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But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

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The undergraduate Medical Graduation was held on the 13th of November 2023. The ceremony began with the traditional 'jasmine chain' procession led by the final-year medical students. The College Choir sang the invocation, following which Rev. Finney Alexander invoked God's blessings. The auditorium echoed with 'Three Cheers for the Silver and Blue' as the graduates and faculty joined in the singing of the College Song. Dr. Vikram Mathews, Director welcomed and introduced the Chief Guest Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi (Principal Secretary to the Government, Health & Family Welfare, Tamil Nadu) after which he was honoured with a bouquet, a traditional shawl and a memento.

The graduates were presented to the Principal Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar by the Registrar Dr. Suganthi Rabi. The prize winners were presented to the Chief Guest by Dr. Vinod Joseph Abraham, Vice Principal. Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar in his charge to the graduates, congratulated them and challenged them to remember the needs of the people of the country and to commit themselves to a lifetime of service.

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The Chief Guest in his address reminded the graduates of the excellent training they had received at CMC and described the changing health care challenges that we face as a country. The Mrs. Mariaviakulam David Memorial Medal for the best outgoing student was awarded to Nanditha Vinod Souringal. She had won 46 prizes which included medals, prizes and certificates of honour for her outstanding academic performance throughout her MBBS course. Dr. Nihal Thomas, Professor of Endocrinology was honoured with the Drs. Molly and Thomas Bhanu Best Teacher Award. The Rev. Fr. Lourdu M. Yeddanapalli Award for Research by a faculty was awarded to Dr. Elizabeth Vinod.

The Paul Harrison Award was presented to Dr. Stanley Macaden. This award which is CMC's highest honour, is presented to an alumnus for significant, steadfast and selfless service, thus living out the motto of the institution, 'Not to be ministered unto but to minister. Dr. Stanley joined CMC in 1963, and after completing his MBBS and his service obligation went for further training in the UK. He then returned and joined the Bangalore Baptist Hospital where he also served as the Director from 1990 to 2000. Dr. Stanley's passion has been in Palliative Care and he has been instrumental in advancing and extending the reach of Palliative Care in the country. Mr. Rishi John Mathew, President of the Student's Association, felicitated the graduating Batch of 2013. Dr. Denis Wilson and Dr. Gandluru Nancy Mary Jones Joel responded on behalf of the graduating class. The graduation ceremony concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater and the National Anthem.

College Day

College Day was celebrated on 11th November, 2023. The day began with the Thanksgiving Service conducted by the final year medical students (Batch of 2019) in the College Chapel. Dr. Sudha Jasmine, Professor of Medicine, was the speaker for this service. This was followed by the flag hoisting for which Dr. Elizabeth Tharion, Professor, Physiology was the guest of honour. Dr. Reena Mary George was the guest of honour for the tree-planting ceremony and Dr. Anand Zachariah, Professor of Medicine was the guest of honour for the crest-pinning ceremony. The college day prize distribution programme was held in the evening during which certificates of honour were presented to the medical students. The 25-year meritorious service award was presented to Dr. Sunil Ravinder Paul (MBBS batch of 1979-80). The Emmanuel Sundar Raj Memorial Award for service in needy areas by a postgraduate surgery alumnus was presented to Dr. Kenneth R. Lyngdoh and the Grace Nirmala Memorial Award for service in needy areas by a postgraduate alumnus in Obstetrics & Gynaecology to Dr. Sophia Brillin. This was followed by the College Day Play, 'Rasputin,' directed by Dr. Jeyanth Rose, and produced by Mr. M Mounish, the entertainment Secretary of the Student's Association.



Baccalaureate Service

The Baccalaureate Service, held on 12th November 2023, was a time when the graduation batch expressed their gratitude to God for His faithfulness. Dr. Anne George Cherian, Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology in the Department of Community Health was the speaker for this occasion.



8th Medicine Annual Conference Conducted by the Department of Medicine

The Department of Medicine conducted the 8th Medicine Annual Conference from the 22nd to the 24th of November on the theme 'Equity in Health - Clinical Approaches to Addressing Health Disparities, Strengthening Primary and Secondary Level Healthcare'. The conference was held in a hybrid mode with close to 700 participants.

