DON DENMARK ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF CMF OF CANADA

Prior to the recent meeting of CMF of Canada in Toronto, our President of CMF of Canada from its inception to the present, Rod Davison, contacted us and informed us that because of his recent surgeries and some of the things that have been happening in that regard in his life, he felt that he should no longer serve in the capacity of President. At our Canadian Meeting there was a great deal of prayer for Rod and Doris and for the future of CMF of Canada.

The new President elected at the Canadian Meeting is Don Denmark, who is a Family Practitioner from Petrolia, Ontario. Don has served as a Regional Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec in the past and has done wonderful work organizing a vital group of truly diligent and excellent physicians in the Ontario/Quebec area. Thus, Don Denmark comes to us eminently qualified for his new role as President of CMF of Canada. Don’s wife, Anne Louise, is a stalwart supporter of Don and of his endeavors for the Lord, not only in his local church but also in CMF of Canada and in his recent endeavors in Ethiopia. Dr. Tom Bryan of Petrolia, Ontario will be serving with Don as Vice-President of CMF of Canada and also Regional Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec. Dr. Judith McBride is a newly elected Regional Vice-President for British Columbia, Dr. Gerry Schwalfenberg continues as Regional Vice-President for Alberta, Dr. Darryl Green is elected Regional Vice-President for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and Dr. Michael Burslem will again be the Regional Vice-President for the Maritime Provinces. Margaret Perkins, R.N., continues as secretary, and Bill Walker of Toronto will continue as Treasurer and the person in charge of the Toronto office for CMF of Canada. We want to particularly thank Bill Walker, Reverend Al Hughes, Marg Perkins, and especially Don and Anne Louise Denmark for all of their endeavors in the past year for CMF of Canada and for making our Toronto Conference a tremendous success.

This year’s Toronto Conference was held at the Guild Inn on the shores of beautiful Lake Ontario. The setting was magnificent and the meetings were held in an intimate and a most comfortable setting. Some of the most vital issues facing physicians and nurses from the moral point of view were considered in this Conference. On the first evening of the Conference, Friday, October 24, Don Denmark and Dr. Michael Hazard presented a challenging address concerning the multiple problems that are facing physicians and people in general today, with reference to what they deem to be a crisis in moral medicine. The issues of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and the need for vital New Testament Christianity in Medicine were addressed. Following their excellent presentation, Dr. Don Marshall, Professor of Pediatric Surgery at the University of Western Ontario, spoke concerning Surgical Interventions In The Multiple Handicapped Newborn, particularly the premature handicapped child. Dr. Marshall presented five cases of children born with anatomic defects, some in association with Downs Syndrome, with the objective of showing the kinds of profound moral decisions which face Pediatric Surgeons today, particularly in the climate of the increasing tendency of litigation. Dr. Marshall’s address was challenging and tremendously interesting.

On Saturday, October 25, Dr. Bob Alkmen of the OB/Gyn Department of Oral Roberts University, presented an excellent address concerning in vitro fertilization and embryo transplantation. The moral and permissible aspects of this new technology were addressed as well as caution concerning the types of procedures that are occurring across the world.

Dr. Judith McBride spoke on Suicide Trends In The Teenage Years; a challenging address which presented a profound problem facing the young people of Canada and the United States, which comes about through the tremendous pressures exerted upon young people by the break-up of the family, and the peer pressures in the teenage years today.

Dr. Hudson Hillsden spoke concerning the Canadian Charter of Rights and the types of problems which this now presents to Christians as they find themselves having to fight for morality and Christian principles in a progressively non-Christian century. Dr. Hillsden’s address should be heard by all concerned Christian Canadians.

