

CMDFA QLD report for the 2021 AGM

The state committee has been in transition since Anthony Herbert stepped down as chair at the end of 2020 after five years of faithful and very appreciated service to have more time to serve in other capacities. During this time, it has been happy to sponsor and help advertise a number of self initiated events as well as co-opting itself into sharing the resources of CMDFA national.

Some of these have included:

- The annual fundraising dinner for HEAL Africa held this year on Friday 11
 June at the Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane, with Anthony
 Herbert as the CMDFA lead on this.
- 2. There was to have been a planned a Christian healthcare workers' retreat on June 11-13th which sounded great but unfortunately owing to COVID concerns, it was cancelled. Much thanks to Koshy and Sharon George on organising this one and look forward to hopefully it taking place in the near future.
- 3. An outdoor gathering at New Farm Park, Brisbane, on Saturday 24 July organised with thanks by Eleasa Sieh.
- 4. A FNQ Christian health workers fellowship and training day held in Cairns on Saturday August 21 organised by Richard Wong with Koshy and Sharon flying in to help run Saline. Much appreciated.
- 5. A Saline training day on the Gold Coast on Saturday October 9 by Koshy and Sharon and friends.
- 6. Keeping an active CMDFA QLD facebook account where important posts such as on the VAD legislation, promoting events in particular national ones such as the intern bootcamp and IMPACT as well as sharing articles from the Luke's journal has hopefully helped members across the state in their walk with God in line with their studying and practising of their medicine.
- 7. Acknowledging the work of Natasha Yates at the Gold Coast with informal catch-ups with students and local members there.

Interestingly there have been a number of requests noted of people asking for contacts of Christian psychologists perhaps reflective of a greater need during this pandemic and/or being commensurate of society in general and/or a dearth of them in the first place.

State members are always welcome to participate in the weekly Friday evening national CMDFA prayer meeting which has been one of the key linchpins during this pandemic.

It still has been a difficult time for a lot of members, and even more so some of the world at large, with ongoing restrictions, particularly for those at the front line amongst us and with children and elderly parents as well in our care. We pray and trust God in due course that we will be able to meet in person and have a robust committee serving an active membership. It has been a blessing despite zoom fatigue that we have had access to technology to keep in touch and run many different events.



From my understanding, there has not been any material change in the finances from the previous year. Apologies if I have left out any significant contributions.

On behalf of the QLD committee,
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