



CPFI
President's Report
2014-2015

I joined CPFI in 1984, shortly after the organization was founded. There have been very few years since that I have not held an elected or appointed office in CPFI. In March I celebrated my 76th birthday so as I complete this term I am aware that I do not have many more years to continue to serve. It is only through God's providence that I have been able to serve as long as I have. I have agreed to run for another term as President, but when my eligibility to run again is up I will probably step aside. For me, service to CPFI has been a blessing keeping me spiritually grounded and professionally engaged. Who will step up to continue to guide CPFI into the future is a question I have pondered the last few years. That we have some younger individuals involved is a good sign for CPFI's future. Of course, God will raise up the right leader when needed.

I supported the move of CPFI back to Bristol to be housed with the CMDA headquarters. I believed then and believe even more now that Christian health professionals need each other. The move to CMDA headquarters has helped us accomplish some things, but I have come to realize that physical presence doesn't mean integration of efforts. I believe it will be in CPFI's best interest to now explore a closer relationship with CMDA. To that end I have asked the Board to engage in that discussion at this Board meeting. I have no preconceived agenda, nor do I know what is best, but I do believe that it is a topic worth exploring.

As an organization CPFI has remained small with continual financial struggles. Do the lack of growth in membership and the continual financial struggles mean that we are not being blessed by God? Each time I find myself beginning to think this may be true I hear another story of someone who has been blessed through CPFI, reminding me again that God is in control. God deals with individuals, and I am encouraged that he continues to meet individual pharmacists' needs through CPFI. I have been blessed by my work with CPFI. When I hear testimonies of others receiving blessings too, I am comfortable that CPFI is where God want us to be now.

My other confirmation of this is that although we continue to struggle financially, our needs continue to be met. We have been able to live within our means and still have money in the bank. I see this also as God's blessing on CPFI.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President.

Fred M. Eckel