



Greetings from the Psychiatry Section of the CMDA. We appreciate your partnering with us as we attempt to live out Statement of Purpose:

- To stimulate Christians in the practice of psychiatry to investigate and discuss the relation between their faith and professional practice and to incorporate such examined beliefs into their daily practice.
- To promote in the Christian community an understanding and use of valid psychological principles, consistent with Christian beliefs.
- To contribute to the national and local ministry of CMDA through participation, prayer and sharing of our activities.
- To join in the ministry of international Christian missions.
- To present a positive witness of God our Father, and Jesus Christ our Savior, to colleagues, patients and society.

APA 2017 is just around the corner, but we have lots of news to share since our last newsletter and in preparation of the meetings at APA.

Enjoy and may God bless your every endeavor,

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Perspective from Dr. Briscoe: A Meeting and a Group Like No Other

Great Fruit Grows From Networking and Relationships within the CMDA Psychiatry Section

One of the primary purposes of our group is to facilitate networking amongst Christians in the field of psychiatry. And, over the years our group has witnessed some amazing fruit grow from the relationships that have formed between our members and attendees over the years.

For example, earlier I shared with you the video of Dr. Frank Schaefer's presentation during that 2016 CMDA Psychiatry Section Annual Meeting. One of the resources that Dr. Schaefer shared, <http://www.docsjoininghands.com/about.html> (a global network of medical providers of mental health care for global workers), was planted by two of our members - Dr. Frauke Schaefer and Dr. Mary Cairns. Who met for the first time at one of our Psychiatry Section meetings at APA.

The [docsjoininghands.com](http://www.docsjoininghands.com) website is just one example of one of the many 'fruits' that have grown from our group. A number of you have initiated and nourished relationships that have produced much 'fruit' over the years - whether that has been clinical work together, serving on the mission field, mentorship, supervision, co-authoring books or articles, investing in one-another's lives, or just supporting one another over the years.

If you have a story of 'fruit' that has grown out of networking or relationships that you have formed through the Psychiatry Section, please share it with us - we would love to share it with others on our Blog. Email your story to Marshall Williams at: psychsectioncmda@gmail.com.

Brian Briscoe, M.D.

Chair, Christian Medical Dental Associations, Psychiatry Section

Mental Health and Missions – At Home and Abroad

Psychiatry At Home and Abroad

The CMDA has founded an intern organization called The Commission for Advancing Medical Missions, to "recruit, educate, equip and network future and present missionaries through mission events." Although CMDA is not a sending agency, we are a main hub for those interested in healthcare missions. And this commission is one of our newest ventures that is focusing on transforming the world. Clinicians of all specialties, including psychiatrists, are needed for both

short and long term opportunities. Mental illness, trauma, depression are everywhere, especially in areas suffering political instability, refugee flight in and out of an area, military and paramilitary aggression. Believing psychiatrists who can provide counseling and treatment interventions for those living in the situation, as well as those coming to minister and serve, are needed. [Contact Us](#) to volunteer or explore opportunities.

Truly, the medical and mental health needs abroad are great and in many areas, growing. However, we need not go abroad to find rampant mental illness, trauma, and depression. Here in our local communities, men, women and children are in desperate need of psychiatric services. We see it manifested in homelessness, truancy, substance abuse and crime.

On May 20, 2017, the Saturday before the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Conference, the Psychiatric Section is partnering with Saddleback Church to provide a forum for local pastors to help them deal with mental illness in their communities. They see it every day. They are often on the front lines when the sick seek help, the mentally ill appear at the door and the strung out seek the next fix. Pastors are often underprepared and do not know where to turn or how to be effective when confronted with the reality that significant issues exist. Too often, attempts to counsel or point people to scripture are thwarted by a person's inner turmoil and inability to escape the demons that haunt them. If you would like to help as a speaker, a panelist, a clinical expert, or simply attend let Marshall know at psychsectioncmda@gmail.com. We are currently developing an agenda and advertising the opportunities. Pray for us and partner with us.

Grace Prescriptions – Prescribing Grace to Your Patients

How often do you prescribe grace to your patients?

We are not just talking about kindness, which is important, but also specific and appropriate doses of grace that may bring your patients a step closer to a right relationship with God? Many of us in healthcare struggle with guilt and inadequacy in this area. But there is hope.

Grace Prescriptions is designed to teach you to share your faith with patients in ways that safeguard the important ethical principles of respect, sensitivity, and permission. Originally taught in CMDA's popular *Saline Solution* course, these concepts are proven to be effective as thousands of lives have been transformed. *Grace Prescriptions* builds on this legacy. Co-written and taught by co-authors Walt Larimore, MD, and William C. Peel, DMin, we encourage you utilize this resource to learn how God can use you to dispense *Grace Prescriptions*.

