



The Faith Script

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On your feet now—applaud GOD! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence. Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep. Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him. For GOD is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.
Psalm 100 (The Message)

~A message from the
President~

CPFI 2021 Virtual Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

By Nena Lindrose

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International hosted a virtual Annual Conference & National Student Retreat this year on June 4th and 5th. Dr. Jeffrey Bates, Chair for the Education Affairs Committee coordinated the program for the Annual Conference and P-4 student Andrew Ballentine coordinated the National Student Retreat program. The two-day Zoom event offered 12 hours of faith-integrated pharmacy continuing education, three devotion speakers and praise & worship led by Mrs. Sheryl Bates. The conference was well-attended with 114 pharmacists and students registering for the full two days.

We are grateful for our speakers who volunteer their time and talent to present at the event, and we would like to recognize them again for their contributions.

Student Retreat Speakers

Jake Grasser – *Student led Worship & Devotional*

Alex Barker – *Walking in Faith: The Pharmacy Job Market 2021*

Joy Greene – *Faith Takes Practice*

Keith W. Allhands – *Pharmacy and Short-Term Christian Medical Missions*

Annual Conference Speakers

Wagdy W. Wahba – *Devotional*

Nicole J. Brandt – *Medication Safety in Older Adults: Updates for 2021*

Jeffrey A. Bates & Jake Grasser – *A Pharmacist's Journey to the Mission Field:*

Samaritan's Purse

Timothy Ulbrich – *Financial Prudence as a Pharmacist: Maintaining a Kingdom Focus*

Daniel A. Hussar – *New Drug Update*

Grace Heeralall – *Devotional(Choosing Joy)*

Joy B. Greene – *Devotional*

Joy Greene – *The Muddy Waters of Professionalism*

Fred M. Eckel – *Serving People Through Pharmacy: A Panel Discussion*

David R. Bright – *Cultivating Leadership Growth in Pharmacy*

Jon E. Sprague – *The Neuroscience of Addiction: Implications for Health Professionals*

Tracy Frame – *Are Pharmacists Helping or Hurting Patients? A Look at*

Buprenorphine/Naloxone in the Treatment of Opioid-Use Disorder

Douglas C. Anderson – *PBM Rebate, Spread Pricing, and Regulatory Changes*

Kellie W. Jones – *Preventative Care Anyone? "Prevention is better than cure" Is this true?*

The CPFI Board of Directors also conducted electronic elections. Daniel J. Wilson was elected CPFI's new President. Tracy Frame and Erin Vance were elected for the two director positions. We are grateful to everyone who ran for a position on the CPFI Board and for their heart to serve. Jeffrey T. Copeland served CPFI as president from 2017 to 2021 and will continue serving on the Board as the Immediate Past President. We are grateful to Dr. Copeland for the outstanding job he did as president, and we are also grateful he will continue to serve in his new position. The CPFI Board would also like to thank Fred Eckel, Herb Hames and Jeff Bates for their service on the Board. All three rotated off the Board this summer.
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Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International has played an important role in my professional, personal, and spiritual life for many years. At first as a student and later as a professional, I was encouraged by the vast number of pharmacists who live out their faith in their lives and careers through a diverse array of practice settings. Each summer at the Annual Conference, sharing time with like-minded professionals is a refreshing reminder that there are others alongside us in our pursuit of God, even when we are spread across the world from day to day. Wherever the location, the days spent at the CPFI Annual Conference leave an incomparable impact on our lives.

As I begin my term as president, I am humbled to think of those who have gone before me in this role. Many previous leaders of CPFI are distinguished leaders in our profession. We owe a great deal to those individuals for the impact they have made on our fellowship and our profession as a whole. I consider myself very fortunate to have spent time with these individuals over the last decade as they lead CPFI. My prayer is that CPFI will continue to be a source of refreshing encouragement, grounded in Biblical truth for pharmacists and future pharmacists for years to come.

