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CMDA Psychiatry Section Update (Conferences Spring 2019)

To promote fellowship and provide community to support and encourage Christian physicians in the practice of psychiatry, as they explore the relationship between their faith and professional practice.

To promote within the church the knowledge and understanding of valid psychiatric approaches to mental health and healing, consistent with Christ's redemptive love.

Make Plans to Join US

(More Details at [CMDA Psychiatry](#))

CMDA Remedy Orlando 2019, Orlando, FL, March 28-30, 2019.

Medical missions brings the remedy for disease. Medical missions brings the remedy for sin. But in order to do this, medical missions needs missionaries. Committed healthcare professionals are the greatest need in closed countries to provide God's spiritual and physical remedy. Join us at First Baptist Orlando in Orlando, Florida on March 28-30, 2019 for Remedy Orlando 2019, a conference focused on bringing God's remedy to the world through missions. The

Psychiatry Section will host a booth and provide information and opportunities for both short term and long term psychiatry focused missions opportunities. It is an ever increasing need.

CMDA National Convention (Transform – Celebrating God’s Faithfulness), Ridgecrest, NC, May 2-5, 2019. The Psychiatry Section is hosting a seminar on Friday afternoon, a dinner Friday evening and sessions Saturday afternoon. Participation and comments regarding this 2019 meeting will inform our decisions regarding a more robust program in 2020. We look forward to seeing you there. We expect this conference to provide opportunities for training, encouragement, and fellowship with fellow psychiatrists as well as with other physicians and healthcare providers within CMDA. It will be a truly renewing time. Details are provided in the Agenda at the end of this newsletter and on the psychiatry section webpage at cmda.org/psychiatry.

APA 2019, San Francisco, CA, May 18-22, 2019. We will host a banquet, have opportunities for fellowship, and host a booth where we can connect with attendees who are not members and encourage visitors to consider the claims of Christ as well as joining us as we seek to integrate faith and practice. Details are provided in the Agenda and Registration Form provided at the end of this newsletter and on the psychiatry section webpage at cmda.org/psychiatry.

Psychiatry Section Contact. Comments, questions and needs?? Please contact Marshall at psychsectioncmda@gmail.com. We will promptly be in touch. Visit our website at cmda.org/psychiatry for meeting information, resources, blogs and much more. See our Facebook page at “CMDA Psychiatry Section”. Follow us on Twitter at “[cmda@cmdapsych](https://twitter.com/cmda@cmdapsych)”.

Psychiatry Section Finances. We fund our activities through your dues (\$119/yr practicing psychiatrists, \$59/yr global workers, \$0

Residents and Interns) and donations, so partner with us as we reach out to a larger audience and seek to provide resources and opportunities for fellowship, professional development and collaboration. Go to [Psychiatry Section Dues and Donations](https://cmda.org/specialty-sections/psychiatry-section/) <<https://cmda.org/specialty-sections/psychiatry-section/>> to donate on-line.

*The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you,
And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, And give
you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26



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CMDA National Convention May 2-5, 2019 in Ridgecrest North Carolina

The CMDA Psychiatry Section is encouraging members and associates to attend the 2019 CMDA Convention. Please plan to participate in the full program along with professionals from all medical specialties. Go to the [CMDA Conference Page](#) on the [CMDA Website](#) for a complete agenda and information regarding conference registration, meals and accommodations.

The Psychiatry Section is sponsoring training sessions and a dinner with panel discussion.

CME credit seminars will challenge institutional knowledge and fellowship with psychiatrists, medical practitioners, residents, and medical students should provide a stimulating and encouraging time for all of us. We hope to see you there.

Psychiatry Section Agenda

May 3, Friday, Afternoon, Well Being breakout Session: Dr. Frauke Schaefer will speak on moral distress, moral injury, and vicarious trauma, and its effect on the well-being of healthcare.

May 3, Friday, 5:15-6:30 PM, Dinner: The Psychiatry Section will meet at a separate dinner buffet and have a panel with participants presenting how spirituality/Christ affects their patient care, i.e. giving a case, approach, integration issue. Buy a regular dinner ticket for the evening and the Psychiatry Section will pick up the extra cost for us to have a private dining experience. We look forward to seeing you there.

May 4, Saturday Afternoon, Workshops/Lectures: The Psychiatry Section will be meeting from 1:00-5:30 PM.

