



PRESCRIPTION

A Singapore Nurses' Christian Fellowship Newsletter

MICA (P) 293/03/2006 • March - June 2006

SNCF MOTTO

One In Christ

SNCF MISSION STATEMENT

SNCF seeks to bring Jesus Christ to nurses and nursing, helping them to find meaning and purpose in their work, and to see their workplace as a mission field.

SNCF 2006 CENTRAL COMMITTEE

President:

Low Mui Lang
M: 81610222

Secretary:

Christina Choy Wai Cheng
M: 91540518

Treasurer:

Koh Ah Yan
M: 93847192

Mission/Prayer Secretary

Clarice Tan Hwee Hoon
M: 97918861

Committee Members:

Judy Chor
M: 98422348

Karen Yang Sook Quin
M: 90487107

Kelsey Tay Shir Chieh
M: 90044039

Serene Kang Kim Hian
M: 91390154

Sin Chow Mei
M: 98535993

'Rising Up to Our Positions'

This article marks the last of a three part series which we started last year on the theme, 'Equipped in Christ for Nursing' from Ephesians 4:11-16. The first part's objective was to arrest our attention from the busyness of our daily work, to make us 'Re look' at our purpose in nursing today. The second part exhorted us to 'Refocus & Realign' ourselves so that we may hear the voice of God and experience His presence in our vocation. This last part focuses on 'Rising up to our position in Nursing'. What does it mean to rise up to our position in nursing? Why do we need to do so?

In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul informs the Ephesian church that apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers have been given to prepare God's people for works of service. In our present day the term ministry or service has always been used within the local church wall context. Our normal vocation as a nurse, policeman, businessman, teacher or engineer is often seen as a worldly profession for means of financial gain for survival and to bring it into the church for the extension of God's Kingdom. Ministry and service is seen in context of things done by pastors, fulltime workers, leaders, elders or lay leaders serving actively in the church. Anything outside that sphere is dichotomized by a huge gap of different values and perception. In the time of Acts however, ministry and service was not contained only within church walls. Ed Sivolso's his book **Anointed for Business** revealed that out of 40 major divine interventions or supernatural events, 39 of them occurred in the market place. Coming from a Kingdom perspective, Peter Wagner says in his book **Changing Church** that Eph 4:12 'indicates that the one who are supposed to do the work of the ministry are the saints - 100 percent of believers'. This is a paradigm change for many of us who see ministry and service being exercised only within the context of the local church which most of us only spend 2-4 hours a week to attend service and small groups. This paradigm change means that the rest of our days from Monday to Saturday is also ministry and service.

Some of us see nursing as a calling, while some of us see it as a mere career. Whichever it is we have attempted to obey God in being salt of the earth and light of the world. Some of us have tried doing so for 10-20 years but have grown discouraged

in trying because nothing has changed much. It seems impossible to change the system nor the values of the people around us to the extent of seeing a transformation at our workplace. Peter Wagner suggests the answer lies in the fact that the spiritual government of the extended Church (all believers in the market place) has not yet come into place. As some local churches have moved into a season of recognizing the role of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, we too in the nursing community need to recognize the nurses who have been given these functions. Peter Wagner believes that the identification and support of the ministry of apostles in the workplace will bring a change to the advancement of God's Kingdom in the market place. In our context, the nursing community.

Adapting Bill Hamon's interpretation of the fivefold ministry in business, apostles in the nursing community are like pioneers who set up new nursing work, networks and nursing governance on earth. Prophets are the nursing administrators and auditors who plan systems and processes and evaluate how to meet the Kingdom's objectives. Evangelists are those who promote nursing and inspire their team to expand the nursing profession. Teachers are like nurse clinicians, educators, who ground the nurses with right nursing principles, clinical skills, values and nursing service of the organization. Pastors are likened to nurse managers of their ward or departments who oversee the smooth running of nursing care delivered, encouraging each nurse to reach their fullest potential and help them work as a team. Christian nurses who have answered the call to serve God in nursing, must now enforce Kingdom rule in spheres in which they function. Christian nurses

continue to pg 3

**9th PACEA NCF
Regional Conference,
24-27 May 2006**

**Theme:
Caring for the Whole
Person in a Broken World**

Venue	: YWCA, Fort Canning Lodge, Singapore
Conference fee	: S\$350 (exclude accommodation charges)
Bible Exposition	: Mrs Leong King Teng
Keynote Speaker	: Ms Kamalini Kumar
Enquiries	: Conference Secretariat at 65533530 or 97979041
Email	: kimchoo.ng@ncf.org.sg
Website	: http://www.ncf.org.sg



Letter from Ms Low Mui Lang,
Chairperson Organising
Committee for
9th PACEA NCF Regional
Conference

Dear Members and Friends,

Singapore Nurses' Christian Fellowship (SNCF) took on the challenge on hosting the **9th PACEA NCF Regional Conference** to be held in Year 2006. That is 20 years after the last conference held in Singapore in 1986.

