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'Christian Networking Alliance for Healthcare'
which consists of the following organizations:

Healthcare Christian Fellowship of South Africa wants to inspire and equip all Christians working in healthcare to make Jesus Christ a reality in their daily life and work. Accomplishment of this vision can only be done together with our partners and with local churches who support the Mission Statement and have a Doctrinal Basis in agreement with those of HCFI.

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Christian Medical Fellowship of South Africa seeks to encourage healthcare workers to glorify and honour Christ in daily practice, linking faith and service. Through mutual study of the Word, prayer and fellowship, members are strengthened and encouraged in their place of work. Christian healthcare workers are urged to serve according to the example of Christ, bearing a message of hope, love and healing to this broken, wounded world for which Christ died.

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Hospivision provides counselling, spiritual care and physical support to patients, families and healthcare workers. This includes services such as 24 hour trauma counselling, care of orphaned and vulnerable children and support of people living with HIV and AIDS. Hospivision touches lives and brings hope in healthcare.

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Institute of Christian Psychology

Many courses have been developed in order to educate people to counsel others on both a lay and professional level. Christian psychology is an approach to psychology that emphasises a holistic approach to the scientific study of human behaviour on an intra-psychological, interpersonal, socio-economical and spiritual level.

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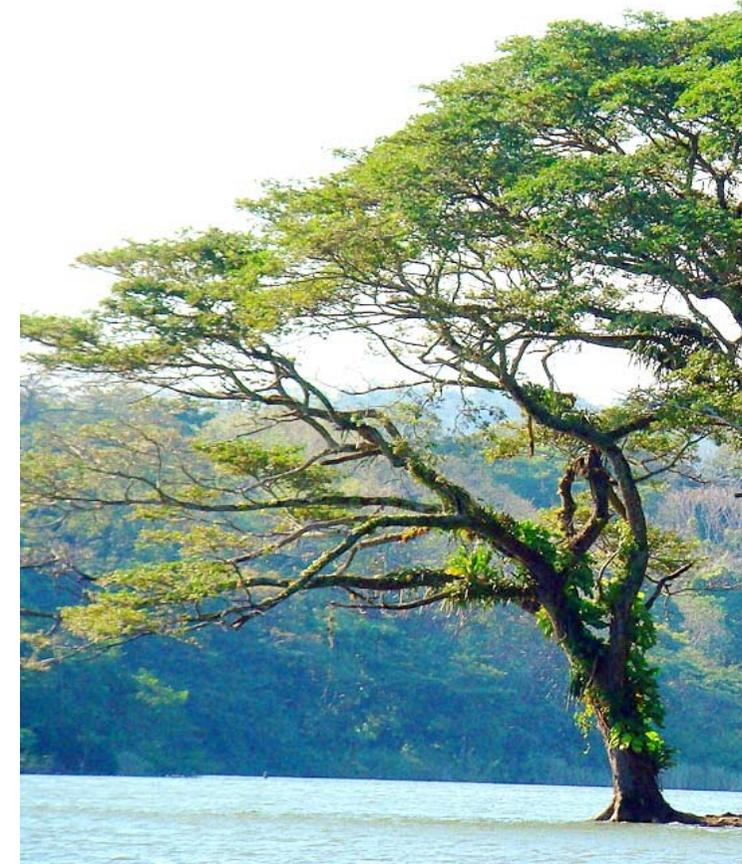
The Networking Alliance is working towards an effective Biblically based influence on the healthfields of the country and strengthening the Christian health influence in the nation.

If you need someone to share in your church on this day, or need more information about the Alliance, please contact us.

HEALTHCARE SUNDAY

18 OCTOBER 2015

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“Then the angel showed me a river of water of life, as it were clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

(Rev 22:1&2)

During His earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus was the source of life. We read: *“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people”* (Mat 4:23). Jesus healed *“every disease and illness”*. There was no sickness or disease that was too complex for Him. No disease or illness could resist His presence.

The end-time community of nations will also benefit from His presence in the new city of Jerusalem. Believers who will be residents of the city will partake of the fruit of the tree of life. Jesus says: *“To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God”* (Rev 2:7). While the Bride of Christ feasts upon the fruit of the tree of life, the nations which have access to the new city of Jerusalem will use the leaves of the tree for their eternal sustenance. Not that there will be any sickness within the city, but the leaves will preserve the nations in health.

The question may be asked as to what provision there is for the healing of nations today. Without minimizing the strides made in medical science, it can be said that God has made every provision for modern man to enjoy good health (3 Jn 2). Notwithstanding the gimmicks of so-called spiritual healers today, the Lord Jesus is the source of health (Isa 53:4&5; Mat 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24). As we bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of the world, it comes with healing

and deliverance. We read: *“But for you that revere my name, the Sun of righteousness will arise with healing in His wings. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves”* (Mal 4:2).

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HOW CAN THE CHURCH BE INVOLVED IN HEALTHCARE SUNDAY?

Dedicate a Church Service or part thereof to Healthcare Sunday on 18 October by:

- Taking time to read the short devotional (see brochure)
- *Praying* for the items listed below
- Inviting a Christian Healthcare Worker to share a testimony
- Reaching out to a nearby Hospital on that Sunday

HEALTHCARE STAFF & CAREGIVERS

Pray for Christians in these positions that the light and life of Christ might shine through them to those they are caring for as well as to their colleagues so that all who are ill and the broken will be adequately cared for. Intercede for **all** those involved in the public, private and academic health sectors, whether in a clinical, administrative or support capacity, as well as those studying health sciences and those doing medical research.

HEALTHCARE REGULATION

Pray for those in authority, who take decisions affecting the health of our nation, especially our President, the National Minister of Health, the Director General of Health and the provincial MEC's of Health and their staff. Pray for equity, justice and righteousness to triumph in healthcare and for more Christian leaders to take up the challenges of health regulation.

HEALTHCARE ISSUES

Remember in prayer those who are affected by the terrible plagues sweeping our country - AIDS, TB, violence, alcoholism and drug abuse. Pray particularly for the children of South Africa and other vulnerable groups e.g. the elderly and the destitute.

ONGOING INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTHCARE

Congregations could view hospitals and clinics as mission fields on their doorsteps and develop strategies to reach out to these facilities with the Gospel. They can identify and support health professionals in their congregations and encourage them as potential missionaries in their areas of work.

Let us stand in the gap for healthcare in the country through repentance and intercession. We should humble ourselves, confess and repent of our own sins and those of others.

By identifying with our nation and healthcare workers we can repent of:

- side-lining God,
- sacrificing patient care in the name of human rights and
- a lack of compassion and care.

As Christians we have not sounded the trumpet of warning (Ezek 33:1-9) in a country where many people die daily from AIDs related illnesses and the unborn die as a result of abortion on demand being legalized. We should recommit ourselves to God to be His witnesses in the nation through righteous living, being salt and light and spreading the Gospel through the talents He has given us.

In this way healing will come to the nations.