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How do we understand mission? Is it a week of events, energetically promoted by our CU? Or do we think first of a mud hut near the beach? Or a poverty-stricken inner city? We might think about how 'mission' applies to us. Is everyone a missionary? Or is it just something for the super-spiritual, with 'medical missionary' up there in the stratosphere of the Christian hierarchy, in the same way the world sees the Professor of Neurosurgery at a large teaching hospital?

Mission is something that flows through the whole of scripture - it is not solely derived from 'Go and make disciples' in Matthew 28. We ultimately see what mission means when we look to Jesus, in whom mission finds its perfect expression. But then we ask: how does this look today? What can we learn from a missionary to the first century Middle East, whose public ministry lasted only three years?

Addressing these questions in the Bible talks will be Dr Paul Bendor-Samuel. Paul directs the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, and previously led Interserve, an interdenominational, international mission agency focused on Asia and the Middle East. Further back, Paul qualified as a doctor in Wales, and was involved in general practice and public health.

As well as the Bible talks, there will be a choice from 19 seminars, covering a wealth of Christian and medical topics. We're expecting around 450 students, mostly from the UK and Ireland, and including about 25 from further afield. One session will enable you to meet others in your region, and give a chance to discuss what you've learnt. There will also be plenty of good food, music, a quiz and a ceilidh.

We look forward to seeing you there!

COST Closing date Monday 30 January 2018.

NON-MEMBER

£99 Early bird rate
Booking made **BEFORE**
15 December 2017

£115 Standard rate
Booking made **AFTER**
15 December 2017

CMF MEMBER (including £15 discount)*

£84 Early bird rate
Booking made **BEFORE**
15 December 2017

£100 Standard rate
Booking made **AFTER**
15 December 2017

Please book as soon as possible - the conference is usually sold out before the closing date.

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY

18.00 Registration opens
19.30 Dinner
20.30 **WELCOME, PRAISE
AND INTRODUCTION**
22.00 **ICE BREAKER GROUPS**

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY

08.00 Prayer
08.30 Breakfast
09.30 **BIBLE ADDRESS 1:**
Paul Bendor-Samuel
10.45 Coffee
11.15 **SEMINAR 1**
12.45 Lunch
13.45 Free time
16.00 **BIBLE ADDRESS 2:**
Paul Bendor-Samuel
17.30 **REGIONAL GROUP
MEETINGS AND
DISCUSSION**
18.45 Dinner
20.00 **SEMINAR 2**
21.30 **EVENING ACTIVITIES**

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

08.00 Prayer
08.30 Breakfast
09.30 **SEMINAR 3**
11.00 Coffee
11.30 **SEMINAR 4**
13.00 Lunch
14.00 **WORSHIP AND
COMMUNION SERVICE
BIBLE ADDRESS 3:**
Paul Bendor-Samuel
16.00 Depart

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SEMINARS

You will need to choose your **first four preferences** and **two reserve choices** on the application form online cmf.org.uk/students/events

1	FY1 survival kit After years of study, you've finally made it! Yet we all know the coming years can be a real challenge. With all the changes that working full-time entails, you'll need to rely on the steadfast, unchanging love of God. Through sharing personal experiences and answering key questions, this seminar will help equip you with principles and practical tips to survive and thrive during your foundation year.	SPEAKERS Alice Gerth is a CT2 ACCS Anaesthetics trainee in Bristol and graduated from Edinburgh University. Tom Fonseka is an F2 in London and a graduate of King's College, London.
2	Psychiatry: Issues Christians face For many Christian medical students, the Psychiatry attachment can be quite anxiety provoking. How we can understand both the aetiology of mental illness, and the various ways of treating it, within a biblical worldview? We will think about how we help our churches in the ministry to those with mental health problems and there will be plenty of time for difficult questions!	SPEAKER Nick Land is a Consultant Psychiatrist and medical director of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.
3	How might practising medicine be costly obedience? Whether you are a UK or international student, you are investing significant time and money into your medical training. But what is it all for? Join us in this seminar to consider where and what God might be calling you to do with the privileged education and skills you now have.	SPEAKERS Fi McLachlan is Head of CMF Global. Paul Bendor-Samuel is Executive Director at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies and formerly a missionary in North Africa.
4	Global Christian health professionals: Preparing for the long haul God invites us to offer up our lives in joyful service, investing in his mission to his world with the new heaven and the new earth as our ultimate destination. Come and explore what it means to be his image bearers as both Christian health professionals and global citizens, setting our personal vocation and careers within God's overarching plan, both for now and the future.	SPEAKER Simon Clift is a Consultant in Occupational Medicine and formerly InterHealth's Head of Mission Health, a former GP and missionary to East Africa.
5	Pulling together or tug-of-war? Improving communication and teamwork in hospitals Aimed at medics and nurses, get a vision for what biblical teamwork could look like within the MDT. We will explore together what helps and what hinders working relationships. We'll use case studies and thought provokers, focusing on communication between nurses and medics. Honest discussion encouraged.	SPEAKERS Pippa Peppiatt is CMF Head of Nursing. James Howitt is a doctor working part-time in Chelmsford. He recently graduated from M:Power and is a CMF Associate Staff Worker.