Why do we take on this challenge?

I would like to quote from **HeartMath Solution** that says "As a highly connected global society, we're moving rapidly toward having to make important choices that will affect our present security and the lives of future generations. The world's problems could get worse before they get better. But the very challenges of this period also present opportunities for a significant shift in human consciousness". – Doc Chidre and Howard Solution.

As a Christian what is our respond to this quote? We know Christ is coming again but how do we live our lives in this present age? How do we make decision that would impact the world around us for Christ and also for Nursing? We have direct access to patients and clients where others do not. How do we reach out to them without sending a nation or global signal that stop the preaching of the gospel at our doorstep?

When we decided to host the Conference, I am sure we did not anticipate that we will be living in such

*exciting time. This conference therefore becomes significantly important to assist our nurses on how to maintain their Christian witness at home and at their workplace. **Come and learn how to deliver spiritual care to your patients and clients or equipped to be a Christian leader impacting lives.***

*In all our excitement, we need to pray for ourselves that we would come to the conference and also for others with expectation to hear what the Lord has to say to us. However, **we would need to raise an estimated amount of \$10,000.00 to finance some of the expenditure of the conference and also to sponsor participants from the countries around us – likely Indonesia, a newly formed NCFI that is vibrating with new lives.** Let's participate by giving or raising fund through our friends for this Ministry and most of all to pray for the Lord's protection over His children.*

By hosting the conference, we are hoping that Christian nurses in Singapore could gather and equip to further God's Kingdom at their workplace.

Let me end by quoting from Ephesians 5:1- 2 "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God".

Just as a child learns to model the behaviour of a parent, believers imitate God when they allow His character to flow through their daily lives. The primary way to imitate our heavenly Father is to follow a pattern of love in all that we do and say.

Therefore, I look forward for your support in various ways.

'Rising Up to Our Positions'

continue...

need to be taught and equipped in knowledge of the Bible to understand spiritual principles regarding health and healing. They also need to be confident of their spiritual giftings.

This article births from the beliefs related to the New Apostolic Reformation movement. It has been rejected and approached with skepticism by many including myself at the introductory stages of it. I am convinced though, after seeking God with an open heart and mind to what He is doing in His Church today that this is a direction God is moving His Church. I urge you then fellow Christian nurses, to seek God to respond to His call for your life in a season such as this.

Dare we respond to such a radical call? Dare we allow this paradigm change in our perception of ministry and service in Nursing? Dare we rise up to our positions and function in the nursing community as God has appointed. In rising up, we have to begin by asking God in reverent fear and humility what is the role and function God has called us to in nursing. After we hear His voice, we need to acknowledge it and begin to walk in it. We also need to ask God who are the nurses who have been given the function of an apostle in the nursing community in order to acknowledge them. In doing so, the support of these nursing apostles will open the door to usher the Kingdom of God into our nursing community. In doing so, it will launch us into the season of equipping the church in nursing for Christ.

(To know more, you can read up on *Changing Church* by C. Peter Wagner, *Anointed for Business* by Ed Silavos, and *The Day of the Saints* by Bill Hamon)

∞ Written by Joanna Teoh, Feb 2006

Keep the bird flu away

The likelihood of a bird flu pandemic is causing much dread due to the possible deaths of millions of people as well as economic impact. The fears have caused governments to take action in early detection, early response, containing outbreaks and stockpiling anti-viral drugs and calling for reporting by its citizens, especially poultry farmers. While culling may solve part of the problem, the bigger issue is still prevention. Talks on disease prevention and strategies do not attract much publicity. Big budget to develop a vaccine is top news. Having Tamiflu doesn't solve all the problems. Prevention is better than cure. But then, who will do the prevention?

A friend, familiar with Indonesia culture, told me once that to attract the villagers to our health education programmes in Indonesia is to conduct health clinic session. Well, we have gone beyond conducting health clinics though they have their relevance. We can still have clinic sessions in combination with health teaching using an integrated approach though clinics are not the main focus.

Community Health Evangelism is a strategy for transforming communities, one aspect of a comprehensive approach in primary health care. There are different models that can be

used to bring health and evangelism to people in community settings. For Nurses Christian Fellowship in the Pacific East Asia region, the involvement in the Kalimantan health teaching project is a small step to make a difference in the lives of people in rural areas where health care accessibility is difficult. This journey started in 2003 and may seem slow as we make about 2 trips a year. It is a long term commitment demanding time, effort and resources.

What can a nurse offer to projects like this?