Daniel J. Wilson, President

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Students held their national elections and the following were voted into office:

- Sharon Baik, National Student Council Chairperson/Student Representative on the CPFI Board
- Zachary Kraus, Chairperson-elect
- Sarah Freeman, Membership Transitions Coordinator
- Alisa Hendrickson, Publicist
- Erin Ashley Ballentine, National Student Retreat Coordinator

Awards were presented by Keith Allhands and Jessica Langdon. Jennifer Sands is the 2021 recipient of the Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award. This award recognizes an individual for their service to others. Jennifer has helped CPFI from the time she became a member by seeking out ways to enhance CPFI's public presence, presenting at annual conferences and authoring articles for the CPFI journal, *Christianity & Pharmacy*, as well as serving as the assistant editor. Although Jennifer is a nationally known Christian event speaker and international Christian tour guide, leading groups on teaching tours in the Holy Land, she is humble enough to make herself available to speak one-on-one with individuals at our CPFI meetings.

This year's Psalm 145 Award was presented to Dawn Battise. This award honors an individual who has distinguished him or herself as an outstanding student chapter advisor. Dawn is the faculty advisor for the CPFI student chapter at Wingate University. Students describe her as the most approachable advisor who cares about each of the students individually and always asks about the hardships they are experiencing. Dawn cares about the organization as a whole by always being helpful with organizing Zoom meetings and ensuring the CPFI student chapter stays connected.

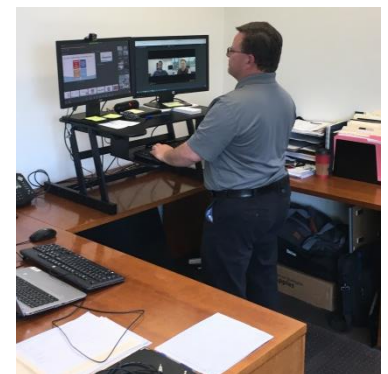
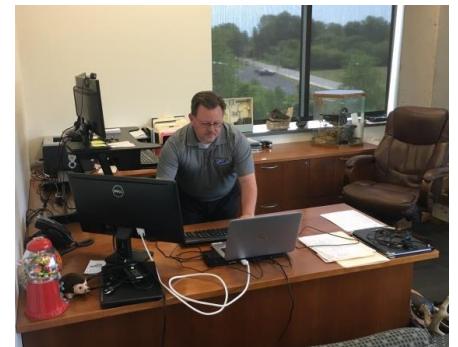
2021 graduate, Joy Nwoke received the Fred M. Eckel Distinguished Student Award. Joy was actively involved in CPFI both locally as well as nationally during pharmacy school, serving as the CPFI President of her school's chapter from 2018 to 2020, Student Representative on the CPFI Board and Chairperson of the National Student Council. Joy worked in collaboration with the NSC to start the "NSC Connect," which are virtual monthly meetings where students from all over the country join together for prayer, Bible study, networking, games and other activities. Joy also started the CPFI pharmacist-student mentorship program as an opportunity to connect student pharmacists with Christian pharmacists and encourage the practice of pharmacy with Christian faith.

Cedarville University received the Dr. Manasseh Heeralall Chapter of the Year Award. This award honors a student chapter that has demonstrated exceptional community service and service to CPFI student members. In addition to all of the community service and school activities, the Cedarville chapter has participated in, Cedarville pharmacy students Andy Ballantine coordinates the National Student Retreat and Zach Krause serves as editor for the National Student Chapter newsletter as well as serving on the praise and worship team for our Annual Conference & National Student Retreat.

Please mark your calendar for our 2022 Annual Conference & National Student Retreat, which will be held at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, North Carolina. The Retreat will begin on June 1st and conclude June 5th. The Conference will begin on June 2nd and conclude June 5th. Please invite your family members, pharmacy colleagues and their families to attend. On-line registration will open January 3, 2022. We are expecting a joyous time when, at last, we get to see each other again in person!

We are grateful for everyone who supported our on-line annual meeting with their attendance and donations. Many gave generous gifts in addition to their registration fee, and we are grateful for their support. If you would like to give a gift to help support CPFI, [click here](#).

