



# PRESCRIPTION

*A Singapore Nurses' Christian Fellowship Newsletter*

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## TO NCF SINGAPORE FROM NCFI PRESIDENT

Dear NCF Singapore

*Greetings in the name of the Lord!*

As the new president of Nurses Christian Fellowship International (NCFI) 2016 – 2020 I want to send you some information about what is happening in NCFI and also to ask for your assistance so the NCFI resources can be better known to all the members/ contacts in your national fellowship.

First a few words about myself. My name is Tove Giske, and I am a professor in nursing, working at VID Specialized University (a Christian University) in Bergen Norway where I teach and carry out research. I have been involved in Norway NCF since 1982. I have been on the National Board and been the editor of our NCF journal for 13 years. I have had the privilege to serve at the European Regional Committee for 8 years. My first NCFI experience was in 1984 at the international conference in New Delhi, an experience that made me realize that NCFI a most unique fellowship where I can learn, be encourage, share my expertise, make friends from around the world and most of all; get a deeper insight into what it means to be a Christian nurse. I have served as the vice-president of NCFI from 2008 – 2016.

I work together with a great team at the International Board (IB). You find presentation of the full IB at our website, at the PDF-file at the end: <http://ncfi.org/about-ncfi/>

In your PACEA Region of NCFI these nurses are on

the International Board. Ms Colleen Wilson from Fiji is the regional chair and her e-mail address is [colleen.wilson2008@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.wilson2008@gmail.com) [post-script: Ms Colleen Wilson has stepped down as regional chair. Marg Hutchison from Australia is interim chair and Ms Tan Wee King is vice-chair] Marg, LiFen Wu (Taiwan) and Wee King (Singapore) are also serving on the IB from your region.



### Connection and Equipping Christian Nurses Worldwide

NCFI is about connecting Christian nurses from around the world, and mutually encouraging and equipping them to live out their faith in professional practice.

NCFI has more than 30 member countries, and many more growing fellowships that aim to become members as soon as they reach the requirements to apply for membership.

Since 2012 an international network of students and early career nurses, called "Next Generation" (NG) has developed in NCFI. They meet through social media to pray and for mutually encouragement of each other. They meet via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NCFI-NG-a-prayer-group-connecting-early-careerstudent-nurses-worldwide-645743535474794/?fref=ts> If you have students and

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SNCF seeks to bring Jesus Christ to nurses, equipping and helping them find meaning and purpose in their work.

early career nurses in your fellowship, can you please provide information about NG as they might want to become involved in the prayer network of NG. Yui Matsuda, living in the US [ymatsuda@mymail.vcu.edu](mailto:ymatsuda@mymail.vcu.edu) and Hege Johanne Pedersen, from Norway [hegejohannep@gmail.com](mailto:hegejohannep@gmail.com) are happy to be contacted for more information.

### **International Institute of Christian Nursing**

NCFI aims to encourage and equip Christian nurses for their professional life. For many years, NCFI has sent out quarterly prayer letters, published Christian Nurse International, and arranged international conferences every 4th year. The last was in June 2016 in the Philippines. You can find presentations from the 2016 Congress at the NCFI website, so please check them out at <http://ncfi.org/conference/congress-2016/>

Again, I ask you for help to inform your members/contacts about these resources as the presentations were highly valued by the congress delegates.

NCFI has worked hard, especially over the last 4 years, to strengthen our professional support to regions and member countries. This initiative is now located in the International Institute of Christian Nursing (IICN), which is the professional arm of NCFI. You find information and material on our website at [www.ncfi.org](http://www.ncfi.org) under IICN (International Institute of Christian Nursing).

IICN provides teaching courses in Spiritual Care, in Christian Leadership, and in Community Faith Nursing. Christian nurses, who have been through training, teach these. If your NCF wants to offer such courses, please contact us at <http://iicn.ncfi.org/contact/> so we together can plan how we can make this happen in fellowship.

