Dear Members of Christian Medical Foundation of Canada,

The Board of Directors of Christian Medical Foundation of Canada have held their winter meeting with Bill Walker and with several members of the Canadian Board who are in Florida at the present time. At this meeting we discussed the Winnipeg Christian Medical Foundation of Canada meeting to be held April 29, 30 and May 1, 1983. At the Winnipeg meeting the thrust will be toward "Christian Challenges in Medicine Today". It will include "The Christian Physician", "Missions", and "Christian Healing Today". This meeting will be sponsored by CMF of Canada in co-operation with Christian Medical and Dental Society and the Catholic Physicians Guild. The Canadian CMF, Manitoba and Mid Canada area, is under the leadership of Dr. Roman Buchok and Dr. Rod Davison (with Dr. Reynolds - Regional Vice President for Manitoba). An excellent program has been arranged. It is hoped that all physicians, nurses -- and those who are in the healing ministry who can -- will avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting with us in Manitoba for this meeting. Dr. Reed will be appearing on the NEW DAY television broadcast on Friday, April 29--in the morning. So those of you who can get this telecast are encouraged to watch the broadcast and pray that God will get a powerful message across. There is going to be an ecumenical healing service in Winnipeg this time at the Basilica of St. Boniface Cathedral at 2 P.M. on Sunday, May 1. Dr. Reed will be speaking at this service and a number of clergy (including the Reverend W.R. Vincent of the Anglican Church and Father Aloin Piche of the Roman Catholic denomination, as well as a number of other clergy will be participating. All interested people who receive this newsletter are encouraged to attend.

This has been a time of considerable amount of economic upheaval, both in the United States and in Canada. At these times there is a tendency to look at one's political representatives and to level charges and rebukes in their directions. This of course may be justified but one comes to a conclusion after awhile that actually what is happening in our nations is, that we have originated as nations who are God fearing and God serving. Unfortunately, as time goes on we find that our relationship toward Jesus and the Word of God becomes progressively more and more inactive and cold. As this happens we do not give God his due in service or in our contributions. As a consequence the blessings of God progressively diminish. His protection does not continue and we find that walking in the flesh does not bring about blessings of healthfulness and prosperity.

I can remember in my childhood there was a ferry boat in those days that crossed from Port Huron Michigan to Sarnia, Ontario. Often our family in Port Huron would go to visit friends in Sarnia--particularly on Sunday after church. We would sometimes go to Sarnia for picnics or simply to spend a quiet afternoon in one of the quietest and most lovely little cities of Ontario. In those days everyone went to church and the hustle and bustle of activity was hardly discernible on the Lord's Day. The stores were not open and there were no discernible bars or restaurants involved in Sunday activities. On our last visit to Sarnia we found that the city had been largely industrialized -- it was most difficult to comprehend that this had once been the quiet little Canadian town which we had once known years ago. In our various travels about Canada, Kay and I have found that there has been a tendency in Canada for the hyperactivity and materialism of the United States to pervade Canada in every area of its culture.

As an American I can only say that this is a most unfortunate happenstance. We in the United States need to come back to Christ and to remember the Lord's Day in the way that our forebears did. When the United States and Canada begin to do this, we will then discern what leaders we should send to Ottawa and to Washington--and what kind of government we should have in the various Provinces. We can then also begin to Christianize our professions, as they once were, centered in Christ. In Medicine we must remember that Sir William Osler was the son of a clergyman and a product of Ontario Christianity. Medicine needs another Osler today, but our
culture will produce only multiplied chaos as we center our lives and our profession in science, and continue neglecting to consider Jesus Christ and His precious Holy Spirit. As Christian Medical Foundation of Canada continues to grow it is hoped that the impulse for the Christianization of Canadian Medicine and Nursing and the return to Christ in all areas of Canadian life, may be the major thrust of what we are endeavoring. As one thinks about Christianity as Jesus once used the analogy of the true vine, if we represent the True Vine our roots are still strong and healthy and anchored in this Rock of Jesus and the soil of his nutrient love. We may have had grafted into us the sour grapes and thistles foreign to our true nature. Let us pray that God will prune away from us all of those things which are not of Him, so that we may again begin to produce in Medicine and Nursing and in our lives in general, the Fruit of God's Holy Spirit and manifest the enduements of His Spiritual Life. May these manifestations be occurring in our patients and in our families as well as in our churches and in the body politic.

The Manitoba meeting will constitute the Annual Meeting of CMF of Canada but will not replace the Annual Autumn meeting and Business meeting of Christian Medical Foundation to be held in Toronto. At this time the program for the Toronto meeting is being arranged. As in previous Toronto Annual Meetings the Conference will be held at the Hotel Triumph and again will be called the Christ Triumphant Meeting of Christian Medical Foundation. Dr. and Mrs. Reed will be speaking and the directors of CMF---particularly those in Eastern Canada will be present and participating. Please watch for the September dates and do plan to be with us at the Hotel Triumph for these most important meetings.

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