The objectives for the workshop were:

- To create a discussion and a conversation about equity in mainstream medicine.
- To share experiences of practising equity from across the country.
- Creating a community of people who can work towards equity.

The conference consisted of lectures, paper and poster presentations and clinical-social case discussions. The Equity presentations were by delivered by Dr. Shyam Sundar whose life work had led to the remarkable reduction of Visceral Leishmaniasis in central India, Dr. HS Bawaskar who had pioneered prazosin treatment for scorpion envenomation, Dr. Solomon Chelliah who had sustained high-quality secondary level health care in CSI Basel Mission Hospital in Gadag, Karnataka, Dr. Nordan Otzer who has worked towards comprehensive primary care in his home town in Ladhak and Dr. Vinod Shah's life work in addressing health equity.

They spoke on themes highlighting:

- Practice models of equity in healthcare
- Medical education
- Urban health
- Point of care test/ technology in remote healthcare setup.
- NCD care and equity
- Advocacy
- Special communities

During the conference, various topics related to healthcare provision and equity were discussed. One of the notable presentations was delivered by Mr. Palani Kumar, a photojournalist who shared his experiences and challenges while working with manual scavengers and their families. Participants also discussed the provision of healthcare in hard-to-reach communities, including homeless people, those affected by HIV, tribal communities, slum populations, and disaster situations.

Moreover, the conference addressed models of specialist care and their equitable provision, such as PLEX treatment for liver cell failure, ACS care through the hub and spokes model, stroke units in secondary hospitals, palliative care involving the community, rheumatology, diabetes, and cancer care. The importance of integrating equity in medical education and utilizing clinical-social rounds was also emphasized.

The conference provided a unique opportunity for professionals from diverse backgrounds to share their experiences, network, and discuss different aspects of equity. The event acted as a forum for like-minded individuals to come together and encouraged the younger generation of health professionals to consider collaborative approaches to address the issue of equity in health.

Overall, the conference was a significant success, and its discussions offered valuable insights into healthcare provision and equity, which can be applied to various academic and business settings.



PG SHILOH - 2023

PG SHILOH 2023 was conducted on 1st October 2023, in Jacob Chandy Hall, Hospital Campus, CMC Vellore. There were 120 participants across various disciplines such as medical, nursing, & allied health postgraduates including interns.

Dr. Ajay Raju and his wife Dr. Savita Raju from CSI Basel Mission Hospital, Gadag and Dr. Dennis Martin David from Christian Hospital, Mungeli were the resource persons. PG Shiloh began with praise and worship, followed by the speakers narrating their powerful testimonies which challenged the participants on how God multiplies the limited resources. They also spoke on relevant practical topics such as personal and hospital financing, managing family & PG training and God's provision for children and parents.



There was an active question and answer session where the PGs received answers for their life questions and doubts about missions from a panel of experts. The session was a reminder of how God brings about transformation in remote places through people who are yielded to Him. We hope and pray that the young graduates were encouraged, kindled and challenged to give their lives to Christ and to His mission through their lives.

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Inauguration of the Refurbished OPD Block

On 10th October, 2023 the Medical Superintendent's Office and the administration facilitated the inauguration of the refurbished OPD Block (120) for Endocrinology and IDTRC in the OPD block of the Vellore campus as the Unitary OPD for the Department of Endocrinology and Infectious Disease (IDTRC).

The ceremony was held in the presence of Prof. I. Rajesh, Medical superintendent, Dr. Joy Mammen, Associate Director (Medical), Mrs. Annie Jerome, Associate Nursing Superintendent and Professor, Maternity Nursing, and Ms. Sonia Valas, Deputy General Superintendent respectively.



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Special Prayers This Week

Chittoor Campus : Dr. Kenny David and Staff

United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel

Board of International Ministerial Ministries of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research, Dimapur

Council Member : Dr. Sedevei Angami



Memorandum

Dr. Shyamkumar N.K, Professor & Head Department of Interventional Radiology is appointed as Head, Division of Clinical Radiology with effect from 7th December 2023 for a four-year term.

