



NCFI - Connecting Christian nurses & midwives worldwide

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Dear Leaders of NCFI's member countries, Associate Members, and Friends of NCFI,

Grace and peace to you as we put our hope in our eternal Lord & Saviour – Jesus. I don't know what your year has been like, but for me time has passed by quickly. It is amazing to realize that 2/3 of the year 2022 has already passed! Whether time is going by quickly or slowly for you, it is always good to regularly pause to reflect on God and to remember all that the Lord has done. Stopping to remember and reflect can help us regain our perspective, refresh our souls, and give us vision and hope for the future.



As we pause to remember and reflect what God has done and is doing, I want to encourage you to also remember and reflect on our common purpose as Christian nurses & midwives. *NCFI's purpose is to **connect** Christian nurses & midwives from around the world, equipping them to live out their faith in professional practice.* One of the major ways that we do this is through conferences.

Conferences provide opportunities for Christian nurses and midwives to connect – whether it be online or in-person. During the first half of 2022, I had the opportunity to travel throughout parts of Canada, and as I have met with nurses, many of them expressed that they often felt alone in their work as a Christian nurse. We know from God's word, that it isn't good for us to be alone, and there are several verses that specifically talk about the importance of fellowship and unity among God's people. We also look forward to being together because Jesus promised to be among us: *"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."* (Matthew 18:20 NLT).

NCFI Regional Conferences

In the coming two years, there are a number of conferences where we hope to see Christian nurses and midwives coming together. This summer, many nurses from across Latin America came together through their online NCFI regional and NG conferences in July and August. Upcoming regional conferences that are online and open for registration include (1) CANA – October 15. [Spiritual Care Conference website](#) (2) PACEA – October 28-29 [PACEA conference website](#) and (2) SAME – November 17-19. [SAME Conference website](#). European and African Regional conferences are being planned for 2023. Costs are low and you can attend even if you are not from the region hosting the conference.



2018 PACEA Regional Conference

NCFI World Congress – Spain 2024

With less than 2 years to go, it is time to begin planning for attendance at the 2024 World Congress! We encourage you and your fellowships to ***begin praying for the congress and start collecting and saving money*** for airfares, visas, and conference costs. We hope to see a minimum of 2 delegates from each member country, as well as many general participants. Those who have attended previous conferences have found it to be worthwhile – not only for the sessions, but especially for the fellowship.



ICN Congress - Canada 2023



One of NCFI's strategic aims is to represent Christian nursing in the global nursing arena. To do this, we need to be present! The ICN is a federation of more than 130 member countries, representing more than 28 million nurses, and provides a great opportunity for us to represent Christian nursing. *I encourage you to consider coming to this conference*, submitting an abstract for presentation, or helping to sponsor one of your country members or an NCFI booth. Abstracts are now open until October 31, 2022. Please pray for NCFI as we hope to connect with nurses from around the world. <https://icncongress2023.org/>

Keeping the Connections Open....

In this era of internet, social media, and information technology, NCFI is working hard to stay updated, with safe and functional operating systems. There are many meetings held on Zoom, conversations on What's App, NG prayer gatherings on Microsoft Teams, and regular emails. This year, four of our six regions are hosting online conferences. Marg Hutchison has been volunteering as our IT and media consultant and has put in hundreds of hours to help us stay connected, as well as doing some of our media productions. Donna Spronk, our NCFI Administrator has been essential for managing the 'virtual' NCFI office – handling emails, scheduling, assisting with Zoom calls and online conferences, identifying and using relevant software and databases, and helping to train volunteers in using these tools. We are grateful for their dedication and expertise, and for our NCFI donors who help us with the costs of keeping our connections and communications open.

We love hearing from our member countries, associate members, and friends of NCFI. Until we are able to meet together, please feel free to write me or any of our International Board members – and let's keep our connections open and active as we share our common purpose to connect, encourage, and equip one another to live out our faith in our lives and work.

In Christ,

Anne



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