

national conference
27-29 April 2018

Yarnfield Park,
Stone, Staffordshire

WEEKEND

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In an increasingly cynical culture how, as Christians, do we go about positively being 'salt' and 'light' in the workplace or other non-clinical settings? What are the questions we need to be asking?

This series of talks is not simply about the answers we need to give to people's questions, but the questions we need to ask of people's answers. The growing challenge is how to do this when even asking the questions can be taken as a hostile move.

Encouragingly, opportunities are abounding in so many different areas of our lives and around the world, so even though the task of growing God's kingdom may seem harder than ever, the motivations to be involved in this work remain undiminished.

The national conference brings together members at all stages of their careers. There are separate seminar tracks for all healthcare professionals, junior doctors, nurses and student leaders*.

MAIN SPEAKERS



Michael Ramsden is the International Director of RZIM. He is also joint Director of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and Honorary Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Michael's previous roles include

working for the Lord Chancellor's department, research in Law and Economics at Sheffield University where he also taught Moral Philosophy, lecturing for the International Seminar for Jurisprudence and Human Rights and Professor-in-Residence at the Wolfsberg Executive Institute. He is involved in a number of initiatives to equip and train emerging leaders and evangelists globally. Michael lives in Oxford with his wife, Anne, and their three children.



Bert Nanninga will give the Rendle Short Lecture on the healthcare challenges posed by refugees and asylum seekers. Bert was born in the Netherlands and his father was a GP. He trained as a surgeon and specialist in

international health and tropical medicine. He worked as a medical missionary in Malawi from 1993-2011 where he established the Matunkha Centre for orphan care. He then trained in psychiatry back in the Netherlands and currently specialises in trans-cultural psychiatry and psycho-trauma care. He has been a board member of CMF Netherlands since 2012. He and his wife Mathilde have four children and four grandsons.

* this track is by invitation only

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 27 APRIL

17:00 onwards	Registration
18:45	Dinner
20:30	Welcome Biblical Mandate for Apologetics: why we defend our faith 1 Peter 3:15-16 <i>Michael Ramsden</i>
21:30	Free time - refreshments available

SATURDAY 28 APRIL

07:30 onwards	Breakfast
07:45	Prayer time
09:30	Integrity in Life & Work Romans 7:15-20 <i>Michael Ramsden</i>
10:45	Coffee
11:30	SEMINAR SESSION 1
12:45	Lunch
14:00	Free time
15:30	Tea
16:00	CMF Update
17:15	SEMINAR SESSION 2
18:30	Dinner
19:45	RENDLE SHORT LECTURE: The refugee crisis: Is there light at either end of the Euro-tunnel? <i>Bert Nanninga</i>
21:00	Free time / Q&A with main speakers

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

07:30 onwards	Breakfast
07:45	Prayer time
09:30	SEMINAR SESSION 3
10:45	Coffee
11:15	The Power of Persuasion 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 <i>Michael Ramsden</i>
	Communion
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Depart

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The main conference centre forms the hub of Yarnfield Park with over 25 meeting and event spaces, a restaurant, Costa coffee, bar and atrium. There are leisure facilities including a gym, squash courts, sports hall and tennis courts.

TRAVEL

See www.yarnfieldpark.com for full details. Yarnfield Park is 15 minutes away from the M6 Junction 14/15 and has good rail links. The nearest airport is Birmingham.

YOUTH & CHILDREN

There will be a youth and children's programme. In addition, a crèche will be provided for children under three years old. Please indicate names and ages of your children on the booking form and any special needs/additional information the team should be aware of.

BOOKSTALL

A bookstall is available and there will be plenty of relevant literature available for you to purchase.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

There will be opportunities for prayer and counselling after each main session and by appointment.

CANCELLATIONS

If you cancel your booking, payment will be returned with the deduction of a £40 administration fee per adult. No refunds will be given for cancellations after 11 April 2018 except under special circumstances.

