

THE DOCTOR.....A MORTAL MAN

“It becomes every man who purposes to give himself to the care of others seriously to consider the four following things:

First that he must one day give an account to the Supreme Judge of all the lives entrusted to his care.

Secondly, that all his skill, knowledge, and energy, as they have been given him by God, so they should be exercised for His glory, and the good of mankind, and not for mere gain or ambition.

Thirdly, and not more beautifully than truly, let him reflect that he has undertaken the care of no mean creature, for, in order that we may estimate the value, the greatness of the human race, the only begotten son of God became himself a man, and thus enabled it with His divine dignity, and far more than this, died to redeem it.

And fourthly, that the doctor being himself a mortal man, should be diligent and tender in relieving his suffering patients, inasmuch as he himself must one day be a like sufferer.”

Thomas Sydenham (1624-1689)

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

“The Christian Medical & Dental Associations is pleased to offer networks for specialty professionals who share common values and commitments. I encourage you to join your psychiatric colleagues for fellowship, encouragement, and challenge as you integrate your personal faith with your professional practice.”

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The Christian Medical & Dental
Associations’
Psychiatry Section
investigates
and
incorporates
the relationship
between our faith
and our professional
practice.

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The PSYCHIATRY SECTION of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA)

WHAT IS THE PSYCHIATRY SECTION?

A specialty section of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA). One does not have to be a member of CMDA to join the Psychiatry Section, although membership is encouraged.

WHO CAN BE A MEMBER?

Active membership is open to all interested psychiatrists and residents in psychiatry training who are members of a state, local, or national medical organization. Members must be in agreement with the Section's purposes, beliefs, and program, and be active in attendance and payment of dues. Associate membership is available to physicians in other specialties and PhD's who have an interest in psychiatry.

WHAT DOES THE PSYCHIATRY SECTION DO?

Newsletters are published to keep members abreast of Section meetings and information of interest to Christian psychiatrists. A directory is published every other year to assist members with networking and referrals. Our website at provides useful information about the Section for those interested in residency programs.

WHERE DOES THE SECTION MEET?

Since 1961 the Psychiatry Section has met concurrent to the annual American Psychiatric Association meeting. Fellowship at other psychiatric conferences such as AACAP and national CMDA conference is encouraged.

ACTIVITIES

At the APA annually the Section:

- **breakfast talks** on topics which engage mind and soul
- **social gatherings and worship** to facilitate mutual sharing, support, and encouragement.
- **an Integration Seminar** designed to help members integrate their Christian faith with the practice of psychiatry.
- **a dinner meeting** with an outstanding speaker to address issues of interest or concern.
- **a booth in the APA exhibit area** manned to provide a means of outreach to all participants of the APA and a Christian presence in the marketplace of ideas.

At the CMDA National Convention:

- **pre-conference**, afternoon for psychiatry seminars and fellowship.
- **CME** psychiatry tract for education
- **Booth** in the exhibit area

On-going Resources and Support:

- **Newsletters**
- **Facebook Page, confidential group**
- **Twitter Account**
- **Mentoring**
- **Job & Training announcements**
- **Missions Opportunities**
- **Networking**

HOW MUCH ARE DUES?

Annually \$119 for practicing physicians, \$59 for retired physicians and missionaries, and free for residents.

OUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To promote fellowship and provide community to support and encourage Christian physicians in the practice of psychiatry, as they explore the relationship between their faith and professional practice.

To promote within the church the knowledge and understanding of valid psychiatric approaches to mental health and healing, consistent with Christ's redemptive love.

To contribute to the ministry of CMDA through participation, mentorship, prayer and sharing of our specific gifts and expertise.

To join in the ministry of Christian missions.

To present a positive witness of God our Father, and Jesus Christ our Savior, and the work of the Holy Spirit to colleagues, patients and society.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

(While each of us hold fast to additional beliefs important to our relationship with God, the following statement outlines the tenets that provide a foundation for our fellowship and participation in the CMDA.)

We believe: In the divine inspiration and final authority of the Bible as the Word of God; In the eternal God revealed in Holy Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; In the unique Deity of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, whose death and resurrection provide by grace through faith the only means of my salvation; In the transforming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.