<p>6</p>	<p>Managing Money: Using Kingdom resources both in our wallets and on the wards</p> <p>Can we ever talk enough about money? Jesus spoke about it a great deal. We'll look at that teaching from two main angles: managing our own money and how these principles apply to national finances, focussing on healthcare. How we should view debt, which currently plays a large part in both government and student finance?</p>	<p>SPEAKER</p> <p>Laurence Crutchlow is CMF Associate Head of Student Ministries and a GP in London.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Remaking ourselves? Human enhancement and artificial intelligence</p> <p>Robots are here to stay. What do we make of the robot who does CBT instead of a human? Or the robot who looks after your elderly relative? Or sex-bots? Will robots do doctors out of a job? What does this mean for humanity? Let's consider the world of techno optimism, cyborgs, transhumanism and grapple with the Christian worldview to equip us to live in our changing times.</p>	<p>SPEAKER</p> <p>Professor John Wyatt is Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics. He is now focusing on researching and writing on medical ethics and related topics.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Is faith reasonable? Exploring the credibility of Christian belief</p> <p>The new atheists, such as Richard Dawkins, portray belief in God as akin to believing in the tooth fairy. In the 'light' of scientific knowledge Christianity is exposed as irrational superstitious nonsense. But many scientists, philosophers and other academics are Christians. Does the Christian faith stand up to rational questioning?</p>	<p>SPEAKER</p> <p>Jim Paul is a former palliative care consultant and now director of English L'Abri, a Christian community that provides space for people to explore their questions and doubts about the Christian faith.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>The battle for freedom of speech on campus (SAT ONLY)</p> <p>Students are supposed to delight in learning about different points of view and expanding their horizons. Yet something strange has happened on university campuses in the past few years. A small but vocal minority are preventing other students, lecturers or visiting speakers from even mentioning certain ideas. What is happening in our universities? What does the law actually say? How should we respond as Christians?</p>	<p>SPEAKERS</p> <p>Alasdair Henderson is a barrister with a particular interest in public law, employment and equality, human rights and clinical negligence.</p> <p>Fiona Mahendran is LCF Student Coordinator.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Firm foundations Understanding the gospel and Christian discipleship</p> <p>You may have grown up in a Christian family but are wondering if you'll continue as a Christian yourself. Perhaps you've learned the gospel for the first time and are thinking through its implications in your life and career. Perhaps you've experienced doubts and difficulties and are struggling to understand why God has let this happen. Come to explore these ideas.</p>	<p>SPEAKER</p> <p>Euan Dodds is a former doctor and now Outreach Coordinator at Holyrood Evangelical Church in Edinburgh.</p>

