WHAT IS CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION?
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Christian Medical Foundation has been in existence since 1960, a dream, which has been wonderfully fulfilled.

In the early years, I had gone to my first Camps Farthest Out meetings and Order of St. Luke meetings in Philadelphia, Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Mountainview, California. There I had seen a dimension of New Testament Christianity, which had somehow escaped me.

Through the efforts of Professor Ruth Wanstrom of the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan in 1954 and 1955, I had been introduced to spiritual considerations in Medicine, particularly in the Episcopal Church. At the time, there occurred within my heart a sense that God was giving me an imperative to see if the spiritual orientation of practice could be in some way instituted in American, and hopefully, Canadian Medicine, in a day of increasing emphasis on science and mechanization.

These past decades have, in addition to great scientific, medical, and surgical achievements, been extremely challenging for all physicians. During this era, America has seen the development, at times, of callous, questionably ethical, points of view in Medicine and Nursing, with the establishment of abortion on demand, the use of fetal cell and organ transplantation, plus increasing pressures for euthanasia, late term abortions and even human cloning, at the hands of physicians.

Christian Medical Foundation was incorporated in Texas in 1962, after initial beginnings in Bay City, Michigan, going back to 1955. From the mid 60's, Christian Medical Foundation began plans to establish a center for the practice of surgery and Logopsychoomatic Medicine where medically hopeless patients and Christian patients could come for consultation, logo-therapy, and surgery if indicated.

This center has seen countless hours of free counsel given to a multitude of people, Christian and non-Christians alike. Also, the Foundation has served as a place where physicians and nurses have come for medical, surgical, and psychiatric instruction, given from a Christian and spiritual point of view.

With the challenges that are occurring today in Medicine and Nursing, from the ethical standpoint, Christian Medical Foundation represents a teaching center for Christian Medical ethics. At Christian Medical Foundation conferences, doctors and nurses hear about the mechanisms and means whereby vital spiritual principles can be applied in their day-to-day practices, not only in psychiatry and Medicine in general but also in surgery and the surgical specialties. These conferences are accredited for Continuing Medical Education credit hours in Category I of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

Throughout its existence, CMF has held Christian medical conferences on national and local levels beginning in 1960 in Texas and continuing on to the present in Florida, as well as regionally across the United States and Canada.

Christian Medical Foundation today exists in a beautiful chapel near the Hillsborough River in central Tampa. The Foundation Center also houses the Christian Medical library, extensive central files and archives of CMF, and a tape library, which contains tapes representing the history of Christian Medical Foundation and the Charles and La Vonne Hoeftle audio tape collection. These tapes delineate the history of Camps Farthest Out, the Order of St. Luke, and Christian Medical Foundation.

There are seven Board Members, who serve on the Board of Directors of CMF. We currently have a mail list of approximately 8,000, of these 4,800 are physicians, nurses, and paramedical people, who practice spiritual medicine. An increasing number of young physicians and nurses are in fellowship as a result of Christian Medical Foundation’s scholarship program. There has been recent interest in Spiritual Medicine in medical schools and in professional organizations. We are most thankful to the Creator for the part Christian Medical Foundation has played in the stimulus of developing

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Whole Person Medicine. Many members of the Foundation are in vital teaching roles in American and Canadian medical schools. There are many problem areas facing Medicine today. CMF is an ecumenical center, not tied to any denomination, but open and available to all doctors who are interested in vital and valid Christian New Testament spirituality in their lives, family, in their profession, and the lives and health of their patients.

CONCERNING CMF FINANCES

Dear Friends of CMF,

As we enter summer please remember us in your giving. We want to thank each one of you who give to CMF each month and for your continuing love and prayers, which you have sent our way. God is good and you so truly reflect His love and His care. God bless you.

Dr. Bill and Kay

CMF TUESDAY MEETINGS

We will not be meeting during the months of June, July, and August. Our meetings will begin again on September 3, 2002.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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