Dr. David Hurst, of Petrolia, Ontario spoke on Abortion And The Family Physician, presenting a most interesting Christian point of view concerning the fact of spirituality in the life of the unborn child from fertilization to delivery. Any church or Christian medical group desiring a most fascinating slide presentation with regard to abortion, should contact Dr. Denmark and Dr. Hurst so that Canadians in general could have the opportunity of seeing this excellent presentation. It would be wonderful if 100 Huntley Street could air Dr. Hurst and Dr. Denmark’s slides and sentiments.

Following an excellent banquet on Saturday evening, Dr.
Reed presented a detailed consideration of The Ethics Of Organ Transplantation. Dr. Reed concluded that the controversial areas in organ transplantation have to do with the status of the donor and the possibility that life extending and life-preserving attitudes toward the potential donor may be sacrificed in an effort to procure organs for transplantation. One would hope that only those with Spirit-filled Christian points of view would be utilized in this most delicate ethical consideration. Also, Dr. Reed pointed out that the most controversial areas of organ transplantation still have to do with the heart and heart-lung transplants. With the shortage of organs for transplantation, it is felt that if hearts or heart-lung preparations are to be transplanted, these procedures should be reserved for those who are not born again and have not given their lives to Christ, so that they may have the opportunity to give their lives to Jesus during the short period of life extension that cardiac transplantation or heart-lung transplantation may give them. Those Christians who might be considered for heart transplantation, who have given their lives to Christ and are already in their Eternal life, should go along with the philosophy of C. S. Lewis who said in God In The Dock, "Now I care far more how humanity lives than how long. Progress for me means increasing goodness and happiness of individual lives. For the species as for each man, mere longevity seems to me a contemptible ideal."

As the United States and Canada, as well as Great Britain, launch into the new era of spare parts surgery, one wonders just exactly where all of this is going to end and what this will do in the continued demeaning of the true meaning of life and our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ as we head on toward Eternity.

The final session of the Conference was held at St. Margaret In The Pines Anglican Church on Sunday morning, where Dr. Reed had the opportunity of speaking to a full church with many physicians present as well as nurses, concerning the need for Christian morality in Medicine and in life in general. The healing service followed Holy Communion and the majority of those present in the church came up for the laying on of hands and anointing. This was a most unusual and beautiful service, and we are most thankful to the Rector, Jack Roberts, for the privilege of being back at St. Margaret In The Pines after twenty-five years since our last visit there.

As CMF of Canada launches forth toward a new and vital decade, we now look forward to Regional Meetings in Alberta and British Columbia as well as hopefully in Saskatoon and Winnipeg. We hope also to get back into the Maritimes and to again visit Montreal. Ties need to be strengthened in New Brunswick and Newfoundland. The time for Christian moral and ethical resurgence is now on hand for the Dominion of Canada. Hopefully, this great landslide of vital Christianity, stimulated through the efforts of CMF in Medicine and the efforts of 100 Huntley Street in television, can create such a climate that the United States and the Christian population of the world, can feel the positive affects. Even as Chernobyl cast the pall of nuclear radiation and possible premature death across the northern hemisphere, a spiritual revolution in Canada could not only counteract the effects of the Wormwood Disaster, but could shake the world out of its somnolence and awaken people of the world to the wonderful hope of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection.

William Francis Reed M.D.

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For those who would like to have attended the 1986 Physician's Conference held in the lovely Guild Inn in Scarborough, Ontario, but were unable to, please find listed the tapes available for each session covering a variety of problems in Medicine facing physicians today.

The cost per tape is five dollars ($5.00). Please contact Alice or Mike Bentley, 180 Dudley Avenue, #102, Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 4X2, Canada.

Surgical Intervention - Newborn
- Dr. Don Marshall

Life in the Balance *
- Rev. M. Hazzard & Dr. Don Denmark

Suicide Trends — Teenage Years *
- Dr. Judith McBride

I.V. Fertilization and Emb. Transplant *
- Dr. Bob Aikman

Abortion and the Family Physician *
- Dr. David Hurst

The Ethics of Organ Transplantation
- Dr. Bill Reed

* These tapes were made while a slide presentation was being made.