



August 2019

NCFI goes to  
ICN, Missionfest  
& Lausanne!

# NCFI

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Photo: NCFI Display Booth,  
ICN Congress Singapore

## NCFI Reaches Out to Nurses at ICN Congress

27 June - 1 July 2019



The NCFI outreach at the ICN Congress in Singapore comprised a display booth in the Exhibition Hall at the Marina Bay Sands venue, and an evening reception outside the venue. From the opening night onwards there was a constant flow of visitors to the display booth attended by a team of NCFI volunteers from Singapore, Denmark, Taiwan and Australia. Other NCFI personnel, including Tove Giske (NCFI President) from Norway and Benson Owusu Atuahene from Ghana were presenters at the Congress. When they were free they often called at the booth to talk with visitors.

Over 5000 nurses attended the ICN congress, and we estimated that we spoke with nurses from 48 different countries during the four days of the Congress. More than half of those who called in to chat and pick up literature were not Christians. Some good conversations took place and hundreds of Christian tracts and booklets were taken. The display booth was equipped with two small tables, four chairs, a locking cabinet, display racks, and power point. The large NCFI banner at the entrance to the booth and a continuous NCFI video helped to get attention.

Take away materials included a new NCFI publicity brochure, 2020 NCFI World Congress flyer and postcard, Christian Nurse International Journal publicity, and brochures from many National NCFs. A plentiful supply of sweets and pens were a popular addition. Singapore NCF was able to provide the extra items to make it a welcoming experience for visitors, such as the flowering plants and the large computer screen for showing the NCFI promotional video.

Beginning each day with prayer and committing it to the Lord was important for the team. Praise and worship at the booth on Sunday morning drew applause from neighbouring booths. We were very much aware of God's presence and guidance.

Marg Hutchison



**Photos:** Masthead: L to R Marg Hutchison (Aust), Tove Giske (NCFI President), Ng Swee Eng, Benson Owusu (Ghana), Ingrid Laang Pederson (Denmark). Left column: Top - NCFI display booth. Middle - Engaging with visitors. Bottom - Tan Wee-King (PACEA Regional Chair) with visitor



## NCFI CANA Region Meets in Haiti



Caribbean and North American delegates

THE NCFI CANA REGIONAL CONFERENCE took place at the Christian University of North Haiti (UCHN) from January 10-13, 2019. The theme was *"Infusing Hope in Nursing: A Christian Perspective"*.

Plenary sessions were provided by Dr. Kamalini Kumar, Mdme Elcie Tobi, and Dr. Tove Giske. Early morning devotions were led by Carrie Dameron, and Worship by Dr. Pamela Cone. A final session on "Infusing Hope: Focusing on Jesus" was provided by Phyllis Ferrier.

It was a great venue and the host (UCHN) made all who attended, including 130 Nurses, Nursing Students and Educators feel most welcome.

All CANA member countries were represented. We are most grateful to God for the unique opportunity to interact with many and to realize that several new NCF Haiti groups will begin in the North region

Thanks NCFI friends for your prayers! We are so grateful to God for His Faithfulness, and are confident of His continued hand of provision and blessing for the future!

- Phyllis Ferrier, NCFI CANA Regional Chair-



## Missionfest Vancouver



NCF-NCFI Display Booth at Missionfest

In January 18-20, 2019, for the 3rd consecutive year, the NCFI CANA Region in partnership with NCF Canada, hosted a Booth at Missionfest Vancouver in the Convention Centre. The Booth was managed by Phyllis Ferrier, CANA Regional Chair and Fronica Yiu, Secretary Treasurer of NCF Canada.

Missionfest Vancouver is an annual Mission Conference with thousands of attendees from both Canada, the USA, and beyond. It provided a unique window of opportunity to present the vision and mission of NCFI,

To promote the 2020 Congress at Colorado Christian University, and to recruit members for local NCF Canada groups on the West Coast. However, surpassing these benefits was the wonderful opportunity for very meaningful dialogue regarding the privilege and responsibility of integrating faith in Jesus with practice. What an amazing time we spent interacting with Nursing students, Nurses, Educators, and others etc. We experienced a deep sense of God's presence with us at the Booth.

