



Invitation to Membership

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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A fellowship of Christian health professionals and health institutions serving the churches in the ministry of health, healing and wholeness ... building a just and healthy society.

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY...

Dear friend,

As Christian professionals in health, we are called to have a personal relationship with Christ, to express his love to others, and to build a just and healthy society.

To help us in this, the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI) was established as a fellowship in 1905 to:

- bring together all professionals who are involved in health, healing and wholeness on a common platform - doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, administrators and pastors
- bring together all Christian mission hospitals of all denominations and networks
- advise the Church on its healing ministry, through CMAI's position as the health agency of the National Council of Churches in India

This reflects the core of CMAI's vision and mandate:

- Healing, health and wholeness are God's intention for individuals, society and for the whole of creation.
- The healing ministry of the Church announces God's work of salvation in Jesus Christ, bringing wholeness and justice to the world.
- In the hospital context, the entire team - doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, administrators and chaplains- has individual and collective responsibility for the restoration of the individual.
- The healing ministry of the Church extends beyond hospitals into the everyday life of the Church. We, Christian health professionals, are members of the Church and part of this ministry and should encourage and facilitate this.

The individual members of CMAI comprise five professional groups (sections) - doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, chaplains and administrators. The sections meet separately as well as together at retreats, workshops, conferences and campaigns, and members share resources, train and mentor each other to share the vision and values, as they strive to influence society.

We welcome professionals of all Christian denominations, and working in all sectors: government, private, mission or voluntary agencies, in India or overseas.

Together we can make a difference in the Church, in our country and in the world.

Come, be a part of this exciting, ecumenical effort as a member of CMAI.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Bimal Charles
General Secretary

GENERAL INFORMATION

CMAI began in 1905 as the Medical Missionary Association of India and it was renamed in 1926 as the Christian Medical Association of India. Today CMAI is a charitable, Christian society and acts as the official health agency of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI). Member institutions are related to the following churches: Assemblies of God, Baptists, Church of North India, Church of South India, Lutheran, Mar Thoma, Mennonite, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventists, Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox, Orthodox Syrian etc. CMAI now has over 330 institutions (hospitals, health centres and community programmes etc.) and over 10000 individuals as members. CMAI is organised into 13 regions across the country, with honorary office bearers.

OUR MANDATE

“Jesus called the twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and cure diseases. Then he sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” (Luke 9: 1-2)

OUR MISSION

In response to the love and command of Christ, CMAI's mission is to serve the churches in India in its ministry of healing and to build a just and healthy society.

OUR VISION

“That they...may have life... and life in its fullness.”

OBJECTIVES

- Prevention and relief of human suffering irrespective of caste, creed, community, religion and economic status
- Promotion of knowledge of the factors governing health
- Coordination of activities for training doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and others involved in the ministry of healing
- Implementation of schemes for comprehensive health care, family planning and community welfare
- Rendering help in calamities and disasters of all kinds

In expressing this, CMAI:

Develops Christian Health Care Leaders

CMAI conducts retreats, conferences, seminars, workshops, summer camps and mentoring visits to influence individuals' thinking on health and development from the Christian perspective and to build them up to be leaders in their places of work: professionally, spiritually, in relation to others and as part of the corporate body.

Strengthens Mission Hospitals

CMAI works to strengthen mission institutions by assisting them in renewing vision, strengthening governance, building capacity, finding new directions and strengthening fellowship. For this, CMAI conducts seminars, workshops, consultancy assignments, organisational development processes, strengthens laboratory and other supportive services etc. CMAI also has two Boards of Nursing of the Nurses League and conducts several established training programmes in nursing and many of the allied health areas.

Supports New Health and Development Initiatives

CMAI is committed to trying out new ideas in HIV & AIDS, substance abuse, malaria, TB and women's health and facilitating their adaptation and adoption in churches, member institutions and others. Presently we work in over 17 states.

Advocates on Policy Issues

CMAI represents Christian health care to Government and civil society, at regional, national and international fora. Present thrust areas include campaigning against pre-natal sex selection and determining techniques and advocacy for palliative care services.

Strengthens Churches

CMAI dialogues on issues of faith and healing, engaging the Church, and challenging youth and health professionals to take up the care for those in need through seminars, conferences, observing Healing Ministry Week and training pastors and theological students.

Builds Perspectives

CMAI works actively to capture the rich knowledge, experience and perspectives of network members and make them available at the network, national and international levels.

PUBLICATIONS

- a) Life for All (LFA) is CMAI's quarterly fellowship newsletter. It shares information about CMAI, its sections and major activities. It has a human resources column for those looking for new opportunities.
- b) The Christian Medical Journal of India (CMJI). This is a quarterly for private circulation to members. It is concerned with policy issues in Christian health and medical work, news of the Association and important themes.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

CMAI invites Christian professionals working in health to join CMAI and be a channel for healing. Individual membership of the Association is open to all Christians, who have professional training as below, and are involved in health care. There are 5 membership sections:

Doctors - Men and women holding a qualification in medicine or dentistry recognised by the respective Indian Councils.

Nurses - All registered nurses and ANMs / multipurpose health workers.

Allied Health Professionals - Individuals in a wide variety of health-related disciplines whose training is recognised by CMAI.

Administrators - All Christians who are graduates, and who are or have previously been actively engaged in health services administration at the executive or managerial level.

Chaplains - All Christian workers in the Healing Ministry, who have a minimum of one year basic theological training with a training in pastoral counselling, healing ministry or hospital chaplaincy, or who hold a part-time or full-time post of Chaplain in a hospital.

In addition there are:

Associate Members - Christians who do not qualify for full membership as above, but have acceptable professional qualifications and are definitely associated with existing health institutions. They cannot vote or hold office.

Student Members - Students in various health professional courses. They cannot vote or hold office. Note: The student membership fees is to be paid as per fee structure given in the form. The student membership expires with completion of the course.



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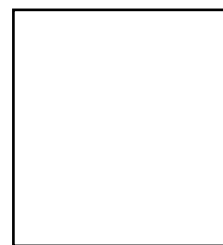


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APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

I would like to become a member of CMAI. I have read the information shared and want to be associated with the fellowship, witness and life of CMAI. I give below details about myself and enclose the fees.

Date _____ Signature _____
 (Please fill in neatly in block letters / tick as appropriate)

1. Name in Full _____

2. Postal Address (Please write district & pin-code)

District						
State	Pin-code					
Phone:	Mobile:	Fax:				
E-mail:						

3. Permanent Address (Please write district & pin-code)

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State:	Pin-code					
Phone:	Mobile:	Fax:				
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4. Date of Birth

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 5. Sex M F 6. I am a Christian Yes No

7. Church affiliation / Denomination

8. How can you contribute towards CMAI? _____

9. Interests / Special Skills _____

