



## CAMPUS CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

*It becomes everyman who purposes to give himself to the care of others seriously to consider the following things: First, that he must one day give an account to the Supreme Judge of all the lives entrusted to his care. Secondly, that all his skill, and knowledge, and energy, as they have been given him by God, so they should be exercised for His glory, and the good of mankind, and not for mere gain or ambition. Thirdly, and not more beautifully than truly, let him reflect that he has undertaken the care of no mean creature, for, in order that we may estimate the value, the greatness of the human race, the only begotten Son of God became Himself a man, and thus enabled it with His divine dignity, and far more than this, died to redeem it. And, fourthly, that the doctor being himself a mortal man, should be diligent and tender in relieving his suffering patients, inasmuch as he himself must one day be a like sufferer.*

**Thomas Sydenham** (English Physician, 1624-1689)

### Article 1. Name

**The name of this student organization shall be the:**

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Chapter of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations.

### Article 2. Doctrinal Statement:

The following Doctrinal Statement is intended to preserve and propagate the historical doctrinal perspective of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations. These tenets should guide the leadership of the organization in decision making.

1. We believe the Bible to be the authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity and humanity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His present rule as Head of the Church and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that salvation is based on the sacrifice of Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, with equality across racial, gender, and class differences.

### **Article 3. Mission Statement:**

Christian Medical and Dental Associations exist to glorify God--by motivating, educating and equipping Christian doctors and students:

- *to serve with professional excellence as witnesses of Christ's love and compassion, and*
- *by advancing biblical principles of healthcare within the Church and to our culture.*

### **Article 4. Meetings / Events / Participation**

Weekly and monthly meetings and activities are open to all students, residents, staff and faculty and include Bible studies, prayer meetings, discussion groups, special guest lecturers, breakfast, lunch or dinner meetings, group presentations and off-campus activities as planned by students and graduate sponsors.

### **Article 5. Campus Leaders**

#### **Section A – Student Leaders --- please review Student Leader Selection Process**

- Must be student members of the national CMDA
- Must abide by CMDA **Bylaws**, policies, practices, Code of Conduct, and **Doctrinal Statement** in order to function as a CMDA student leader.
- Must complete **CMDA Leadership Commitment**
- Are encouraged to form a leadership team, dividing the responsibilities among the team members. Many campuses choose officers (president, vice president, sec/treasurer or equivalent) for efficiency. Some operate simply as a leadership team without official titles.
- Are responsible, along with the advice and approval of faculty/campus advisors and CMDA staff, for choosing, challenging and training leaders for the following year.
- Are **encouraged** to attend a CMDA **Campus Leadership Conference** (CLC) offered each year. If **unable** to attend a CLC, please notify your local staff person and/or regional director to arrange for training at another time by personal visit or other means.
- Any leader may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the CMDA student membership on that campus in a member meeting called as outlined in Article 6 of this document.

#### **Section B – Faculty/Campus Advisors**

- Are selected by the CMDA Regional or Area Director.
- Must agree with CMDA's purposes and Doctrinal Statement.
- Should complete CMDA **Leadership Application**.
- Should be members of the national CMDA organization.
- Should attend CMDA student functions when possible and be available to offer guidance to the leadership team through out the school year.
- Report to the CMDA Regional or Area Director.

### **Article 6. Organizational/planning Meetings** (General meetings: see Article 4.)

- Planning meetings and discussions related to calendar and goals for the student group may be called by the student leaders (See Article 5) at any time.
- Care should be taken to notify CMDA faculty or community advisors (doctors), any local CMDA staff and as many CMDA student members as are interested in the health and direction of said campus group.
- Member meetings called to discuss any particular adverse situation or concern as may affect this campus group may be called by:
  - Two student leaders (see Article 5, Section A)
  - Upon the request of three students (must be members of National CMDA)
  - The CMDA faculty / community advisor
  - The Local CMDA Council (doctors)
  - Or by the CMDA regional, area or associate staff.
- One week's notification (written or electronic) shall be given to the local leaders of the local CMDA Campus Chapter. Motions will be passed by a simple majority of CMDA student members, and they must be consistent with CMDA bylaws, policies and practices.

**Article 7. To meet Internal Revenue Service requirements for non-profit groups each Campus Chapter will**

- Abide by the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3) (please see [IRS Requirements](#)).
- Agree to use the same accounting period as CMDA which is July 1 through June 30th to be included under CMDA's group exemption with the IRS (Please see [Campus Chapter Financial Guidelines](#)).
- Notify CMDA if financial activity exceeds \$25,000, including donations and/or expenses during the current fiscal year so proper IRS filing may occur.

**Article 8. To Maintain a Strong Connection with the National Ministry of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations each campus chapter will:**

- Adhere to the [CMDA bylaws](#) as approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Reconnect each year by filing a brief annual report of its activities over the past year and provide the names and contact information for the next years' student and campus advisor leadership no later than May 1 of each year
- Designate up to two student leader representatives to participate in the [National Student Council](#) (NSC) of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations.
- Maintain the organization and activities in a manner consistent with those of CMDA.
- Inform Campus Advisors, and any official CMDA Staff (local, regional or national) concerning chapter activities, needs, or any relevant concerns (CMDA is legally responsible for the actions of its constituted chapters).

**Article 9. Adoption and Revocation**

- This constitution shall be adopted upon
  1. Receiving an approving, simple majority vote by those CMDA student members present.
  2. Formal Approval by Vice President, campus & Community Ministries or CMDA Chief Executive Officer
- Revocation: this Campus Chapter's affiliation with CMDA may be revoked by the CEO subject to review by CMDA's National Board of Trustees.

## Formal Application

We, the undersigned of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School)

located in: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City & State)

agree with the above Constitution and specifically affirm our agreement with the Doctrinal and Mission Statements as listed in Articles 2 and 3; and further, we desire to establish an active chapter of the National Christian Medical & Dental Associations.

Toward that end, we submit the names and signatures of at least 3 student leaders, affirming that all are National Members of CMDA.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Date of Graduation</u>
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NOTE: By submitting this application, we, the above listed, affirm that the above information is accurate and that we agree with the CMDA **Doctrinal Statement**, **Mission Statement**, **Bylaws** and IRS 501(c) (3) requirements as listed above.

Please send this completed application to:

**CMDA  
Campus and Community Ministries  
PO Box 7500  
Bristol, TN  
37621**

**Or**

**Fax to  
423.844.1090  
Attention VP, Campus & Community Ministries**

**Or**

**Scan and email to  
[ccm@cnda.org](mailto:ccm@cnda.org)**

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_