



## Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International

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### **CPFI Educational Affairs Committee Report November 7, 2019**

The Educational Affairs Committee has put in a great deal of effort already and is looking forward to another exceptional year. The 2019 conference proved to be a very blessed time for nearly all who attended as highlighted by the overwhelmingly positive tone from the conference attendee evaluations. Last May/June's speakers did an outstanding job. Very few glitches were noted and the audience members seemed to very much appreciate the quality of speakers as well as the topics covered.

Nena's exceptional efforts to plan all aspects of the conference contributed mightily to the success of the 2019 event, ensuring a seamless flow of events throughout all four days. Also very much related, the tech team (Hankm et al) in Myrtle Beach did an excellent job as well. It should be noted, that high quality tech for large conferences and events is almost always measured by the lack of complaints, not by compliments. The recent review of conference evaluations seemed to affirm this quality.

This past year saw Campbell University's processing of continuing education (CE) improve dramatically. Nena's efforts to shepherd this process ahead of the conference resulted in significantly fewer attendee CE concerns. Reminder emails went out to all Pharmacists after the conference as well, helping to remind attendees of the deadlines associated with CE.

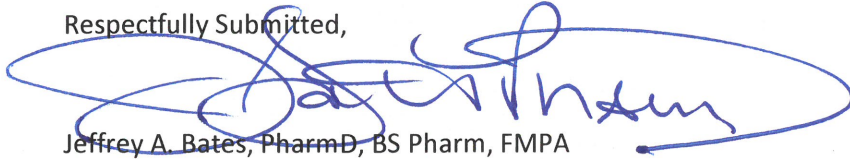
Looking ahead, we are anticipating an exceptional time of learning and fellowship at this year's conference, learning from and fellowshiping with, nationally recognized speakers. Plans are being made for another 12 hour CE program in June of 2020. Similar to last year, an optional 3 hour Saline Training is also being considered for Saturday afternoon as well. CPFI continues to be blessed in having more speakers and topics than opportunities for all of them. Ensuring a blend of speakers from within the CPFI membership partnering with recognizable Christian leaders in the world of Pharmacy serves to increase the visibility of the organization, all-the-while pushing the quality of the conference to its highest potential.

A concerted effort is being made to address some specific conference attendee continuing education needs. Most pharmacists recognize that recent changes in license renewal requirements often include law, medication safety, pain, drugs of abuse, etc. The Educational Affairs Committee has been working to intentionally meet these very real needs of CPFI conference attendees by ensuring some of these topics are covered each year. Going forward, it is likely that these topics – as well as others – will become part of a regular rotation, helping some pharmacists find CPFI as their preferred conference.

This year's conference theme will center on Mark 11:23 and Matthew 17:20: "Faith Can Move Mountains". As was the case is past year, much of the 2020 conference's music and devotional times will draw from this theme.

Again, it has been a privilege to lead this important endeavor. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ, the profession of Pharmacy, and especially our members through the Educational Affairs Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Bates", is written over the text "Respectfully Submitted,". The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right and loops back under the name.

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