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Dear Presidents of NCFI's member countries,

Greetings to you in the name of Christ our Lord and Saviour! As I read the news and talk with people from around the world, I know that all of us are experiencing a variety challenges and opportunities in the places where we live & work. Even though there might be differences in our circumstances, I'm thankful that we can remain united through Jesus, and through a common vision & commitment to prayer and ministry among nurses and midwives.

I am happy to share with you that our NCFI International Board (IB) and volunteers continue to work hard in providing leadership and resources that support the ministry to which we have all been called: *to equip and encourage nurses & midwives to integrate biblical principles and Christ centered values into their clinical practice, leadership, research, education, and everyday interactions.* In order to do this, we believe that community is important. Each of us has different gifts & abilities, experiences, and circumstances that we bring to NCFI and our member countries. When we work together in unity, this is a powerful witness (John 17:22-23). At a recent International Board meeting, we looked at Colossians 3:12-17 as a model for how we can interact with each other. It is my hope and prayer that our NCFI fellowship, including the regions and each member country, will follow these guidelines in communicating and working with one another.

As we look towards continuing to grow our fellowship as Christian nurses & midwives, I also want to take this opportunity to update you on some of our international activities and initiatives that board members and other volunteers have been working on:





Regional Conferences

This year is the year for NCFI Regional Conferences. With the challenges in planning due to the pandemic, most regions have opted for online conferences. While everyone will miss being together for in-person conferences, we also embrace the opportunities online conferences provide - especially the increased ability for people to attend who otherwise don't have the time, money, or visa permissions to travel.

Latin America





Four regions (CANA, Latin America, PACEA, and SAME) will host conferences this year. Please check the NCFI website for details <u>https://ncfi.org/events/</u> or click on the links under the conference symbols in the left column. The conferences are open to everyone - not just those who live within the NCFI region hosting the conference. This means that you can attend more than one conference, and for people in regions where there is not a conference happening, you can apply to attend a conference in another region. Some conferences are also still accepting abstracts, so if you would like to give a presentation, please check the website pages on left for further details.

NCFI Prayer

Nurses and midwives from around the world met online in March and in June to pray together. These gatherings were organized by the NCFI Prayer & Care committee. We are grateful for this committee who meet every month to pray for you and for all of our NCFI member countries, regions, and international board members & ministries.

Next Gen

Steven Sei, the international coordinator for NCFI's ministry among nursing students and new graduates continues to coordinate monthly prayer gatherings. There are now at least three options for timing on the Next Gen prayer days. Students and young nurses attending these gatherings have found them encouraging and it often helps them be motivated to connect with their local country fellowship. Please let your membership know about these prayer times. You can find more information and emails of the international and regional coordinators at: https://ncfi.org/about-ncfi/next-generation/



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<u>CLICK HERE</u> to see the Next Gen video.

International Institute of Christian Nursing (IICN)

NCFI was blessed to have Dr. Susan Elliot provide leadership to the IICN from 2020-2022. During her tenure, Dr. Elliott advanced the work of the IICN, including redevelopment of the IICN website, new promotional videos, and appointments of a new CNI editor and a chair for IICN's program committee. We see the ministry of NCFI's IICN as having great potential for the development and dissemination of resources and for the building of networks that can help Christian nurses and midwives and NCFI's member countries. Please pray with us for a new director who can take this ministry forward.

Past & Future

NCFI's HISTORY: The book by Pat Ashworth on NCFI's first 50 years will be made available for purchase through CMF-UK. The book is a wonderful testimony of how God has worked to bring Christian nurses and midwives together in various countries and internationally. If you don't see it online, please ask CMF-UK to give you the information needed for purchasing the book.

WORLD CONGRESS 2024: We are excited to let you know that plans are underway for the first in-person NCFI world congress since our 2016 World Congress. We hope that every member country in NCFI will be in attendance. Please begin to pray about it and to set money aside with the hope that your country will be able to send at least 2 delegates. We will send you more information once we have dates and the venue finalized.

I thank God for you and for your country fellowship. May we continue to grow in community, so that Christian nurses and midwives everywhere will be encouraged and equipped to integrate the Biblical worldview in their everyday practice and be like shining lights to those around them (Phil 3:15).



In Christ,

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