Laurels and Recognitions

- **Dr. L. Sathishkumar**, Associate Professor, Paediatrics Unit – III has been awarded the Gold Medal in the field of Biomedical Sciences for the year 2020 during 36th Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
- **Dr. Sujith Thomas Chandy**, Associate Professor, Department of Respiratory Medicine was awarded First prize in NAPCON award - open paper category for oral presentations at the annual Pulmonology conference in Hyderabad on 2nd December, 2023.

Retirements

• **Dr. Promila**, Lecturer, Department of Clinical Microbiology retired after completing 27 years of renowned service. She completed her Ph.D. in Anthrax under the guidance of Dr M.K.Lalitha. She actively contributed to the diagnostics and student teaching especially, the B.Sc. MLT students for whom she was a mentor. Her contribution extended beyond the department to improvement of diagnostics at mission hospitals. Her two years (01.09. 2019 to 27.01.2021) sabbatical where she visited and mentored staff in hospitals across Central and Eastern India bears testimony to this.



Dr. Promila's husband Mr. Ravi Samuel is a retired physical director and president of the Vellore district P.E.Ts & physical director's association. Dr. Promila is blessed with a daughter; Mrs. Leena Priyanka; B.Tech MBA, now doing international MBA in South Australia and a son Mr. Ronald Immanuel M.Tech working as a project officer at Hyderabad.

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• **Dr. Nirmala Panchikal**, Medical Officer, M.S. Office (Red Cross clinic), retired on 6th November, 2023, after 10 years of dedicated service to the institution. Her Husband is Mr. Reji Mathew Titus, Retired Sudpt. Engineer, CMC Vellore and son Mr. Yonann Titus Mathew is studying B.Sc., LLB.



• **Mr. N. Selvaraj**, (Sel Gr.III Technician) retired on 14th July 2023, after 20 years of dedicated service in the Department of Clinical Microbiology. Both his sons are Engineers and well placed. He is a proud grandfather of two grandchildren.

• **Ms. D. Vijayalakshmi**, Sr Sel Gr Technician Department of Clinical Microbiology retired on 31st May 2023 after 38 years of dedicated service to the institution. Isolation of microorganisms needs high quality reagents and material and Ms. Vijayalakshmi was an expert in preparing these. She shared her knowledge and expertise with all; especially students.



Being very meticulous in her work, she was entrusted in maintain the extensive fungal culture collection of the department, which she did with distinction. Her other contribution was in ensuring the smooth running of the hospital environmental surveillance division including the water analysis section of the department.

Her husband Mr. Sudhakar is retired from Sothern Railways. Her daughter Ms. Subashree is a Theater Practitioner at NHS. UK. She is blessed with a granddaughter Vihana.

The CMC community is thankful for their years of dedication and commitment to the institution and wishes them God's blessings on their retired life.

Obituaries



• **Ms. M. Vijayalakshmi**, Sel Gr.III Microbiologist, Department Clinical Microbiology passed away on 28th October 2023 after 12 years of service to the institution. She joined the department in the year of 2012 as Junior Microbiologist. Due to her meticulous and sincere approach to diagnostic work, she served as the laboratory resource person for WHO SEARO Diptheria Pertussis reference centre in our department. She mentored many junior staff members and leaves behind a legacy of generosity and humility coupled with work excellence.

• The Department of Anatomy remembers with gratitude, the life and service of **Dr. Selvakumar Vettivel**. Dr. Selvakumar completed his M.Sc. in Anatomy from Madras Medical College and joined the department in CMC in 1973. He later completed his Ph.D. in Anatomy in 2000. He had an in depth understanding of the subject and was an excellent teacher and taught all disciplines of Anatomy. He was responsible for producing a large amount of teaching material for the department and his booklet entitled "An introduction of Human Anatomy" for the students of certificate and diploma courses is still used today. He also wrote anatomy notes for nursing students. He contributed a great deal to the research activities of the department, his specific field of interest being anthropometry, and his sound knowledge of statistics held him in good stead. He had an uncanny ability to write scientific papers.