- Phyllis Ferrier-



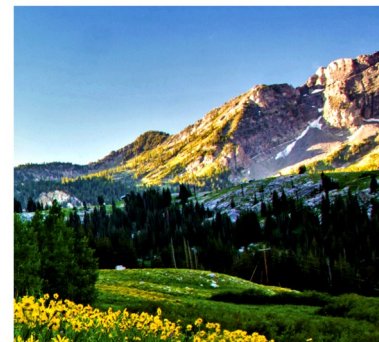
## NEW NCFI APPOINTMENT



Carol Rowely, RN, PhD was recently appointed as the Saline Process Coordinator and Course Leader for NCFI. Carol is an American nurse who has delivered patient care in a variety of acute and chronic healthcare settings. She is an experienced Saline Process Trainer, and succeeds Anne Biro in this role.

## NCFI World Congress 2020

Opportunities and Challenges in Nursing Today:  
*A Christ-Centered Response*



Hosted by Colorado Christian University located in the heart of the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Denver, Colorado USA.

**July 13-17, 2020**

Learn more at [ncfi.org/ncfi-world-congress-2020](https://ncfi.org/ncfi-world-congress-2020)



## REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Go to the website for details of the program, speakers and pre conference courses.  
<https://ncfi.org/congress-2020-at-a-glance/>

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPEN

NCFI members and interested Christian nurses are invited to submit abstracts for presenting at the NCFI World Congress.

Find details of sub themes and abstract submission form

## STOP PRESS

NCFI continues to seek for a new Director, and a Manager for the International Institute of Christian Nursing. Please visit the IICN website for full details of these key positions.

<http://iicn.ncfi.org/about-iicn/institute-leadership/>

# The Sacred Calling of Work:

## A Report from the Lausanne Global Workforce Forum, June 2019

By Anne Biro, NCFI Vice President



Nurse delegates to the Forum. Anne Biro second from left.

WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE for God's Kingdom to be in every sphere of society? This was the vision adopted by the Lausanne Global Workforce Forum: "Kingdom impact in every sphere of society".

The Lausanne Global Workforce Forum (GWF2019) took place from June 25-29 in the Philippines. Approximately 850 people attended the GWF2019, of which 70% were from the workplace, while about 30% were engaged in professional Christian ministry. The goal of the forum was to bring together people from around the world, representing a variety of workplaces and 'a diverse range of influencers in order to mobilize the whole church—in every corner of the global workplace—as bearers of the gospel'.

One of the founders of the Lausanne movement, Billy Graham stated: 'I believe that one of the next great moves of God is going to be through believers in the workplace.' The GWF2019 provided a place for people in the workplace to be inspired, challenged, and to connect with others for the purpose of exploring, discerning, and following up on opportunities that we have been given by God to be 'salt & light' in our workplaces.

In the nine months prior to the GWF2019, delegates were sent links to readings, videos, and devotionals. We also read position papers and participated online in 'virtual café' discussions.

We explored the Bible, growing in our understanding that work is a legitimate calling of God and that the whole of our working lives is part of our ministry and mission. One of the conclusions was that we must reclaim the biblical truth that all legitimate work—not just professional ministry—is intrinsically valuable and integral to the missional work of God's kingdom.

We are grateful for the opportunity Christian nurses and NCFI had to be included in this gathering; to join in discussions, make connections with people, and to discover resources that can help nurses live out their faith in their work and everyday life.

There are many excellent resources that can help us as nurses. Here are a few that you might look at in the coming year:

1. Devotionals about work:

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/resources/view-all/devotional-reading-plans-on-workplace-topics> (Free online)

2. Bible studies (for your workplace and for helping your church understand the importance of workplace ministry). LiCC has a few different resources, such as Transforming the Workplace and Fruitfulness on the Frontlines. E.g.

<https://www.liicc.org.uk/ourresources/transformingwork/>

3. Read more about the 2019GWF or watch videos from the event: <https://www.lausanne.org/about/blog/christians-work-missing-link-fulfilling-great-commission>

In the coming year, as we pray the 'Lord's Prayer' (Matthew 6:9-13), let us pray that 'His Kingdom come' will happen in our workplaces...starting with us!



## New member country for NCFI

NCF New Zealand was recently accepted as a member of NCFI. NCFNZ is part of the PACEA Region of NCFI. They are committed to providing a network for nurses throughout New Zealand that: encourages and supports Christian nurses in living out their faith in compassionate and competent professional practice. See more of their aims and activities at: [www.ncfnz.org.nz](http://www.ncfnz.org.nz) or through Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ncfnz](https://www.facebook.com/ncfnz)