

[View this email in your browser](#)



- Promoting Fellowship and Supporting Christian Physicians in Practice of Psychiatry.
- Integrating Faith and Professional Practice.
- Validating Psychiatric Approaches to Mental Health Within the Church.
- Supporting Global Workers.

CMDA Psychiatry Section Update (October 2019)

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

[Welcome Note: New Members and Established Members.](#) Following is the letter new members will receive upon joining our section and becoming partners in the mission to integrate faith and practice. It occurred to us that it was also a great way to remind all of our members how we serve each other and support each other in the practice of psychiatry. Read and consider what we are all about. Much of it you will know. Some may clarify questions. Other information will be new and should excite you as we move forward together:

Greetings and welcome to the Psychiatry Section of Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA)!

To Christians, psychiatry can sometimes be a lonely or isolating place. It doesn't need to be.

In joining the Psychiatry Section of CMDA, you made a big step to connect with a community of believing psychiatrists from around the world. Our membership includes respected academicians, private and institutional practitioners, researchers, global workers, medical students and psychiatry residents from every region of the United States and many other countries as well.

You are no longer alone. Throughout the remainder of your professional career, you will always have a point of connection to other respected psychiatrists who share your faith. Plus, you can reach out at any point for support and encouragement as you work through difficult clinical cases, ask advice on moral/ethical dilemmas, seek further education regarding the integration of faith and practice, and much more.

The Psychiatry Section of CMDA is a unique professional fellowship of believing psychiatrists providing support, clinical and academic collaboration, opportunity for deeper personal ministry, spiritual growth and mission outreach to the local and global community.

The Psychiatry Section provides you:

- Access to believing psychiatrists and residents across the U.S. and internationally
- Networking assistance from our administrator (at psychsectioncmda@gmail.com) who can help connect you to other psychiatrists within our organization whenever you need
- Access to the wealth of wisdom, knowledge and experience amongst our member psychiatrists
- A newsletter that provides specific and *unique* content that is relevant and meaningful to Christians in the field of psychiatry
- Access to unique educational materials (audio, video, literature, blogs, etc.) that address the integration of faith and practice (see our website at www.cmda.org/psychiatry)

- Opportunity to participate in a Mentoring/Coaching Program for residents and practicing psychiatrists seeking to explore how their faith may interact with the professional world in an ethically appropriate manner
- Information and guidance regarding how to get involved in missions as a mental health professional
- For medical students: Access to an up-to-date list of psychiatry residency programs across the country with faculty who are Christians willing to actively participate in their training
- For residents: Connection with resident liaisons who serve to encourage and support doctors in residency and fellowship programs
- For experienced psychiatrists: Structured opportunities to encourage and support medical students and residents seeking to understand how to live out their faith through their profession

Now that I am a member, **what happens now?**

We would like to get to know a little more about you and your specific needs and interests. Please fill in the survey at <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMB8JGH>> that will help us to understand more about how we can personally support you at this time in your life and professional career.

Now that I am a member, **how do I get involved?**

- Fill in the survey so we can know how to support you best.
- Reach out to Section Administrator Marshall Williams (psychsectionmda@gmail.com) and let us know if you want a mentor, would like to meet other like-minded psychiatrists in your local area, get involved in missions, speak at one of our conferences, or if you have any other specific interests or needs (please fill out the above survey also).
- Make plans to join us for one of our upcoming conferences, which provide a fantastic opportunity to share fellowship with other like-minded psychiatrists from

all over the country and around the world AND engage with unique educational/learning material focused on the integration of faith and practice.

- Visit our website at www.cmda.org/psychiatry to learn more about our section and engage with the resources we have uploaded to the site.
- Identify and reach out to psychiatrists in your area who are Christians. They may be looking for “you” as well. Tell them about the Psychiatry Section of CMDA and consider sending their contact information to Marshall.

Spread the word; the more others hear about our organization, the more Christians in our profession we can support, encourage and develop, the greater the impact Christians will have on our profession and our world.

“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20, NIV 1984).

[On-Line Member Directory:](#)

On January 15, 2020 we will begin supporting an online directory of members of the Psychiatry Section. This will replace our printed directory which is costly and cumbersome and difficult to maintain. The online directory will provide information on our members which will be useful as you desire to fellowship with each other and access members with questions about faith and practice. Information will be secure and protected on a password protected site. It will be accessible to members. We will be providing an opportunity to review the information which will be posted in a November mailing, so please be on the lookout for it and return the information during December. We will update the directory on a monthly basis. More details to follow.

[New Members and Corrections:](#)

Calley Huntsinger is a resident at the University of Alabama Birmingham. She becomes a member of CMDA for the purpose of being connected with other believers in the field of medicine, particularly psychiatry, for mentorship and shared purpose of showing God’s love through our work but also navigating the sometimes difficult balance of staying true to

our faith but also providing the best care for our patients.

Correction: Jennifer Tuck-Chappill is practicing social worker in New York working full time as a therapist. She recently graduated from medical school with her MD and is seeking a psychiatric residency. She sees that the interface between psychiatry and Christianity is key to healing the whole patient. She desires to deepen her faith and connection with psychiatry through membership in the section.

Please welcome Calley and Jennifer and all of the members presented in the September Newsletter. Marshall will provide contact information upon request.

[Member Survey](#). Please take 13 minutes to fill in our request for feedback on our videoconferencing initiative. We are benchmarking whether coordinating opportunities for training, fellowship and encouragement using videoconferencing is something that will benefit our members. The [survey](#) does take a few minutes, but will provide valuable feedback to us as we decide how to move forward. The survey is found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMB8JGH>

[Upcoming Meetings.](#)

[Global Missions Health Conference \(GMHC\)](#), November 7-9, Louisville, KY. Members of the Psychiatry Section are speaking at three sessions during the conference. Information on Psychiatry Section Member presentations can be found on our website by clicking [HERE](#). We anticipate a significant psychiatry section presence and will be seeking to network with other organizations who desire to have support for global workers in the field.

[CMDA National Convention](#). April 16-19, 2020 at TRANSFORM: CMDA's National Convention, the premier convention for Christian healthcare professionals. This convention provides great opportunities for you to transform as you fellowship with Christian healthcare professionals, learn about current health and social issues, renew your faith through worship and network with exhibiting organizations. **Please note that the Psychiatry Section is presenting a half-day preConference on Depression for Healthcare Professionals. There will be 4 sessions dedicated to addressing depression. In addition to the preConference, we will be hosting a psychiatry track on**

Saturday afternoon. The meeting is at the Kentucky Convention Center and CMDA has a hotel block. We will be at the Embassy Suites and will be gathering informally for breakfast at the hotel for additional fellowship opportunities. Make your reservations early. The rooms are going quickly.

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”.

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/>> and choose what you want to do - donate or pay dues on-line. We thank you.

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



Our email address is: psychsectioncmda@gmail.com.

Our website is: cmda.org/psychiatry.

Follow us on Facebook at: CMDA Psychiatry Section.

Our Twitter Account is: [cmda@cmdapsych](https://twitter.com/cmda@cmdapsych).

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

This email was sent to <<[Test Email Address](#)>>

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Psychiatry Section of Christian Medical and Dental Associations · 2604 U.S. Hwy 421 · Bristol, TN 37620 · USA