While this was a virtual event, a lot of hard work still goes into coordinating this kind of program for our members. CPFI wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Jeffrey Bates for the outstanding job he does as Chair for the Education Committee. Dr. Bates has a heart for CPFI, and it shows in the excellence of his work and the service he provides to our organization. **To view some of the sessions and devotionals, see the links in the bottom panel on page 3.**



Jeff Bates at 'mission control' for the 2021 CPFI On-line Annual Conference



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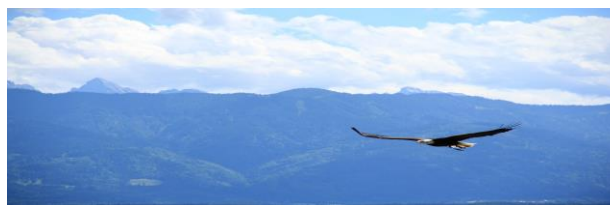


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"For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will." II Corinthians 8:3(NLT)

Palm Beach Atlantic University

PBAU is conducting a search for a Dean for the Lloyd L. Gregory School of Pharmacy. Click the [CPFI Job Board](#) for a description of this position and the application process.

Sample of 2021 Annual Meeting Recordings

To enjoy a recorded sample of the online content from the 2021 Annual Conference, please click the following links. We hope these examples will cause you to consider joining us for next year's CPFI annual conference where we will meet in-person in Flat Rock, NC in June 2022. Readers who click on the links should be able to see the raw, recorded sessions in their entirety.

- CPFI 2021: Dr. Joy Greene: The Feeling of Belonging (Devotional Session) <https://media.cedarville.edu/Watch/m6X8Cja5>
- CPFI 2021: Dr. Daniel Hussar: New Drug Update <https://media.cedarville.edu/Watch/Jz38GaAp>
- CPFI 2021: Dr. Jake Grasser and Dr. Jeffrey Bates: A Pharmacist's Journey to the Mission Field: Samaritan's Purse <https://media.cedarville.edu/Watch/Yo4i7BMq>

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Publications

CPFI welcomes articles with a Christian focus. If you are interested in contributing an article for possible publication in our journal, Christianity & Pharmacy, please submit your manuscript directly to the CPFI office or to the editor. The deadlines for the journal: Spring Journal, December 1; Fall Journal, July 1.

Short Term Foreign Mission Opportunities

CPFI partners with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Fellowship of Christian Nurses and the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants to send out short term medical teams through Global Health Outreach. The primary care teams are usually one or two weeks, and our goal is to have two pharmacists on each team. Below is a list of upcoming trips. For a complete list of the projects and dates, visit the [GHO website](http://gho.cpfi.org) which can be accessed from the CPFI website www.cpfi.org or the CMDA website www.cmda.org.

GHO has begun to resume scheduling of some trips after about 50 trips were cancelled this past 10 months. New safety protocols have been implemented and each trip participant will need to complete online training before being accepted to participate on a team. **Please note,** recent governmental restrictions may force the cancellation of some of these trips. Here is the upcoming schedule but be aware that some of these may still need to be cancelled:

Upcoming GHO Short Term Projects	
Jul 31 – Aug 8, 2021 El Salvador	Oct 8 – 16, 2021 Ukraine
Aug 7 – 15, 2021 Nicaragua	Oct 9 – 21, 2021 Jordan
Sep 17 – 25, 2021 North Africa	Oct 16 – 24, 2021 Dominican Republic
Sep 17 – 26, 2021 Turkey	Nov 5 – 13, 2021 Ecuador
Sep 25 – Oct 3, 2021 Nicaragua	Nov 12 – 21, 2021 Athens, Greece
Oct 8 – 17, 2021 Thessalonica, Greece	Nov 13 – 20, 2021 Nicaragua

The GHO website provides a link for each trip, the name of each team leader, and the estimated cost of each trip. You may apply on-line to participate in the trip of your choice or e-mail Keith Allhands, kwallahands@gmail.com the Mission Committee Chair for additional information.

Samaritan's Purse is looking for pharmacists!

Would you like to join Samaritan's Purse Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)? Samaritan's Purse is looking for pharmacists! Click the links below to learn more and apply.

[All DART Job Postings Application](#) [Ancillary Medical Services DART Webpage](#)