Well, first of all, you need to have compassion for people. People are like sheep that need shepherds who will lead and show them the green pastures and still waters. Secondly, you need to catch a vision of the work. Without sharing the vision, you may feel like the man who is laying bricks day after day and when asked, replied "I am just laying bricks." Unlike the man who has a vision and when asked, replied, "I am building a house." Thirdly, your nursing skills, knowledge and experience and gifts that the Lord has given will be powerful tools in His hands to be used for the extension of His wonderful kingdom. Like the boy who offered his five loaves and two fishes. If that is all you have, you can offer them. Lastly, you will grow as you allow Him to teach and mould you and sharpen your gifts in a cross cultural setting, working with people from different cultures.

There has been no report on the outbreak of bird flu in the district where we have been involved in. Hopefully, community health teaching and prayers will keep the bird flu away. Now that is prevention.

The next trip is scheduled for 17-21 May 2006 (Wednesday to Sunday which includes travel days). Contact Swee Eng for details at 67761792(home).

St. Luke's Hospital Update

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Ms Susie Goh Boon Ai** being promoted as Director of Nursing and to **Ms Christina Choy Wai Cheng** being promoted as Assistant Director of Nursing in February 2006

Calling For VOLUNTEERS

St Luke's Hospital Flag Day on 22 April 2006, Saturday

Please note that SNCF will be taking charge of Collection Centre at Toa Payoh Central, Library for the above on 22 April 2006.

The Centre will be open from 7.30 am to 6.30 pm
There will be 3 shift namely 7.30 am to 11.30 am,
11am to 3 pm, and 2.30pm to 6.30 pm.

Member / friends / supporters who are interested to participate, please contact Ms Serene Kang at 9139 0154

SNCF Calender of Events

❖ A workshop to prepare graduating nurses

Theme : Ready to jump
 Date : 29 April 2006, Saturday
 Time : 9am to 5 pm
 Venue : Chapel, Salvation Army Headquarters, 20 Bishan Street 22 Singapore 579768
 Cost : \$10
 Contact : Joanna Teoh for detail at 98303694

❖ Crisis Relief in Missions

Date : 3 July 2006, Monday
 Time : 7 pm to 9 pm
 Venue : Chapel, Salvation Army Headquarters, 20 Bishan Street 22 Singapore 579768
 Speaker : Ms Chan Aik Hoon

❖ Introduction to Mentoring...

Date : 25 March 2006, Saturday
 Time : 4-6pm
 Venue : Chapel, Salvation Army

Mentoring & discipleship is a biblical principle modeled, and commanded by Jesus to build up the believers to become more Christlike & to help a person reach his / her potential in God. The key to mentoring is relationships. This 2-hour workshop will introduce to you the concept

and philosophy of mentoring. It will also present to you SNCF's strategy in mentoring nurses in order to build them up to their fullest potential in God. SNCF invites you to join us in this mandate to mentor and build up nurses so that they will become matured, 'attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ'.

Sign up today with Joanna after this meeting!

(Registration close on 18 March 2006, this workshop is free but registration is still required)

❖ Mentoring 1 & 2

Date : 1 & 8 April 2006, Saturday
 Time : 4-6pm
 Venue : Chapel, Salvation Army

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Mentoring

This workshop will empower you with the heart of mentoring and some skills to help you embark on a mentoring journey to invest in lives who have been called into nursing.

You will learn the phases of mentoring and what practical things to do in each phase. On completion you will be invited to be a mentor to nurses.

To register call Joanna: 98303694

(Registration close on 25 March 2006)

SNCF Ministries

❖ Monthly Prayer Meeting at two location, namely at Central & Western Region

Time : 7 pm
 Venue : **Central region** at SNCF Workbase
 : **Western region** at Blk 204, #08-05, Clementi Avenue 6, S120204 (Home of Suet Lan, mobile 81122119)

Prayers items can be submitted to Clarice Tan.

Email : claricetan@pacific.net.sg

❖ Hospital & NYP Ministries

Contact: Joanna Teoh at 98303694

❖ Foreign Nursing Students & Mentoring Programme

Contact : Ng Kim Choo at 97379041

❖ Caring for Members

Contact Kim Choo at 97379041 for visitation needs

SNCF CONTACTS

Correspondence

Address:

Toa Payoh Central
 P.O. Box 468
 Singapore 913116
 Tel : 6553 3530
 Fax : 6553 3101

Workbase Address:

The Salvation Army
 20 Bishan St.22
 #02-03
 Singapore 579768

SNCF Website:

<http://www.ncf.org.sg>

SNCF Email:

snCF@ncf.org.sg

Staffworker:

Joanna Teoh
 (98303694)
 Ng Kim Choo
 (97379041)

Gifts through cheques to be made payable to:

Singapore Nurses' Christian Fellowship

SNCF EDITORIAL

Members:

Ng Kim Choo

Joanna Teoh

Ms Low Mui Lang

BOARD OF ADVISORS

Mrs. Margaret Liew

Siew Cheng

Ms. Roselin Liew

Ms. Lim Ee Lee

Dr. Ivy Sng

Pastor Yip Khoon Mei