

The Christian Medical Fellowship unites and equips Christian doctors and nurses to live and speak for Jesus Christ

### Key Aims

- **Discipleship** - to unite Christian healthcare professionals and students in Christ and encourage them to deepen their faith, live like Christ and serve him obediently, particularly through acting competently and with compassion in their clinical practice.
- **Evangelism** - to encourage Christian healthcare professionals and students to be witnesses for Christ amongst all those they meet.
- **Mission** - to mobilise and support all Christian healthcare professionals and students in serving Christ throughout the world.
- **Values** - to promote Christian values in society, especially, but not limited to, the areas of bioethics and healthcare.

### Statement of Faith

- There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
- The Holy Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
- Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
- The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
- Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
- Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
- The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
- The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christ like in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
- The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.
- The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

### CMF's ethical values (see note below)

CMF's Christian values can be summed up in Christ's two great commandments (Luke 10:27). 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' (Deuteronomy 6:5); and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Leviticus 19:18)

As Christian healthcare professionals and students seeking to live and speak for Jesus Christ we aim:

- To acknowledge, love and obey God as the Creator, Sustainer and Lord of all life.
- To practise whole-person healthcare that addresses our patients' physical, emotional and spiritual needs.
- To maintain the deepest respect for human life from its beginning to its natural end, including people who are unborn, elderly and those living with disabilities.
- To serve our patients according to their healthcare needs without partiality or discrimination

on any basis.

- To care sacrificially for the poor, vulnerable and marginalised
- To uphold marriage between a man and a woman, faithfulness and the family, within the context of historic biblical teaching.
- To speak the truth, respect privacy and safeguard our patients' confidences.
- To put our patients first whilst fully accepting our duty to promote preventive medicine and public health.
- To deal honestly with our professional and administrative colleagues and to respect the governing authorities.
- To work constructively in scientific research and in training others for the benefit of individual patients and the advance of health care throughout the world.

CMF defines 'healthcare professional' as belonging to: 'A profession allied to medicine and nursing, which generally operates within the wider NHS, and which is built on similar underlying principles to medicine and nursing (ie allopathic medicine).' This definition was adopted by the Board of Trustees on 7 March 2020.

Full Membership is open to all those who are, or are studying to be, regulated by the General Medical Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Other healthcare professionals may join as Associate Members

### **Declaration**

*I wish to declare my agreement with these Aims, Statement of Faith and Ethical Values.*