

CPFI Educational Affairs Committee Report May 29, 2025

The Educational Affairs Committee has worked diligently to prepare what is expected to be an exceptional annual conference beginning May 29, 2025. Various members of the committee have been involved and many have contributed to recruit speakers, obtain CE from Campbell University, determine the order and flow of topics, as well as assemble materials needed for the conference.

As with each year, a thorough review of the conference evaluations from the last three years has taken place to help better understand attendees' feedback and suggestions. Helpful ideas were gleaned from these evaluations, including topics to be considered as well as speakers who could add to the value of the conference.

Intentional efforts have been made to select exceptionally strong, often nationally recognized speakers who have previously served CPFI through the conference. Strategic requests have been made to other speakers who have been added to CPFI membership through this engagement opportunity as well. Further, members of the CPFI BOD have intentionally been highlighted each year too.

A list of past, present, and future CPFI speakers has been assembled and maintained. This list has been shared with CPFI and NSC leadership to assist in simplifying the process of identifying high quality speakers for educational events such as the annual conference, prayer breakfasts, CE sessions, etc.

This year's annual conference has been assembled and will offer up to 12 hours of continuing education. Unlike previous years, audience members will be unable to participate in optional continuing education on Saturday afternoon because those typical sessions (*The Saline Process*) were unavailable this year. The conference is again slated to kick off on Thursday with a strong missions focus. Because attendees at previous conferences mentioned significant appreciation for pain and law/ethics CE sessions, those topics are both included in this year's lineup as well.

The CPFI Executive Board of Directors asked this committee to investigate both a remote option for the 2024 conference as well as webinar-based CE sessions. Due to unreliable internet availability as well as unavailable equipment and technician assistance, a remote option will be unavailable at the 2025 conference. Capacity to offer a remote option at future conferences continues to be reviewed.

A webinar-based CE session was offered this year on April 10th, however, with approximately 24 attenders tuning in. Dr. Grasser shared his wisdom through "Becoming a Culturally Sensitive Servant" with robust discussion afterward. We are excited to bring Dr. Grasser back to speak at the 2025 conference and to help lead worship times as well. A second webinar is being planned for the fall of 2025 to help further connect with members via multiple offerings throughout the year.

Our team is truly grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ and CPFI's members through the Educational Affairs Committee. We are very excited to again offer meaningful educational sessions that equip and empower attenders to eternally impact their world.

Respectfully Submitted,

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