NCFI also provides courses in collaboration with partnering organizations such as the Saline Process course (International Health Service (IHS)) and a variety of courses with PRIME. Working with partnering organizations provides NCFI with great opportunities to come in contact with Christian nurses all over the world. Nurses are the backbone of health care in every country in the world, and International Board are happy that we now offer associate membership to individual Christian nurses in countries where there is no national fellowship for Christian nurses. This is one

way of fulfilling our aim “to connect Christian nurses around the world and equip them to live out their faith in professional practice”.

### **Different Ways To Encourage And Equip Christian Nurses**

In addition to training courses, IICN provides diverse ways of communication to encourage and equip Christian nurses so they feel remembered and cared for:

- NCFI Cares is a bimonthly e-mail sent out to individuals who have signed up for it. These are short greetings of encouragement and reflection over a text from the Bible in English/Spanish. You can sign up for NCFI Cares by sending an e-mail to [ncfi.cares@gmail.com](mailto:ncfi.cares@gmail.com) A NCFI Cares book is now published as a book by Carrie Dameron: CARES: Reflections for Nurses which is available at <http://iicn.ncfi.org/resources/ncfi-cares-devotional-book/> We value your help in getting out information about these resources to your members/contacts.
- NCFI Newsletter. Every 2nd month you can receive updates from member countries, Christian nurses, congresses, training courses and so on. The NCFI Newsletter provides NNCFs with information and ideas; enlarging our understanding of what happens around the world amongst Christian nurses. You find the newsletter and how to subscribe to it at <http://ncfi.org/resources/newsletters/> Please pass on information about NCFI News to your members/contacts. We also welcome personal stories, testimonies and news from your NCF and you can send this to [information@ncfi.org](mailto:information@ncfi.org)
- NCFI prayer letter. Every 3rd month NCFI sends out information with praise and prayer points from around the world to all our member countries and individuals who have asked to receive it. This helps us become both informed and challenged, to stand together in prayer with our Christian nursing sisters and brothers around the world. I trust that you receive this prayer letter. Again I ask for your cooperation so our NCFI prayer letter reaches out to as many of your members/contacts as possible so we can pray for each other.
- Christian Nurse International (CNI) is the NCFI professional journal that we publish two times a

year with professional articles and updates. CNI is no longer printed and sent out by post, it is only available online. In this way, the journal can reach a much wider audience! You find the last editions of CNIs at <http://iicn.ncfi.org/resources/newsletters/>

Bergen, Norway August 6th 2016

Blessings,

*Dr. Tove Giske, RN, MNS*

President Nurses Christian Fellowship International

[www.ncfi.org](http://www.ncfi.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/visit.ncfi?fref=ts>

*"Serve the Lord with joy!"*

## REPORT ON NCFI INTERNATIONAL FORUM HELD ON 9 JUNE 2016 AT MANILA, PHILIPPINES AT NCFI CONGRESS

The international Forum is the official business meeting of NCFI. Each member country has two country delegates with voting privileges. Ms Wang Dan Dan and Ms Ng Kim Choo represented SNCF at the Business Meeting.

### Agenda of Meeting :

1. **Summary of Reports** was given by Ms Barbara White (outgoing NCFI President) and Mr Steve Fouch gave the Financial Report

### 2. Strategic Plan of NCFI

The strategic Plan of NCFI (2016-2020) was revealed as:-

- 1) Maintain a sustainable financial and administrative structure to achieve the aims of the organization.
- 2) Maintain an effective worldwide communication and network
- 3) Support the growth and development of the International Institute of Christian Nursing to equip nurses in professional practice, education and collaborative research.
- 4) Expand the network of prayer and praise across the organization
- 5) Initiate and develop key partnership across like-minded organisations and institutions
- 6) Plan, organise and evaluate international conferences every four years to fulfil the mission of NCFI
- 7) Expand the organization through membership including students, active practitioner and retired nurses.

