



STUDENT LEADER APPLICATION
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Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Year of Grad: _____

School Name (Med/Den/Osteo): _____

Church Affiliation: _____

1. **Faith Journey:** In a single sentence, explain how one becomes a Christian. Have you taken that step?

2. **CMDA National Membership:**

- a. Are you a member of National CMDA? Yes No In Process
- b. Do you agree with the **CMDA Statement of Faith**? Yes No Clarification requested

Although our campus meetings are open to everyone, we require our leaders at all levels, to agree with the essentials of the Christian faith as outlined in the four points below. While we all hold to other particular beliefs as taught in our various denominations, these are the core beliefs common to Christians as taught in the Bible.

- I believe:
- 1. In the divine inspiration and final authority of the Bible as the Word of God;
 - 2. In the eternal God revealed in Holy Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
 - 3. In the unique Deity of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, whose death and resurrection provide by grace through faith, the only means of my salvation;
 - 4. In the transforming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

If you answered **no** or desire **clarification** to the Statement of Faith, please briefly note the issue(s) and explain why.

3. **CMDA Position Statements:** Please read the attached CMDA Position Statements before responding.

Do you agree with the selected Position Statements: Yes No Clarification requested

If you answered **no** or desire **clarification** to the Position Statements, please briefly note the issue(s) and explain why.

4. **Leadership Duration:** Student leaders are asked to serve for three years (on-campus and during clinical years).

5. I understand that as a student leader, I would be representing Jesus Christ, my campus CMDA and National CMDA. Therefore, my attitudes and actions should reflect those found in the Bible and as understood by CMDA leadership.

Please Mail or Fax to your regional director:

Signature

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SELECTED CMDA POSITION STATEMENTS

Abortion

1. We oppose the practice of abortion and urge the active development and employment of alternatives.
2. The practice of abortion is contrary to:
 - The revealed, written Word of God.
 - Respect for the sanctity of human life.
 - Traditional, historical, and Judeo-Christian medical ethics.
3. We believe that biblical Christianity affirms certain basic principles which dictate against interruption of human gestation; namely:
 - The ultimate sovereignty of a loving God, the Creator of all life.
 - The great value of human life transcending that of the quality of life.
 - The moral responsibility of human sexuality.
4. While we recognize the right of physicians and patients to follow the dictates of individual conscience before God, we affirm the final authority of Scripture, which teaches the sanctity of human life.

Physician-Assisted Suicide

We, as Christian physicians and dentists, believe that human life is a gift from God and is sacred because it bears God's image. Human life has worth because Christ died to redeem it, and it has meaning because God has an eternal purpose for it.

We oppose active intervention with the intent to produce death for the relief of pain, suffering, or economic considerations, or for the convenience of patient, family, or society.

Proponents of physician-assisted suicide argue from the perspective of compassion and radical individual autonomy. There are persuasive counter arguments based on the traditional norms of the medical professions and the adverse consequences of such a public policy. Even more important than these secular arguments is the biblical view that the sovereignty of God places a limit on human autonomy.

In order to affirm the dignity of human life, we advocate the development and use of alternatives to relieve pain and suffering, provide human companionship, and give opportunity for spiritual support and counseling.

The Christian Medical & Dental Associations oppose physician-assisted suicide in any form.

Human Sexuality

God created human beings with many dimensions, one of which is their unique sexual nature. As men and women, we are physical, intellectual, emotional, relational, and spiritual beings, and thus distinguished from the rest of creation.

Many levels of sexual expression are possible between men and women.

One important expression of sexuality is friendship; the sexual differences between men and women enhance meaningful, warm, and healthy relationships. A second important area of sexual expression is intimacy between husband and wife. God has designed the most intimate expressions of sexuality, including intercourse, specifically for the marriage relationship. The Bible describes the covenantal relationship of love which God has for His people; the husband-wife relationship is analogous. Since God holds the marriage relationship close to His heart, its violation is a serious offense to Him.

Our integrated nature means that intimate sexual expression profoundly affects all dimensions of our being. While sexual expression outside of God's design may provide temporary pleasure, God's guidelines are meant to protect us from disease, fear, exploitation, and ultimately dehumanization.

- § CMDA affirms the biblical principles stated above. These principles are clarified further by the following statements:
- § Sexual intercourse is to be reserved exclusively for heterosexual marriage.
- § Single men and women who engage in sexual intercourse are outside of God's limits and are practicing sin.
- § Married people who have intercourse with anyone other than their marriage partner are defiling a marriage union which God has sealed and are in sin.
- § Like single heterosexuals who engage in heterosexual sex, or married persons who engage in extra-marital sex, homosexuals who engage in homosexual acts are practicing sin.
- § We condemn the perversion of sexuality in pornography, rape, incest, and all other forms of sexuality that deviate from the biblical norm for Christian marriage.
- § Family life teaching and sexual education are God-given responsibilities of parents. The Church's task is to assist both parents and youth in understanding their sexuality in the context of biblical values. When appropriate, sexual education should include

risk behavior information and instruction on protective techniques to inhibit the spread of AIDS and all other sexually transmitted diseases.

- § Education and protective techniques alone, however, will not stop the spread of AIDS. Our society needs to understand and acknowledge that there are compelling emotional, philosophical, medical, sociological, and historical reasons for practicing abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage. CMDA calls our world to affirm these biblical sexual morals. We recognize and acknowledge that many persons struggle with sexual temptation and sin, and that all of us have fallen short of God's standards. We testify that God is just, merciful, loving, and faithful, and that He will, if we ask Him, forgive us of our sins and bring us into an intimate relationship with Him.

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