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**NCFI and the
Next Generation**

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connections



Photo: Next Generation
Nurses from Fiji

NG representatives appointed in two NCFI regions

The NG forum exists to promote active engagement of early career and student nurses in the NCFI Regions, and to encourage them in their daily life as Christian nurses or students. It was formed at the 2012 NCFI World Congress in Chile. Through the Forum, students and young nurses/midwives can join a monthly prayer group online to meet other students and young nurses/midwives from all over the world. Some have met through NCFI's conferences or congresses, and others have never met each other face to face, but still they gather online and pray together.

An NG representative from each NCFI Region will be the contact person for students and young nurses to join the forum and contact with their colleagues. about who they are and how they work. NG Representatives have recently been appointed for Europe and Latin America. They would like to introduce themselves to you...



Europe

I am Camilla Kaltoft from Denmark, a nursing student and the NCFI Next Generation Representative in Europe. I have a passion for nursing students and early career nurses. The aim of Next Generation is to connect Christian nursing students and early career nurses globally. We want to encourage each other in our faith and to live out our faith in professional nursing practice. If you want to connect, please send a message on the facebook page. I am excited to hear from you! I will also be happy to connect you with students and nurses in your country.



Latin America

I am Josseline Sepúlveda Sarabia, a nurse working in the Department of Patient Safety and Quality, Dr. Hernán Henríquez Aravena Hospital, Chile. Dear Christian Nurses, what a joy to see how God is present in our profession and allows us to reach more nurses in the world. That God has had mercy to allow me to be part of this is so beautiful. I hope for strength and wisdom to be able to communicate with other nurses in these times of so much rebellion

You can connect with Camilla or Josseline through: the NG facebook page www.facebook.com/NCFI-Next-Generation-645743535474794/ or the NCFI website page www.ncfi.org/about-ncfi/next-generation/

Renewed in Mind: Challenges and Opportunities for Christian Nurses in South Asia



The **SAME Regional Conference** was held in November 15–18, 2017 at LAMB Hospital, Parbatipur, District Dinajpur, Bangladesh, with the theme: “Renewed in Mind: Challenges and Opportunities for Christian Nurses in South Asia.”

The conference began with a wonderful opening ceremony, when guests were welcomed with music and dance from the LAMB nursing students who had practiced for weeks to make it a memorable moment for all. The venue was decorated beautifully and the chief guest, Dr. Tove Giske, NCFI President, opened the conference by giving an encouraging welcome speech. She highlighted three P’s – Preparation, Practice, and Ponder. Kyle Scott, LAMB Executive Director also greeted all the participants. The theme verse from Romans 12:1-2 was read in English and Bangla. Mrs. Rosalyn Jayakaran gave the opening keynote speech describing some of the challenges faced by nurses including overload, stressful situations and expectations. She then emphasised how the Bible, prayer and fellowship can help us to stand firm.

During the next three days the theme of the conference was explored looking at the topics ‘caring, conforming and creating’. Reflective questions based on the bible studies were discussed in language table groups. After the morning bible studies, workshops were held, prepared by Professor Barbara Parfitt. These were based around the concept of resilience focusing on the same three themes.

Participants enjoyed the interactive style and explored the topics through tasks such as drawing, self-evaluation, and writing stories. We learned that resilience helps us to stay healthy in all aspects of our lives and we discovered ways to strengthen our personal resilience.



Altogether it was a wonderful time of fellowship between the three countries, and we really wished it could have included our Pakistan friends who were unable to obtain visas on time. We continue to pray for fruits from this conference and that we will be able to put the things that we have learned in practice.

You can download a full report of the conference from:
<http://ncfi.org/ncfi-regions/south-asia-and-middle-east/>

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NCFI Regional Conferences 2018

PACEA: June 7-11

The Pacific and East Asia Regional Conference will be held in Tapei, Taiwan.

Theme: *For such a time as this Christian nursing in a troubled world.*

<http://ncfi.org/conference/ncfi-pacea-regional-conference/>

CANA: July 19-22

To be held at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Ca. USA.

Theme: *Infusing Hope in Nursing.* Venue: Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California USA.

<http://ncfi.org/conference/ncfi-cana-regional-conference/>

LATIN AMERICA

CIDEC-AL Oct 17-21

To be held in Argentina.

Visit: <http://ncfi.org/conference/ncfi-cidec-al-regional-conference-2018/>

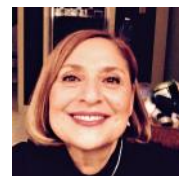
AFRICA Oct 7–12

To be held at The Hill Station, Jos Plateau, Central Nigeria

Theme: Meeting Africa’s Health Needs, the Role of the Christian Nurse. Matthew 9:36

www.ncfi.org/conference/ncfi-africa-regional-conference

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A part time Administrator has been appointed to support the ministries of NCFI. Donna Spronk lives in Calgary, Canada.