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He single-handedly turned the publication trends in the Anatomy department changing the situation from a few occasional publications in national journals to regular publications in more widely read national and international journals. He had published around 50 papers in both international and national journals in his time. He was always willing to be of help to colleagues who needed help in the preparation of scientific papers for publication particularly those requiring statistical help – some of which secured gold medal or best paper awards.

His contribution to the weekly departmental Bible study was invaluable. In his usual style, his messages were meticulously prepared and brought God's word alive. Dr. Selvakumar was a very helpful, tolerant and caring person. He was highly talented, knowledgeable, and unassuming. His very unassuming nature stemmed from the fact that he was deeply rooted in God. And in his Lord, he knew exactly what he was, and who he was. He had no need or desire to be acknowledged and validated. Quietly and constantly, he showed himself to be a wise, kind, leader, guide and mentor to many. He retired in 2003 having served in the department for 30 years but continued to mentor and guide the department faculty for years after that. He will be greatly missed and remembered with great fondness by all who knew him.

• **Mr. Chandrasekaran K.** Sr. MRT Gr.I, Medical Records Department, passed away on 7th December, 2023. Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Sheela Rani, daughter Ms. Durga Devi, son Mr. Sathiyapriyan and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Mr. Chinnappan**, father-in-law of Dr. Venkatesh K, Senior Professor, Department of Spine Surgery, passed away on 7th December, 2023 at Karur.

Let us uphold his daughter Dr. Chitra C, Consultant, Microbiologist, Naruvi Hospital, grandchildren C.V. Reshmi and Raja Siddharth and all the bereaved and extended family members in our prayers.

• **Dr. K.C. Mammen** (MBBS batch of 1948), passed away on 26th November, 2023. He joined CMC for his MBBS in 1948. After finishing his MBBS, he completed his DCH and MRCP in England then joined CMC as a Professor of Pediatrics, working alongside Drs. Malati Jadhav and Sheila Pereira.



In 1969, he left CMC to be director of a new Mission hospital in Kolenchery, Kerala. He was the founder director of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. After retirement he continued to work as a paediatrician in Kottayam for many more years. After retirement, he continued to work as a Paediatrician in Kottayam for many more years. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Annamma Mammen (MBBS batch of 1949), daughter, Dr. Sarah Thomas (MBBS batch of 1975) and two more daughters, Ms. Annu Kurien and Ms. Mary Kurien and all their families. He was a beloved and trusted Pediatrician, and innumerable parents and the children he looked after remember him with gratitude.

Below is a link to an article that expresses well what he meant to many in his professional and personal life <https://www.onmanorama.com/news/kerala/2023/11/29/kc-mammen-was-a-leader-who-personified-simplicity.html>

The contact details of his daughter Dr. Sarah Thomas is given below for anyone who would like to get in touch with the family. Dr. Sarah Thomas, Email : sarahthomasmd@gmail.com

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

Notice

PGDCBE Course

The Christian Medical College, Vellore in collaboration with The Centre for Bioethics, New Delhi is offering a two-year distance learning programme (integrating theory and practice) - "Post Graduate Diploma in Christian Bioethics" from 2021 with the intent to improve healthcare provision in India through bioethics. This course is designed for healthcare professionals, lawyers, theologians, administrators and others with a keen interest in Christian Bioethics, upholding dignity of all human beings and sacredness of human life.

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This two-year course comprises of a learner centered problem solving curriculum with nine - interactive modules which will be covered through a blended learning platform and a capstone project requiring students to utilize their knowledge for practical workplace situations involving ethical issues. The intramural and extramural course faculties involved in teaching are experienced in varied specialties, equipped with the perspective of Christian living in medical profession.

