



## RESIDENT & FELLOW COMMUNITY

# National Resident & Fellow Council Quarterly Newsletter - Winter 2017

You've persevered through some very difficult times in medical or dental school—not only academically but personally—having sacrificed comfort and perhaps easier living for the dream of becoming a doctor. And now you are one! So what's next?

Well, we've been exactly where you are. And as fellow believers, we want to encourage you during your residency and fellowship and let you know we're here for you in the months and years to come.

That's what CMDA's National Resident & Fellow Council (NRFC) is all about. As a ministry of CMDA, the NRFC is a resident-driven ministry designed to connect, mentor and empower Christian residents and fellows just like you to:

- Live out their faith authentically
- Influence the culture of healthcare
- Unite with other Christian residents and fellows for enduring fellowship
- Shape the future of CMDA

All residents and fellow members of CMDA are invited to join us, so visit [www.cmda.org/nrfc](http://www.cmda.org/nrfc) for more information to get involved.

### In this quarter's newsletter:

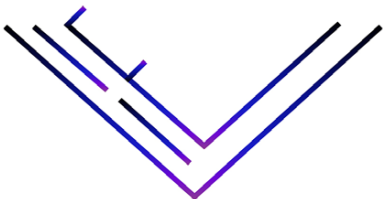
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### CMDA News for Residents and Fellows



#### [VIE Poster Session](#)

We are holding CMDA's first VIE Poster Session at TRANSFORM: CMDA's National Convention on May 4-7, 2017 in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The abstract submission deadline has been extended to February 28.

[CMDA Amazon Smile](#)



### [CMDA Ministry Highlight: Women Physicians in Christ](#)

Women Physicians in Christ is a ministry of CMDA that strives to encourage and support Christian women physicians and dentists. They hold an annual conference, and this year's conference is in Big Sky, Montana September 21-24, 2017. They also have subsections for women missionary doctors and ER physicians. You can [subscribe to WPC Pulse](#), their monthly newsletter.



### [Download CMDA's new app](#)

Now available on the free CMDA app, *Christian Doctor's Digest* is the premier audio resource for Christian residents and fellows. Hosted by CMDA CEO Dr. David Stevens, it is an audio magazine released six times each year. It includes a variety of interviews with experts in various fields pertaining to Christian healthcare professionals. Topics cover issues such as bioethics, healthcare missions, financial stewardship, marriage, family and much more. Dr. John Patrick, J. P. Moreland and Chuck Colson are among the many guests who have appeared on *Christian*

*Doctor's Digest*. I listen to the different interviews during my daily commute to work.

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## Upcoming Events

Visit the [CMDA Calendar](#) for a full listing of all upcoming events

- [Grace Prescriptions Live Seminar](#) - January 20-21, 2017, San Antonio, Texas
- [West Coast Winter Conference](#) - January 27-29, 2017, Cannon Beach, Oregon
- [Marriage Enrichment Weekend](#) - February 3-5, 2017, Healdsburg, California
- [Marriage Enrichment Weekend](#) - February 17-19, 2017, Isle of Palms, South Carolina
- [Dermatology Section Annual Breakfast](#) - March 5, 2017, Orlando, Florida
- [New Medical Missionary Training](#) - March 9-12, 2017, Abingdon, Virginia
- [Marriage Enrichment Weekend](#) - March 24-26, 2017, Healdsburg, California
- [TRANSFORM: CMDA's National Convention](#) - May 4-7, 2017, Ridgecrest, North Carolina

## Upcoming Mission Trips

Visit the [GHO Trip Calendar](#) and the [MEI Trip Calendar](#) for a full listing of upcoming trips

- [GHO: Nicaragua](#) - March 4-12, 2017
- [GHO: El Salvador](#) - March 4-12, 2017
- [MEI: Kenya](#) - March 9-22, 2017
- [MEI: Mongolia](#) - April 14-28, 2017

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## God at Work

### Two Peas in a Pod by Marc Kelliny, MD

Mrs. Nelson\* is a 76-year-old widowed lady who came in to the hospital with multiple previous medical problems. She had had a heart attack, an ischemic stroke and had her right leg amputated because of worsening peripheral arterial disease. This time, she was admitted because her middle left toe had a painless black spot on it that was growing. It was deemed the cause was a popliteal artery occlusion with small collaterals trying to make up for it. Interventional radiology was unable to lyse the clot. During the days she was in the hospital to undergo these tests and procedures, Mrs. Nelson saw the black spot grow, now with her entire middle toe turning black with the bone

sticking out of progressive dry gangrene.

As a result, she became distraught, having lived with her right foot getting darker until it had to be cut off. She exclaimed defiantly, "I will not give them my remaining foot." As we were waiting for the vascular surgeons to give us their opinion on what they would be able to do, I stopped by Mrs. Nelson's room to see how she was doing. She shared she was struggling with the fear of losing her only remaining foot. She did not know why God was letting this happen to her and how He had seemed distant to her these last few days despite having normally a close relationship with Him. She remembered a song in which of the lines says, "Me and God, You could say we're like two peas in a pod." I found it and played it for her from the computer in the room. I observed peace come over her face as she remembered our Savior's faithfulness. When I left her room that evening, she was smiling, aware of God's presence even when she did not feel Him.

*\*Name changed*

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### Prayer Requests

1. State of our nation
2. Intern transition to residency

Send your prayer requests to [nrfc@cmda.org](mailto:nrfc@cmda.org).

### Your Story

Has God been working your life? We would love to hear about it and share it in the newsletter. Just send a short description to [nrfc@cmda.org](mailto:nrfc@cmda.org).

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