For more details or enquiries, contact:

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SEMINARS

You will need to choose your **first three preferences** and **one reserve choice** on the application form in this brochure or online cmf.org.uk/nationalconference

1	Mindfulness The aim of the seminar is to understand and evaluate mindfulness both as a clinical tool in managing mental health and as a discipline which aims to enhance spiritual health and wellbeing. We will explore reasons behind the popularity of mindfulness and the broader cultural contexts of self-improvement, existential angst and the therapeutic society. We will look at the scientific evidence base for the effectiveness of mindfulness and biblical reflections on benefits and harms.	SPEAKER James May is a GP in inner city London and is a member of the CMF ethics committee. He is a trustee of the evidence based medicine charity HealthWatch. He is married to Karin and has four children.
2	Cynicism Some say that cynicism is a life jacket that prevents us from drowning in disappointment. But in practice, it is a pathological mistrust of people which can sink our faith. Jesus was neither cynical nor naive and had some upbeat wisdom on how to keep afloat and buoyant. The gospel gives us good reasons to be generous, warm-hearted, patient and hope filled, as Jesus was. Let's lament our disappointments, but remind each other of the light that came to overcome darkness.	SPEAKER Alex Bunn is lead GP for Wandsworth Prison and BMA rep for the secure environment. He also works in the student department at CMF, which keeps him mostly sane.
3	Communicating biblical truth to a secular culture through the media with clarity, creativity and confidence Issues at the interface of Christianity and medicine today generate a huge amount of public interest. This creates a great opportunity to impart the Christian perspective. Responding to these opportunities requires courage, planning, monitoring, wisdom and grace. This seminar will examine how to get involved in the media with a focus on crafting the message, training, delivery and social media.	SPEAKER Peter Saunders originally trained as a general surgeon and is CMF Chief Executive. In this capacity he has gained extensive experience defending a Christian worldview on medical and related issues both in broadcast and print media.
4	Resilience What determines how well we cope when life is hard or when bad things happen? This seminar will look at some of the factors - developmental, psychological, social, physical and spiritual - which affect our resilience and at how it can be strengthened.	SPEAKER Evelyn Sharpe has worked as a consultant psychiatrist for over 20 years, both in the NHS and in a service providing healthcare to mission and aid workers. Now officially retired, she serves as a pastoral worker at her church.
5	Global citizenship In a world where people move from from country to country, how do we serve God here and elsewhere? In this seminar, we will explore the concept of global citizenship, God's call on our lives and how we respond to living and serving God in a diverse and cross-cultural world.	SPEAKER Fi McLachlan is CMF Head of International Ministries.

6	<p>Ethics/public policy</p> <p>Almost every day, challenging issues on health-related matters are being discussed in the Courts, in Parliament, in the media or facing us in our own work and communities. Yet, it is often hard to know what an ethical and compassionate response should involve and what the Christian response should be.</p>	<p>SPEAKER</p> <p>Philippa Taylor is CMF Head of Public Policy.</p>
7	<p>Dealing with transgender patients</p> <p>This seminar aims to give a GP's perspective of dealing with transgender patients, including sample case histories, reflections on the issues facing the Christian doctor and consideration of some of the wider issues raised by the growing transgender phenomenon.</p>	<p>SPEAKERS</p> <p>Kate Townsend has been a GP in Cambridge for more than 20 years. Chris Townsend is a former solicitor, has taken early retirement and is looking to pursue postgraduate theological studies.</p>
8	<p>Handling abortion requests</p> <p>What is the best way to respond to your patient who requests a referral for an abortion? In this session we will be looking at a non-judgemental approach to this question without compromising either your conscience or respect for the unborn child. We will discuss some tools for exploring your patient's understanding of her request, making the most of this crucial counselling opportunity and how to build a relationship with your local crisis pregnancy centre.</p>	<p>SPEAKERS</p> <p>Celia Wyatt worked at a Christian crisis pregnancy centre, Choices Islington, and has extensive experience of counselling. Hannah Henriksen is a Camden GP and a trustee at Choices Islington and helped set up a crisis pregnancy centre in Sheffield.</p>
9	<p>Muslim patients</p> <p>Many of us work in the big cities where there are Muslim patients from a variety of countries, and others of us have a number of Muslim colleagues. This seminar aims to give us useful tips for interactions with Muslim patients and colleagues and an opportunity for everyone to share stories and learn from one another. If you have little experience in this area you will be encouraged to see how easy it is to start conversations about faith.</p>	<p>SPEAKER</p> <p>Stephanie Moss has worked as a GP in the Sparkhill area of Birmingham for 16 years and is CMF Associate Staffworker for workplace evangelism. Her patients include many from different cultures.</p>

