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## Christian Medical & Dental Associations Announces CEO Transition

Bristol, Tennessee, August 30, 2019 – Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA) today announced that its Board of Trustees has appointed Mike Chupp, MD, as the Chief Executive Officer for the nation's largest faith-based medical organization. Chupp joined the CMDA staff in September 2016 assuming the role of CMDA's Executive Vice President.

Prior to his role as Executive Vice President for CMDA, Chupp served for 20 years as a career missionary with World Gospel Mission at Tenwek Mission Hospital in Kenya where he wore several different leadership hats including the Medical Director and Assistant Country Director for WGM Kenya. Since completing his surgical training, he also fit in nearly seven years of private general surgery practice as a missionary member of the Surgical Department of Southwestern Medical Clinic and Lakeland Regional Health System in St. Joseph, Michigan.

In 2017, a search committee was established to appoint a new CEO. Sixteen applications were received and the search committee presented two candidates to the Board of Trustees for a final selection in the fall of 2018. Candidates were evaluated on spiritual leadership, strategic leadership, organizational leadership, human resources, financial planning/management, public policy and image, education and experience and knowledge and abilities.

"Prayer was an essential part of all aspects of our selection process," stated Gloria Halverson, MD, president of the CMDA Board of Trustees. "Mike has the unanimous support of the board. He clearly demonstrated his leadership over the last three years as CMDA's Executive Vice President."

Chupp succeeds David Stevens, MD, MA (Ethics), who steps down after 25 years of serving as the CEO of CMDA. "I am pleased with the board's decision to appoint my friend and colleague as the new CEO. His strong commitment and dedication to excellence is critically important as CMDA enters its next chapter in changing hearts in healthcare," said Stevens.

As CEO, Chupp will be leading the largest faith-based organization of healthcare professionals in the U.S. CMDA's reach extends to over 300 medical, dental and osteopathic schools and regularly touches the lives of more than 35,000 students and practicing healthcare professionals. Headquartered in Bristol, Tennessee, CMDA has nearly 19,000 members and more than 40 ministries which support the vision of CMDA to transform doctors to transform the world.

"I am honored to have been chosen as CMDA's next CEO. CMDA shaped my professional life as a Christian physician and clearly influenced my decision to become a missionary surgeon. It is a privilege to be asked to lead an organization that has had such a tremendous impact upon healthcare professionals by motivating them to care for the sick like Christ did," said Chupp.

Chupp's leadership will include an executive team consisting of Director for Global Health Outreach Patricia Burgess, MD; Chief Operating Officer Jamey Campbell; Vice President for Campus & Community Ministries Bill Reichart; and Vice President of Communications Margie Shealy. "The executive team will be instrumental in the transition process and in the organizational structure moving forward," said Chupp.

To find out more about CMDA, go to [www.cmda.org](http://www.cmda.org). To find out more about Dr. Mike Chupp, go to [www.cmda.org/transition](http://www.cmda.org/transition).