Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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The time of Lent, developed as part of the historical Christian calendar, officially begins with a reminder of our mortality on Ash Wednesday (February 26th). It is typically celebrated for 40 days, modeled after Christ's forty-day fast in the desert and ends on Good Friday. The basic concept is to open our hearts to God's refining grace through prayer, confession, fasting, and almsgiving as we anticipate Holy Week. May your Easter season be full of God's grace, love, and peace.

The CDS held exhibit booths at the Rocky Mountain Convention in Denver on Jan. 23-25, the Yankee meeting in Boston on Jan. 30-Feb. 1, and at the Chicago Midwinter meeting on Feb. 20-22. These were great opportunities to connect,

teach, inform, and help other people with dental missions. The CDS will be at the Hinman meeting in Atlanta on March 19-21 and at the Anaheim meeting on May 14-16. Please connect with the booth if you are there or at any of the other activities listed under CDS Upcoming Events on our website: www.christiandental.org.

It is not too early to plan for the ADA meeting in Orlando, Florida on Oct. 15-17. Note that the convention center in Orlando has three, large buildings and they are spread out. The ADA will be in the West building and not the North or South buildings. The CDS will not have a designated hotel as so many like to choose and have points or rewards to use. There are lots of hotels available, but few within walking distance of the West building. To give you an idea, Dr. Bob and Diane Meyer booked one of the closest hotels, within easy walking distance to the convention, called the Midpointe Hotel by Rosen Hotels and Resorts through Hotels.com for $85 a night, which includes all taxes and fees.



Orlando Convention Center West Building

The CDS will have its annual Board Meeting on **Saturday, October 17th** (realize this is Saturday evening and NOT Friday evening as in years past) at the Central Parkway Baptist Church located at 5281 Central Florida Parkway in Orlando from 1-5 p.m. This is the closest church to the Orlando Convention Center. All are invited to the meeting and a Mission Banquet on Saturday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. which will feature a Southern BBQ meal catered by Sonny's. The Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA) is moving their Dental Council Meeting to the ADA conference for the first time this year and the CMDA plans to join the CDS for our Mission Banquet. Dr. William Griffin, the CMDA dental director and a former President of the CDS, will be one of our speakers. We encourage everyone attend.



A special thanks to those who filled out an e-mail survey and gave an interview on "Recruitment Considerations for Christian, Dental, Short-Term Missions Relating to the Holistic Development of Dentists." Diane Meyer received over 400 responses back and interviewed 60 experts in the field of dental missions who had done an average of 55 mission trips. This valuable input has been documented and tabulated in a 300-page, doctoral dissertation looking at the benefits and the detractors of doing dental missions. There was encouraging data and stories strongly reinforcing dental mission, holistic benefits and how detractors have been overcome. Diane will present this dissertation at the Christian distance learning conference at Abilene Christian University in Dallas in March, and defend the dissertation at Liberty University in Virginia in April as the CDS looks forward to using this study for dental mission recruitment.

Have you checked out the CDS Facebook page lately? Please send pictures of trips or other mission-related topics to bdmeyer@comcast.net.

Despite the fear of the coronavirus, the CDS continues supporting a number of dental teams with equipment and kits this February and March to numerous continents around the world. Keep the CDS in prayer as God is blessing in amazing ways as the CDS serves His Kingdom.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen." II Peter 3:18