Grace Prescriptions is available live or on video. Contact [CMDA's Meetings Department](#) for dates and times of the next seminar. Experience the live seminar from your home, with a small group or with your local CMDA chapter you can [Purchase the Grace Prescriptions Curriculum](#). The video curriculum includes a DVD produced by CMDA from a live seminar with Drs. Walt Larimore and Bill Peel, plus a participant's workbook and an instructor's manual that will guide you through the entire course.

Roger and Shirley Brown – 25 Years in Kenya and Tumaini

Roger and Shirley Brown have been in Kenya for 25 years. During that time they have raised a family (Rachel and Hannah), led the Tumaini Counseling Center into a kingdom renowned ministry, opened a satellite clinic in Kampala Uganda, held numerous intensive counseling retreats where lay leaders are trained and encouraged, and have touched the lives of countless global workers as well as the psychiatrists and counselors who have served with them in a short-term capacity. Their major need is more therapists (counselors and psychiatrists) to support the faith and mental health of global workers who need respite and a quiet place to recover and heal in order to continue their life passion. The Browns share these prayer requests:

- ***Please pray for strength and energy for Roger.*** *As I write this, he is feeling over-whelmed with so much on his plate. In two days he had phone calls, distance sessions, and Emails with people in 12 countries. Client needs are pressing, Emails are a never-ending flood, and administrative details ever-present.*
- ***Pray for provision of additional Tumaini staff.*** *The years of intensive work have been wearing for us, and we would like to look at retirement in the next 2-3 years. However, it would be very difficult to leave without adequate psychiatric and leadership coverage. Pray for godly and experienced mental health professionals.*
- ***Praise for adequate financial support.*** *Many of you have invested heavily in our ministry at great financial cost over our entire missionary career. How grateful we are for your generosity, faithful giving, and prayers that have kept us going!!*
- ***Praise for our great God.*** *Who has called, enabled, blessed, and strengthened us for the privilege to serve Him in this ministry.*

(Several of our members have walked beside the Browns at Tumaini. Dr. Barney Davis and Dr. Sam Thielman in particular. (Contact the Browns, or Barney or Sam for more information regarding how you can partner or train on a short or long term basis.)

Passing of Dr. Martha Ann McKnight, MD (1955 – 2016)

Regrettably, we pass on the following information regarding Dr. Martha Anne McKnight, MD. We learned of her passing months after it occurred. Letters to her family in care of the church address provided below, would still be appreciated. Here is her obituary: Dr. Martha Anne McKnight, MD, passed away July 12th, 2016 in her home in Dunn. Anne was born on September 29, 1955, in Charlotte to the late Harold Francis McKnight and Martha Helms McKnight. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Harold Brent McKnight.

Following graduation from Myers Park High School, Anne graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1977 and Duke University School of Medicine in 1981. She proudly served her country as a physician in the [United States Air Force](#) and in the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

During her life, Anne worked in various capacities as a child Psychiatrist. She retired early to help take care of her father, and then her mother, in their later years. A devoted daughter, sister, and

aunt, Anne was also a long time member of Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte and then First Presbyterian Church in Dunn, NC. She enjoyed traveling, avidly followed sports and politics, and cherished time with friends, family, and the many pets she owned over the years.

Anne is survived by her nephews, H. Brent McKnight, Jr. and his wife, Ashley, Matthew C. McKnight, and S. Stephen McKnight; her sister-in-law, Beth Herion McKnight; aunts and uncles, Sue and Ernest Tsitouris of Monroe, NC, and Diane and David McKnight of China Grove, NC.

A memorial service will be held 1:30 pm, Saturday, July 16th, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church, 901 North Park Avenue, Dunn, NC 28334. A graveside burial service will be held in Charlotte at a later date.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?pid=180671542#sthash.6dkouYSk.dpuf>

New Members / Residents

We are extremely excited to have welcomed the following new members and residents to our Section. Please welcome these doctors and encourage them in their practice and participation with us in the CMDA Psychiatry Section.

Dr. Scott Hellard, Huntsville, AL, rsh229@gmail.com

Dr. Benithe Pierre Louis Bernard, Haiti

Drs. Ernst and Pushpa Chander, Charlotte, NC, ernestpushpa@gmail.com

Dr. Esther Currie, UC Davis, Sacramento, CA, esthercurrie1@gmail.com

Dr. Sara McClanahan, Tulsa, OK, sarah-mcclanahan@ouhsc.edu

Dr. Tyler Fanning, Oregon Health and Science University, tyler.ross.fanning@gmail.com

Dr. Brandon Kilgore, Tulsa, OK, brandon-kilgore@ouhsc.edu

Dr. Camilio Alcomendras, Hayward, CA, doctorcpalco@gmail.com,

Dr. Jarry Richardson, Rochester, NY, richardson.jarrett@mayo.edu

Dr. Patricia Chandler, Louisville, KY, tricia.chandler@gmail.com

Member Networking Opportunities

This is a section in the newsletter for members to share networking opportunities and information which may be of interest the rest of the section. Neither the board nor CMDA endorses any of the

information here. Members wishing to post information and to receive further details on an item in this section should contact us at psychsectioncmda@gmail.com . We will contact you regarding your request.

- Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM). Currently recruiting a Chair of Psychiatry. The link to information regarding the position is <http://chp.tbe.taleo.net/chp01/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=CAMPUNIV&cws=1&rid=944>
- Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine (LUCOM). Seeking a full time psychiatrist with 4-6 years of experience. This is an academic and clinical position. Staff and faculty are believing for the right person to help move the school forward and train student doctors in a Christian worldview. For more information, go to https://jobs.liberty.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp?postingId=186750

Featured Psychiatry Program – Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Dr. John Campo is the Department Chair at OSU and provided the following as a testimony of how training and faith can go hand in hand. “I am delighted to let you know about our strong tradition and exciting future here at Ohio State, where our Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health continues to advance is quality, size, scope, and reputation. Ohio State Harding Hospital just celebrated 100 years of providing innovative and compassionate care for mental disorders and addictions, and Departmental faculty has doubled in the past 5 years. Some other specific achievements include:

- Growth in educational offerings, with an expansion of our general psychiatry residency training program to 10 positions each year and fellowships in child and adolescent psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, psychosomatic medicine, behavioral neurology and neuropsychiatry, and sleep medicine.
- A doubling in the number of Ohio State medical students choosing to pursue post-graduate training in psychiatry.
- Expanding clinical activity, with more than double the number of ambulatory visits, emergency and medical-surgical consultations, and neurotherapeutic interventions such as transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and deep brain stimulation (DBS).
- Our innovative Crisis Assessment, Linkage, and Management (CALM) program that is setting new standards for managing patients in behavioral health crisis.
- Our recent inclusion as a Center of Excellence in the National Network of Depression Centers.
- A growing research portfolio that includes an internationally recognized Institute for Behavioral Medicine Research that has garnered more than \$140 million in research grants in the past decade.”

Dr. Campo’s contact information: The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, john.campo@osumc.edu, Telephone [\(614\) 685-5602](tel:(614)685-5602)

**CMDA Psychiatry Section Web-Site
(cmda.org/psychiatry)**

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Psychiatry Section

The Psychiatry Section of CMDA strives to provide a Christian perspective and witness within the field of psychiatry, advancing issues of integration between psychiatry and clinical practice, and facilitating fellowship among Christian psychiatrists for mutual encouragement and networking. Our membership includes private practitioners, academicians, researchers, mission field psychiatrists, medical students and physicians in residency training from every region of the United States and many other countries as well.

LEARN MORE ABOUT US

We'd love to share more about our purpose, beliefs and membership opportunities. [Learn more about us.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CMDA Psychiatry Section at 2017 APA Conference
May 22-24, 2017 - San Diego, California

[Learn More and Register](#)

CONTACT US

If you would like to know more about our activities and outreach, be placed on our mailing list, join the Psychiatry Section or have any questions about membership, please contact Administrative Secretary Marshall Williams.

BECOME A MEMBER

Please feel free to email us if you have questions or desire additional information. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Psychiatry Section, download the application form and email it to us. We would love to hear from you and will promptly respond to your inquiry.

[Psychiatry Section Membership Application](#)

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SIDE BY SIDE
Encouraging and inspiring to women in medical marriages

SHORT-TERM MEDICAL MISSIONS
Go on a mission trip with SpiritHealth Outreach and make a difference in the lives of children in need.

Job Openings

CMDA PLACEMENT SERVICES

The [Psychiatry Section Website \(www.cmda.org/psychiatry\)](http://www.cmda.org/psychiatry) has information on our section, our APA activities, articles and books which we recommend and many other items which we hope you will find helpful in your practice. Doctors desiring a mentor and doctors desiring to be a mentor can sign up on the web-site. We also have a blog where we hope to generate discussion on topics of interest to the broad community. Let us know what you think and ways we can make it better.

