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## Spring Appeal - £80,000 needed Every Member Ministry

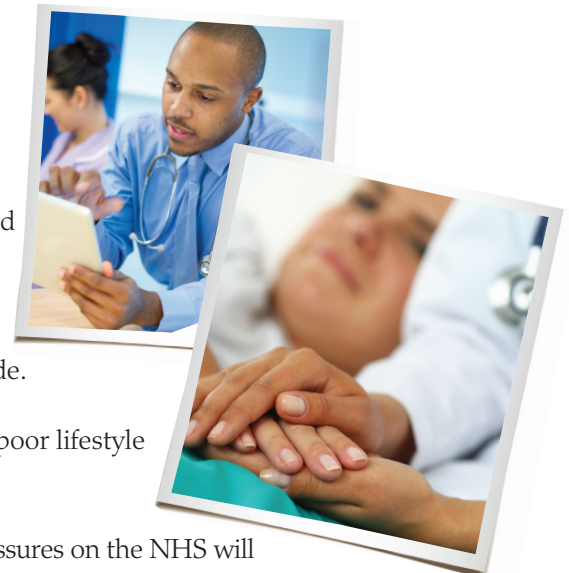
As a fellowship of 4,800 doctors, 800 medical students and 300 nurses and nursing students, CMF exists to glorify God by uniting and equipping doctors and nurses to live and speak for Jesus Christ.

We aim to help Christian doctors and nurses connect with each other for encouragement and support; grow in Christian maturity; speak for Jesus Christ and his kingdom; and serve God by serving one another and those in need.

### Huge challenges

We do this against a background of three huge ongoing challenges:

1. Economic and political instability, which impacts on the health service and leads to increased demands as well as a crisis of care and compassion.
2. Growing hostility to Christian faith and values that has been heightened by social, cultural and legal changes over the past decade.
3. Increasing healthcare needs both here and abroad, exacerbated by poor lifestyle choices, poverty and deprivation.



In the next five years we can expect to face new challenges. Financial pressures on the NHS will grow, hostility to Christian faith and values will intensify and medical needs both here and abroad will increase.

But there will also be new opportunities: opportunities to touch a broken society with the message of the gospel and love of Jesus Christ; opportunities as Christian churches, communities, charities and corporate ventures develop to fill the gaps in care.

It's crucially important that Christian health professionals are at the centre of these new developments.

## CMF - a fellowship of thousands

Since we launched in 1949, CMF has been served by a team of dedicated staff mainly based in London. Many people continue to understand it in this way.

But CMF isn't just an organisation in an office building; it's a fellowship of thousands of Christian healthcare professionals living out their faith every day.

In this way, CMF is part of Jesus Christ's global mission: a corporate body made up of individual parts, each contributing to the whole. We believe that developing this biblical model is essential to the growth of our ministry.

To grow to full maturity in Christ we need each other – in order to be both encouraged (Hebrews 10:24–25) and equipped (Ephesians 4:11–13).

## A new regional development strategy

2017 will see us rolling out an ambitious regional development strategy with every member ministry at its heart. This programme will be overseen by a National Field Director – a new role shortly to be taken up by our current Head of Student Ministries, John Greenall.



CMF already has a number of successful volunteer programmes on the go, and we thank God for each person involved:

- Hundreds of member links in medical schools, hospitals, regions and specialties
  - Twelve ministry committees supporting all aspects of CMF's ministry
  - Seven Deep:ER trainees on a one year development programme
  - Four Associate Staffworkers involved in training and support

But now we want to take things to the next level. As such, we've been working with leading practitioners in volunteer ministry to create an exciting roadmap for the future.

We envision a new approach: developing twelve Regional Teams across the UK, people with the passion and gifting further to unite and equip members in Christ.

## The human face of CMF

Helping members fulfil their potential is the heart of what CMF is all about:

- The student who is struggling to integrate her faith and studies, encouraged by the godly example of a local Christian medic, is helped to explore how she might share her faith with her patients and given an opportunity to develop her gift for writing.
- The junior who can't make church regularly is introduced to a group of Christian doctors who meet locally, offered advice on taking a year out to serve overseas and supported as he endures a consultant's attacks on his faith.
- The established GP who moves practices is given the opportunity to comment in the media, gets introduced to someone who will join her in praying for her patients and is able to develop her mentoring skills in working with students.



John Greenall

But at present we estimate that only 1 in 10 members access the fellowship and resources on offer. Just imagine if we could see all our members united and equipped to be disciples in the place they spend most of their time.

Imagine a network of prayer, support and fellowship – everything CMF has always offered – but refined and distilled to a local level, addressing the specific needs of the community in which it's based.

There are challenges ahead, but also wonderful opportunities to serve and build something together. Would you pray about this? Would you ask yourself if God might be calling you to a deeper level of service and engagement? Would you consider giving generously to support this vision?

Please join us on this new journey as we work together to Connect & Grow, Speak & Serve.

## The Spring Appeal

**We rely on members giving over and above regular membership subscriptions** (only 40% of CMF's income is from members' subscriptions).

Most of our remaining income also comes from members, in regular or one-off donations. So we rely on members to give over and above their subscriptions to make all this possible. We are aiming to raise £80,000 – about 6% of our annual budget of £1.3 million – from this appeal.

**Your gift will help us** provide doctors, nurses and students with the connections, opportunities, resources, training and support they need to live and speak for Jesus Christ.

By giving regularly by direct debit you enable us plan our work even more effectively. Of course, if your gift is eligible for Gift Aid then we can claim tax back as well, at no extra cost to you. You can also give online at: [www.cmf.org.uk/appeal](http://www.cmf.org.uk/appeal)

Please pray for all these developments – that God would raise up the needed people and resources – and for wisdom for the board and senior staff as they take the vision forward.

## Thank you for prayerfully considering this request

*'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'* (Malachi 3:10)

Yours sincerely



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## Spring Appeal 2017 Response Form

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