JUNIORS' TRACK

10	Working for God	SPEAKER
<p>What is work and what does it mean to work for God? How can we combine practising good medicine with serving God faithfully? We will explore the answers to these questions, what God says about work in the Bible, and see how we can serve God in our daily life.</p>		<p>Sarah Wright is a CT1 in gastroenterology in Swansea and a 2016-17 CMF Deep:ER volunteer.</p>
11	Let's talk (medical) politics	SPEAKER
<p>Why should I consider becoming involved in medical politics? Is it really a wise use of my time and what difference can I even make in this area? What does the Bible say about this? Join this seminar and consider the importance of engaging with medical politics in small or big ways.</p>		<p>Melody Redman is a paediatric clinical academic trainee in Sheffield. She is involved in medical politics through the BMA and is a faculty member of the Healthcare Leadership Academy.</p>
12	Interdisciplinary conflict: A biblical vision of what teamwork could look like within the MDT	SPEAKER
<p>Have you ever been frustrated when orthopods don't answer their bleep? Have you ever had a spat with a midwife, or been belittled by a nurse, or wondered how to work well with therapists? We will explore together what helps and what hinders working relationships using case studies and sharing our experiences.</p>		<p>John Greenall is CMF National Field Director, a paediatrician in Bedfordshire and from a family of healthcare professionals.</p>

NURSES' TRACK

This will run concurrently with other seminars and all are welcome to attend.

13	Meeting needs as a nurse/midwife in the UK	SPEAKER
<p>Overseas mission can seem either glamorous or daunting, whereas the needs at home often seem dull and mundane. However, they are no less real than those in the developing world. How can Christians in nursing and midwifery serve Christ in modern Britain? We will look at different ways to engage creatively with domestic areas of need and deprivation.</p>		<p>This seminar will be presented by a range of nurses with relevant experience.</p>
14	Meeting needs as a nurse/midwife overseas	SPEAKER
<p>Many of us go into nursing and midwifery with a view to helping those in need. We only need to turn on the news to see the health and humanitarian needs around the world, and the need to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. In this seminar we will look at several ways in which we can get involved in global health and mission.</p>		<p>This seminar will be presented by a range of nurses with relevant experience.</p>

STUDENTS' TRACK

This will run concurrently with other seminars, but is only available for student leaders.

BOOKING FORM

Online booking is available at: cmf.org.uk/nationalconference

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student leaders need to register separately with the Student Department. Email: students@cmf.org.uk

Name(s) (including titles):

Address:

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Year(s) of qualification:

Job title(s):

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SEMINAR CHOICES

PERSON 1

Three choices: Reserve:

PERSON 2

Three choices: Reserve:

MEALS (Day visitors please tick)

Saturday

Lunch

Dinner

Sunday

Lunch

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Any food requirements (including vegetarian):

VENUE / ACCOMMODATION

We require a family room for people in our family.

Children's names

Age

Any special needs/additional information the children's team should be aware of:

If you are not a member of CMF, tick here if you do not wish CMF to contact you about membership and future events

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	EARLY BIRD (BEFORE 12/3/18)	STANDARD (AFTER 12/3/18)	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	FEE PAYABLE
STANDARD	£180	£190		
F1s	£120	£130		
F2+ JUNIORS ⁺ / REDUCED RATE *	£130	£140		
NURSES	£120	£130		
STUDENTS	£85	£100		
DAY VISITOR (including meals)	£55 per day	£60 per day		
CHILD DAY VISITOR (including meals)	£25 per day	£30 per day		
AGE 12-18	£75	£80		
AGE 4-11	£55	£60		
AGE 0-3	FREE	FREE		

⁺ Junior Doctors' rate for doctors in second, third and fourth years after qualification.**TOTAL £**

Included is a non-refundable administration fee of £40.

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