11	Advocate: Discovering your Proverbs 31:8 mission	SPEAKERS
	<p>'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy'. Come along to this seminar: be inspired, ask two fellow advocates how they got their mission orders, and discover both prayerful and practical ways of uncovering your own life's Proverbs 31:8 mission.</p>	<p>Melody Redman is a paediatric trainee in Sheffield and is involved in medical politics through the BMA.</p> <p>Mark Pickering is a prison GP in the UK & internationally and is involved in medical politics through the BMA.</p>
12	Abortion – who cares? A practical response to unplanned pregnancy	SPEAKER
	<p>Fifty years on from the Abortion Act of 1967 abortion is still a hot topic. What does a constructive, compassionate Christian response look like? How can we be better prepared when we meet those with a 'crisis pregnancy'? We will address this issue in a practical way to help you be salt and light throughout your medical or nursing studies and for the rest of your career.</p>	<p>Celia Wyatt trained as a nurse and is now the Executive Director of Choices Islington, a Christian charity providing unplanned pregnancy and post abortion counselling.</p>
13	Our God who moves mountains Interactive and creative prayer	SPEAKERS
	<p>Take time to pray in this interactive and informative seminar. We'll have lots of visual and kinaesthetic prompts to help you pray into the work in the UK and overseas as well as to reflect on what you are learning in the conference.</p>	<p>Alice Gray is a CT1 core medical trainee in the West Midlands Deanery.</p> <p>Miriam Brandon is a former Deep:ER Trainee and a GPST2 in Kent.</p>
14	Ishmael my brother: Engaging constructively with Muslims	SPEAKER
	<p>How did Islam start? What do Muslims believe? In what way are their beliefs the same or different from Christianity? How do they see Jesus? What are the weaknesses of Islam historically, theologically and ethically? How do we answer their questions? What should we be asking them? How do we reach out to Muslims, engage them in dialogue and introduce them to Jesus? Come and discover all this and more.</p>	<p>Peter Saunders is CMF Chief Executive, formerly a general surgeon.</p>
15	Sharing my faith with colleagues and patients Can I, and if so how?	SPEAKERS
	<p>How much do you smell like Jesus? God has promised to spread the aroma of Christ through us. Come and hear practical tips on opening our eyes to where God is at work around us with colleagues and patients. A taster for the exciting Saline course which has helped many others be more confident to live and speak for Jesus. (Guaranteed guilt-free!)</p>	<p>Rachel Owusu-Ankomah is CMF Head of Student Ministries and a Surgical Registrar in London.</p> <p>Stephanie Moss volunteers two days a week for CMF in workplace evangelism, and is a GP in Sparkhill, Birmingham.</p>

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Suffering: Making sense of it for ourselves and others

One of the most difficult questions is explaining suffering. How can a loving God allow it? For some however, this goes beyond philosophy to something deeply personal and emotional. How do we make sense of the suffering we see in our own lives and on the wards? And if we feel unaffected, how do we prepare for its inevitable arrival in our lives? Let's get equipped in an area that the Bible addresses head on.

SPEAKER

John Greenall is CMF National Field Director and a Paediatrician in Bedfordshire.

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**Serving not sinking
How Christian medics can learn to say no occasionally**

Jesus said his yoke is easy and his burden is light. Yet many Christians, perhaps medics especially, tend to become overworked activists. Why do medics find it hard to say no? To another meeting, to just one more rota, to try just a little harder? Where is our identity found? Perhaps we need to rediscover the Lord of the Sabbath, and his subversive call to rest.

SPEAKER

Alex Bunn is CMF Associate Head of Student Ministries and a GP in London.

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Clinical decisions at the end of life

The success of modern medicine means that there is more we can do for our patients as they near the end of their lives. But how much is too much? When should we accept that someone is dying and say 'stop'? And how do we hold these sensitive discussions with patients and their families? These are not just questions for the hospice, but arise on intensive care units, surgical wards and in the general practice.

SPEAKER

Naomi Pritchard is an anaesthetist in London.

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**Flying Solo
Navigating life and faith in your singleness**

We will explore together the many and varied issues around singleness and how we think about relationships from a Biblical perspective. Are there positive aspects to not being in a serious relationship? How do we satisfy our need for intimacy? What about attitudes to dating? How do we understand our own identity in an over-sexualised culture? What do we learn from Jesus, who lived as a single man? There will be time to bring your own questions too.

SPEAKER

Elaine Duncan is the CEO of the Scottish Bible Society. She has previously worked with UCCF and Scripture Union Scotland. Elaine is from Cumbria, lives in Glasgow, works in Edinburgh and supports the Scottish Rugby team.

PROGRAMME

VENUE

The full address is:
Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre
Yarnfield Lane
Yarnfield
Staffordshire
ST15 0NL

The main conference centre forms the hub of Yarnfield Park with over 25 meeting and event spaces, a restaurant, Costa coffee and atrium.

TRAVEL

www.yarnfieldpark.com for full travel details. It is 15 minutes away from the M6 Junction 14/15, with good rail links. The nearest airport is Birmingham. We will send travel details nearer the time. If a group is attending from your medical school, try to arrange joint transport. If reasonable transport costs are more than £40, CMF will provide a subsidy for costs above £40 on request and production of receipts, to a maximum payment of £35.

We are also organising a coach which will depart from CMF's Johnson House in central London to Yarnfield Park on Friday 9 February at 13.00, returning to Johnson House on 11 February. Tickets are £15 for a single journey and £30 for return. Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

BOOKSTALL

There will be plenty of relevant literature available at reduced prices with some not-to-be-repeated special offers. Please come prepared to buy! There will be a display of needs and opportunities abroad for those interested in overseas electives and future work overseas.