**Check it out, give us your feedback, contact the blog authors!
Send us your thoughts. We will review and be in touch!**

APA Challenge

Register and Encourage Colleagues to Join the Psychiatry Section of CMDA

These are definitely exciting times for the Psychiatry Section! The following is an example of just some of the services which our Section is actively providing:

- Equipping young Christian psychiatrists to integrate their faith into practice and providing an active and thriving mentorship program
- Educating pastors and the Christian community about mental health on local and national levels
- Providing safe venues for practicing psychiatrists to discuss integration and share Christian fellowship
- Fostering relationships and opportunities for our members to share resources for scholarship, practice, and/or missional work
- Connecting patients with Christian psychiatrists in their local community (a referral network for members who express interest)
- Connecting and equipping missions organizations with psychiatric resources
- Engaging with our secular colleagues regarding important cultural issues

Our Psychiatry Section provides a unique and valuable service that no other organization in the world provides for psychiatrists who share Christian beliefs.

We currently have a lot of positive energy in our group. But we need YOUR help to keep the momentum and help our group continue to have a positive impact in our field and the world around us.

Hence, Our Leadership Team has issued the following Challenge to all Psychiatry Section members:

1) Register for our annual conference during the APA and BRING TWO COLLEAGUES* with you *who have never attended our conference before*. (*"Colleagues" may include practicing psychiatrists or residents in training.)

Go to our website at [CMDA at APA 2017](https://cmda.org/events/detail/2017-cmda-psychiatry-section-at-apa-conference) (https://cmda.org/events/detail/2017-cmda-psychiatry-section-at-apa-conference) to learn more and register.

2) Make it a personal goal to Enroll THREE colleagues into our Psychiatry section Membership by May 24th, 2017 (the last day of our annual meeting). This may include former members who have allowed their membership to lapse.

Go to our website [About Us](https://cmda.org/ministry/detail/psychiatry) for application information and assistance (https://cmda.org/ministry/detail/psychiatry).

Dues and Donations

2017 Is Here !

January starts a new ministry year for the Psychiatry Section. Please renew your membership and help defray the costs of our activities at APA 2017. These funds are only used to sponsor our annual meetings at the annual APA Conference, help residents and students attend our meetings at a reduced cost, cover the costs of printing materials, mail newsletters, and secure a booth space for our CMDA Psychiatry Section display in the APA exhibition.

To electronically pay your dues, please visit the our [CMDA Psychiatry Section Website](#).

If you would prefer to send a check, please print the next page (2016 Dues Notice) and mail it to the Bristol, Tennessee address on the form. Make your check out to CMDA Psychiatry Section.

Also let our Administrative Assistant Marshall know, and he can track your payment. Email Marshall at psychsectioncmda@gmail.com for assistance and answers to your questions.

Pay On-Line at: <https://cmda.org/ministry/page/psychiatry/psychiatry-dues-and-donations>, or

Print and Mail to: Psychiatry Section – CMDA, PO Box 7500, Bristol, TN 37621

Name with degree: _____

Current position/title: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Select Dues Category \$ _____

- Member in practice/academia \$100.00 Retired member \$50.00
- Resident - Waived (Expected date of completion _____)
- Missionary-Waived

Additional Donation (for Section activities) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

[APA Annual Conference Information:](#)

San Diego Convention Center, CA

[CMDA Psychiatry Meetings / Activities:](#)

Hotel Rooms: Embassy Suites San Diego Bay Downtown

Morning Meetings (NO BREAKFAST): Grand Hyatt Hotel Bay Front, San Diego

Evening Banquet and Social: Embassy Suites San Diego Bay Downtown

May 20, Saturday, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM: Educational Seminar, **Mental Health and the Church - Pastor Forum**, Saddleback Church, Newport Mesa California Campus

May 21, Sunday, **Morning Worship Service**, Meet in Embassy Suites Lobby / Travel as Group (Time and Details TBD)

May 21, Sunday, 5:00 – 7:00 PM: **Evening Social & Dinner**, 5:00 Meet in Embassy Suites Lobby (Event to be in Lobby or walk to Nearby Restaurant within Walking Distance, Details TBD).

May 22, Monday, 7:00 – 8:30 AM (Grand Hyatt Hotel): Dr. Tom Okamoto, Fellowship and Seminar, **The Fullness of Time for Christian Psychiatry**

May 23, Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 AM (Grand Hyatt Hotel): Fellowship and Seminar, **The Fullness of Time for Christian Psychiatry (Cont.)**

May 23, Tuesday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM (Embassy Suites Hotel): Dinner Banquet, Ms. Kay Warren, **Mental Illness, Psychiatry and the Church. What is Really Needed?**

May 24, Wednesday, 7:00 – 10:30 AM (Grand Hyatt Hotel): Dr. Brian Briscoe, Integration Seminar, **Clinical Case Study Presentations and Discussion**

[CMDA Psychiatry Exhibit – Booth # 1814](#)

Opens Sunday, May 21st at 10:00 AM and Closes Tuesday, May 23rd 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