



## HEALTHCARE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AUSTRALIA

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Dear Friends,

### ***“From Crossroads to Pathways leading to Kingdom expansion as Christian carers”***

We have come to the end of another year. The events of this year never lacking headlines! In 2022, we have had wars, and protests, further health crisis, the loss of a Queen with godly values, global inflation surge and more. In Australia alone we have had unprecedented floods, the passing of legislations that have compromised the country’s Christian values and the list goes on.

Many continue to have deep seated questions in this pandemic – COVID era as to what is the “new norm” for us now? What will this life new “reset” look like for us, our family, our church, and our nation?

As believers caring for the sick in the community and in health facilities including hospitals we are often at crossroads! Navigating the challenges of balancing work routines, questionable ethical practices, career choices, priorities to serve God at work and church, delays, and disappointments through supervisors, pressuring us to explore more.

Health care administrators are struggling. They are humanly trying hard. The usual causes are highlighted – staff shortage, lack of funding and lack of resources. The questions unasked are, what have we learnt from others and other nations? What are we not willing to give up as administrators and leaders? How are we educating the people to rise to the challenges and take greater ownership? Are we imposing our healthcare values even in non-COVID issues?

I am reminded of the verse in Jeremiah 6:16 “This is what the LORD says: **“Stop** at the crossroads and **look** around. **Ask** for the old, godly way, and **walk** in it. Travel its path, and you will **find rest** for your souls. But you reply, ‘No, that’s not the road we want!’

This scripture challenges us to stop when we are not sure. Look around at what is happening around you and within you. Ask yourself the question “how did I come so far?” Continue to walk, keep moving in the path God has shown and given you peace. In that path (decision) God promises rest for your soul. Amen!

We need to live the Kingdom culture in our sphere of influence. As Timothy Keller explains "faithful work indeed means some kind of public identification with Jesus, in such a way that a co-worker might want to know more about him."

A withdrawal from genuine issues is really a withdrawal from the spirit of Jesus. Jesus faced tough, hostile, and controversial situations. He also knew when to walk away and keep silent. This is spiritual discernment. As C.S Lewis reminds us "God can only reveal Himself as He really is, to real people."

Thank you to each one of you who have laboured in the vineyard in healthcare in Australia and in the Pacific nations. There is more work to be done to infuse kingdom culture, bringing hope for the weary and transform healthcare where Jesus Christ the complete healer will be the centre.

We will all face crossroads in 2023. Let the wise words of Jeremiah direct us to "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men (*women*), be strong" . 1 Corinthians 16:13

As Healthcare Christian Fellowship Australia our theme for 2023 is

***"From Crossroads to Pathways leading to Kingdom expansion as Christian carers"***

We invite you to continue to partner with us in 2023 and beyond. Encourage other believers in your life and fellowship to be the agent of help regardless of what your background is. There is work for everyone. Please email us and connect with the stream and interstate leaders.

Together we will move forward and bring God all the honour and glory in 2023.

Blessings.

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***"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" Romans 12:12***

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***HEALTHCARE IS A UNIVERSAL NEED. SPIRITUAL CARE IS A UNIVERSAL ETERNAL NEED.***

***CHURCHES AND TEMPLES CAN CLOSE. HEALTH FACILITIES CANNOT CLOSE.***

***THERE IS WAITING TIME TO SEE A HEALTH WORKER. THERE IS NO WAITING TIME TO MEET THE HEALER.***

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