthcare?

Friday 30 April at 8 pm

This is an interactive 1.5-hour session with our conference speaker Mark Greene to further explore what being a whole life disciple for Christ means for you in your life as a Christian healthcare professional. Do you often find that your life feels compartmentalised into work, church, family and other? How does my faith work out in my 'non-church, non-Christian service' roles? What impact would 'whole life' discipleship have on my life? We will share stories to encourage and inspire you to live wholeheartedly for Jesus Christ in the whole of your life. Come and be changed