Admissions are open for the 3rd batch of intake. The last date for registration is **22nd December, 2023**. Interested candidates are requested to apply by downloading application form from CMC Website under Newsroom <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/News.aspx>

Situations Vacant

1. Assistant Professor / Senior Resident with MS (Orthopaedics) for the Department of Orthopaedics Unit - I

Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognised teaching institution to apply Assistant Professor Job.

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

2. Senior Resident with MS (OG) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

3. Assistant Professor with DM Critical Care Medicine for the Department of Critical Care Medicine (Medical ICU / HDU) (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

4(a) Registrar (Non-PG) with MBBS for the Department of Dermatology Unit - II

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

4(b) Senior Resident Gr.III with MD (Dermatology) for the Department of Dermatology Unit - II

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

5. Prosthetist & Orthotist (Term Post) with Bachelor in Prosthetics & Orthotics (BPO) from Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) recognised institution for the Department of PMR (Prosthetics & Orthotics)

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

6. Junior Training Officer (Term Post) for the Department of Ophthalmology

Qualification : Masters in Sociology / Social Work / M.Sc. Medical Sociology / Masters in Health Management / Masters in Public Health +2 years appropriate experience or M.Phil in Social Sciences.

Consolidated Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL> Link : "Vacancies".

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.

Applications will close by **December 23, 2023** for Items 1, 2, 3, 4(a), 4(b), 5 and 6.

7. Project Associate - I for the Department of College Biochemistry

Job Code : 1504

Qualification : M.Sc. in any Life Science stream.

Age Limit : Up to 35 Years. External Salary : Consolidated Rs.25,000 + 8% HRA.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode. Accommodation not provided.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link : General - "Vacancies". **Hard Copies and Emails will not be accepted.** Applications will close by **December 16, 2023** for Item 7.

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8. M.Sc. (N) Tutor (Any Speciality) to work in **College of Nursing, Christian Medical College Vellore** on **term appointment** and for the **project to work under Medical ICU**

Accommodation and Salary : As per institutional Policy.

Applications should be submitted online through the link : <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu/News.aspx> (under "Vacancies") on or before **December 30, 2023**. **Only online applications will be accepted. Hard copies will not be accepted.**

9. Jr. Instrument Technician (Term Appointment) for the **Department of Urology (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications : H.Sc., with Two Year Diploma in Urology Technician Course only from the recognised board.
Age Limit : 35 Years.

Consolidated Pay : Rs.22,130/-

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

10. Laboratory Auxillary Trainee for the **Department of Clinical Virology**

Qualifications : B.Sc., Life Sciences (Botony, Zoology, Biotechnology & Biochemistry).

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

Age Limit : Below 30 Years.

Stipend : Rs.8,800/- Job Description : To collect blood from the patients.

11. Asst. Respiratory Therapist (Term Appointment) for the **Department of Pulmonary Medicine (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)**

Qualifications : B.Sc., Respiratory Therapy / B.Sc. with PG Diploma in advanced Respiratory Therapy.
Candidates who are in 2nd year bond can also apply.

Note : Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

Consolidated Pay : Rs.26,540/- Age Limit : 35 Years.

12. Sr. Programmer Gr.V in the **CHIPS**

Qualifications : B.Tech. (I.T) / B.E. (Computer Science) / MCA / MCS / MS Computer Science / M.Sc. (Computer Science) with more than 10 years experience in the field. Preference will be given for candidates who have experience in health domain.

Note : Only regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted. Salary Scale : Rs.22,794 - 912 - 45,594 + DA & HRA as per rules.

Accommodation not provided.

13. Asst. Programmer (Term Appointment) in the **CHIPS**

Qualifications : B.Tech. (I.T) / B.E.(Computer Science) / MCA / MCS / MS Computer Science / M.Sc. (Computer Science). Preference will be given for candidates who have completed 1 year training in CHIPS or equivalent experience in health care domain.

Note: Only regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

Consolidated Pay : Rs.38,425/-

Age Limit : 35 Years. Accommodation not provided.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>
Link : General -"Vacancies". **Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.**
Applications will close on **December 18, 2023** for Item 9 and **December 25, 2023** for Items 10, 11, 12 and 13.