### 3. Revised By-laws- Country Privileges and Obligations

The By-laws and constitutions were sent to each Member Country. **As NCFI requires accurate information, each member country has to send a one page report yearly.**

### 4. Proposed Membership Expansion (Individual Member of NCFI)

Currently countries with a national NCF and fulfilling the requirements of NCFI may apply for membership. Individual membership is being considered for nurses in countries where no national NCF exist, Proposal is that Associate Membership open to non-nurses.

The topic generated differences in opinions from members present. In view of this, **it was proposed that member country will take the matter to their respective country for further discussion and to submit a reply by December 2016.**

### 5. Proposed Future Funding of NCFI

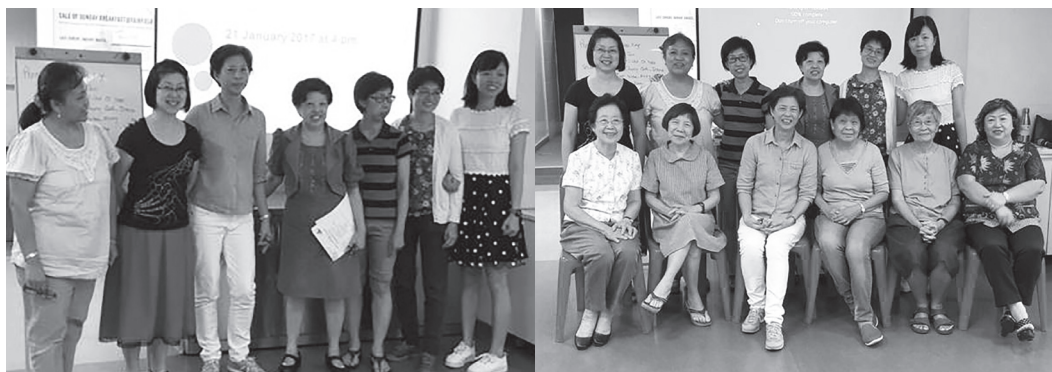
In order to sustain the ministry, it was mentioned that annually each member country will make a commitment to contribute to funds of NCFI. The fiscal year of NCFI is from 1 Jan to Dec 31.

### Official Address of NCFI.

NCFI shifted office from England to USA .The official address is 2321 S. Juniper Circle, Lakewood, CO 80228 USA.

### New NCFI President 2016

Dr Tove Giske (Norway) is the new NCFI President with effect from 2016, as Dr Barbara White (USA) stepped down after 8 years as President.



SNCF Executive Committee 2017

SNCF Executive Committee with Advisors

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**Singapore Nurses' Christian Fellowship**

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## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETINGS

### CENTRAL REGION: 1st Monday of Every Month

Venue: SNCF Workbase

FairField Methodist Church, Room 201, 1 Tanjong Pagar Road, (088437)

Time: 7.00pm Tel: 6220 0587 Fax: 6225 7485

### EASTERN REGION: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Venue: Level 2, St Andrew's Community Hospital, 8 Simei St 3 (529895)

Time: 4.00pm (Refreshments at 3.30pm)

### WESTERN REGION: 2nd Wednesday of Every Month

Venue: Blk 106, Bukit Batok Central, #04-221 (650106) Time: 7.30pm

Prayers items can be submitted to: [admin@ncf.org.sg](mailto:admin@ncf.org.sg) or call 6220 0587

## SNCF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SNCF SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Date: Thursday 27 April 2017

Time: 8.30 am to 6.00 pm

Venue: Lifespings Cannosian  
Spirituality Centre,  
100 Jln Merbok,  
Singapore 598454

### TUITION FELLOWSHIP

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: Time : 3.00- 6.00 pm

Alternate Saturday  
(by arrangement with Janet)

## *Isaiah 40 : 28 - 31*

**28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? **The LORD** is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

**29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

**31** but those who hope in the **LORD** will renew their strength.

*They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*