- Dr. Tom Okamoto will be presenting on “Starbucks, Quantum Physics and Christian Love: Searching for Joy Practicing Today's Medicine”. A discussion of today's health care environment turning from the sacred healing doctor-patient relationship to the rise of professional "burnout." This 40 minute talk will begin with a discussion of today's health care environment turning from the sacred healing doctor-patient relationship to the rise of professional "burnout." Recent efforts of the industry to foster "physician wellness" and "resilience" will be reviewed. The emphasis on the doctor-patient relationship and the role of "healer" will be renewed through recent concepts in the social sciences, quantum physics and the philosophy of information that now are congruent with biblical truth. Identifying new personal and professional spiritual battle lines will reveal the Christian call to heal exists under heavy challenge. Approaches to promote "wellness" and "resilience" will be redefined within the context of healthy Christian spirituality and ongoing growth in Christ. There will be a 10-15 minute Q&A time at the end of the presentation.
- Dr. Allan Josephson will be presenting on Transgender Youth: Developmental, Family and Worldview Perspectives. In less than a decade, the emergence of transgender youth has been exponential in the Western world. This presentation will emphasize family and developmental underpinnings of this condition, given that there is no known biologic cause for this rapid increase in the numbers of youth with this condition. Three main points will be made: 1) very young children do not have the cognitive maturity or development to "choose" their gender 2) many adolescents with "gender dysphoria" have co-existing psychiatric disorders 3) the recent description of sudden onset gender dysphoria has been fueled primarily by cultural forces. Clinical management of the transgender child/adolescent will be discussed from the perspective of helping their parents and families.
- Dr. Allan Josephson and Professor Nancy Pearcey will provide an informal, cooperative session intended to allow more in-depth discussions related to life and sexuality in today's society. Transgender issues are far more than a medical issue, touching on most aspects of our culture - child rearing and family formation, education, religious life and the very essence of what it means to be human. This session will begin by reviewing the previous talk but

go deeper. It will start with clinical questions from the participants but then entertain audience participation by going deeper in exploring issues such as: What is happening to truth in our culture? Is the Christian church changing in its approach to truth? How do we remain firm in proclaiming truth in love? Why can't individuals accept the concept of limits (the meaning of the word "No")? Is activism taking over science? What do we do when Christians are deemed "hateful" by our culture? Is there a role for Christians using the legal process to defend themselves when under attack? Drs. Pearcey and Josephson will offer their perspective on such issues and engage the attendees in responding to their questions.

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APA Annual Conference Information:

Moscone Center, San Francisco

CMDA Psychiatry Annual Conference Meetings / Activities:

Morning Breakfasts (Self Pay): Private Dining Room, The Daily Grill, Handlery Hotel
(351 Geary St, San Francisco, CA 94102)

Tuesday Evening Banquet: Union Square Room, Handlery Hotel (\$40/psn)

CMDA Hotel Rooms: Villa Florence Hotel, 225 Powell St, San Francisco, CA
(Rooms Release March 15th, so let us know if you want one. Sharing is available.)

May 19, Sunday, 9:30 AM: **Morning Worship Service**, Meet in Florence Hotel Lobby. Travel to Local Service.

May 19, Sunday, 5:00 PM: **Evening Social & Dinner**, Meet in Florence Hotel Lobby, walk to Restaurant (TBD).

May 20, Monday, 7:00 – 8:30 AM: **Informal Breakfasts, Fellowship and Encouragement**, Daily Grill, Handlery Hotel.

May 21, Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 AM: **Informal Breakfasts, Case Review and Integration of Faith and Practice Discussion** led by Dr. Brian Briscoe in The Daily Grill, Handlery Hotel (Discussion will continue until 10:30 for those able to stay.)

May 21, Tuesday, 6:30 – 9:30 PM: **Annual Banquet** in the Union Square Room, Handlery Hotel. Cost is \$40 per person – in advance or at the door.

- **Annual Business Meeting**

- **Treating Epilepsy and Associated Psychiatric Disorders in Under-Resourced Areas of the World.**

Presentation by OWP Pharmaceuticals and the ROW Foundation.

- **Dr. Sam Thielman** - Increasingly, behavioral health personnel are being called upon to become involved to support the persecuted church. Dr. Samuel Thielman, Past President of the CMDA Psychiatry Section, will talk about his involvement in the ordeal of Rev Andrew Brunson, American pastor held in a Turkish prison for two years. In May and October of 2018, Thielman travelled with his (and Andrew Brunson's) pastor to Aliaga Prison near Izmir, Turkey to be present at two of Brunson's hearings and to offer moral support to Brunson and his family. Dr. Thielman will talk about the potential role for behavioral health personnel trying to support Christians working in hostile areas, as well as boundary issues involved in carrying out distinct but overlapping roles as a concerned fellow Christian, behavioral health expert, and church leader.

