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575 Student Nurses attend National Conference in Nigeria



The 4th FCN Annual National Student's Conference was held in June at the Nation's capital Abuja with a total of 575 participants. The conference theme was "Wholistic healthcare in a changing world— A challenge to the Christian nurse".

Seminars included the need for wholistic healthcare and what it takes to function as a Christian nurse in the changing world. Sessions also aimed to stimulate and empower the concerned student nurses and other influential nurses for the purpose of advocacy and action. Bible expositions were based on John ch 5:5-9.

The impact of the conference was evident as many young nurses made commitments to serve God with and through their profession.



Keeping in Touch Across Regions

This email newsletter will keep you up to date with the latest NCF news from around the world. Conference and Congress updates will be featured, as well as news and reports from the NCFI Regions. It will also point you to resources to be found on the websites of NCFI and the NCFI Regions.

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Regional Conferences in 2016

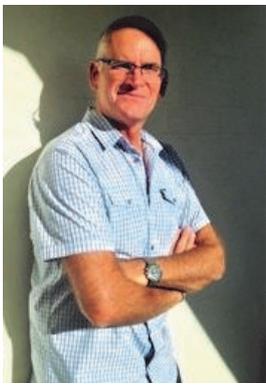
The Africa Region and South Asia and Middle East Region (SAME) are planning to hold conferences in 2016. Watch out for dates and locations in the regional sections of the website.

2016 Congress - Call for abstracts

Abstracts are invited for short papers, seminars and posters on one of three sub themes: 1) healthy lives 2) broken world 3) Christian nursing response. Papers 25 mins, seminars 1.5 hours. Abstract guidelines and submission form can be accessed from the NCFI website page <http://www.ncfi.org/conference/congress-2016>. Closing date for abstracts is January 2016

All registrations and payment for Congress and pre congress courses will be online. Keep track of Congress news through [NCFI Facebook](#) and NCFI website www.ncfi.org





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Send us news of the outreach and other work being done by your regional committee, and within your member countries.

Contributions should be 500 words or less. Send to: newsletter@ncfi.org



Photo 1: Multinational nurses and pastoral workers had rich sharing in small groups during the Saline TOT.

Photo 2: Parish Nurse Marabel Kersey, a keynote speaker (far right) and Ms Alice Ong, SNCF Advisor.

NCF New Zealand Reborn!

The Great news from Aotearoa New Zealand is that NCFNZ was indeed formally re-born on International Nurses Day. Our student representative, Luke Stevenson and I, had a most successful session on the morning show of our national Christian radio station, Rhema Radio, which really kicked off the positive vibe around the launch. Our mission here was to tell listeners what NCF is all about and make the strong connection between the launch day being Florence Nightingale's birthday, filling in the glaring gap in our telling of nursing history that she came into the profession having heard the voice of God, quite literally as she mentions in her writings. Kiwi nurse leaders of old, including several national Chief Nurses were committed Christian supporters of NCF in its early days and we really wanted to get the message home that the organisation is built on rocks of faith and will grow strong again from that foundation.

We are still busily building our new web site and are nicely inspired by the new look NCFI version. Right now we have a 'holding page' up at www.NCFNZ.org.nz and our full site will appear there soon. We are keen to get this up and running quickly as Kia Tiaki, the monthly journal for our national nurses' organisation (NZNO), is carrying an item about our re-birth in the June issue. This will be seen by something like 40 000 nurses so there is great possibility for more interest arising from that. Please remember us in your prayers as we do you in ours. Mā te Atua kōrua e manaaki (God is watching over you),

Dr Mark Jones, President and Chair, NCF New Zealand

Singapore NCF Conference

Wee King Tan, SNCF President writes ... The Singapore Nurses' Christian Fellowship Conference, "Caring Together, Working Together" was a rallying call to God's children in healthcare and pastoral care to put our hands to the plough and join God in His work in the community. There is a rapidly growing need for the love of God to minister to the burgeoning numbers of lonely, aged, and/or infirmed. Participants were inspired by narratives of parish nursing in the United States of America, South Korea as well as Singapore's very own courageous pioneering effort in this field, and sharing of other related topics.

God reigned supreme over the Conference and amazed us with His mercy and grace! He more than answered our prayers for the Conference, anchored in Philippians 4:8,9

The highly practical 6-hour Saline Process Course and two-day Training of Trainers has equipped more for the witnessing work among patients and colleagues.

Photo 3: Anne Biro, Saline Course leader with Grace Tan and Tan Wee King.

Photo 4: Conference group.