May 22, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 AM: **Informal Breakfast, Fellowship and Encouragement**, The Daily Grill, Handlery Hotel

CMDA Psychiatry Exhibit – Booth # 1716

Opens Saturday Evening, May 18th at 5:30 PM and Closes Tuesday, May 22nd at 4:00 PM

To register for the Meetings, Email the website Registration Form at our web site
(cmda.org/psychiatry/Meetings-and-Conferences) to Marshall at psychsectioncmda@gmail.com

Sessions of Potential Interest to CMDA Members
(Information will continue to Be Added as Topic, Venue, and Schedule
are Available)

Saturday, 18 May, 1-2:30: Dr. David Rosmarin is chairing a session on “Spirituality and Mental Health: A New Frontier for Promoting Emotional Wellness?”.

Sunday, 19 May, 1-2:30: Dr. John Peteet, is chairing a session on Physician Aid in Dying.

Monday, 20 May, 1-2:30: Dr. Keshavan is chairing a session on Spiritually Integrated CBT.

Tuesday, 21 May: Oskar Pfister Award Lecture.

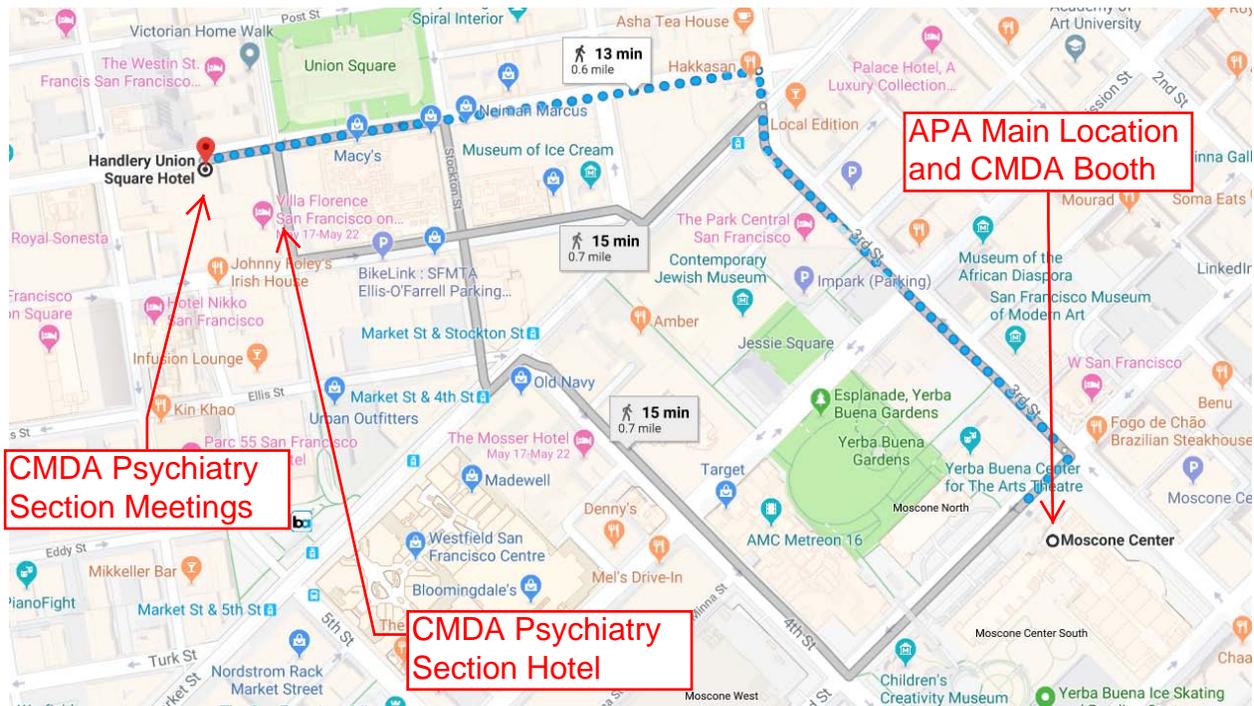
Tuesday, 21 May, 12:30-2:00: Dr. Sejai Patel is chairing the Meeting of the Caucus on Spirituality, Religion and Psychiatry

Tuesday, 21 May: Dr. Alan Fung is chairing a session on Engaging and Partnering with Faith Communities.

Tuesday, 21 May, 3-4:30: Dr. Donna Ames is chairing a session on “Moral Injury, Suicide Risk and the Role of Religion/Spirituality in Recovery.

Wednesday, 22 May, 10-11:30: Dr. Peter Nash is chairing a session on Moral Injury: A Call for More Social Psychiatry.

CMDA Psychiatry Section Locations of Activities



Moscone Center – Feature location for registration, meetings, exhibit booths and general APA activities.

Handlery Hotel – Location of CMDA Psychiatry Section Meetings.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Morning meetings in The Daily Grill: 7:00 – 8:30AM.

Tuesday – Annual Banquet in the Union Square Room: 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Villa Florence Hotel – Location of Room Reservations made through Psychiatry Section