



To Students and Faculty:

This letter is to invite you to become a member of the Fellowship of Christian Physician Assistants (FCPA). The FCPA is an AAPA caucus as well as a specialty section within the Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA). By joining FCPA, our members gain access to multiple services including access to CMDA Ministries' resources, exclusive print and media resources, Continuing Medical Education resources as well as local and national networking opportunities. Best of all, CMDA/FCPA Membership is free for students.

Here at the FCPA, we want to encourage one another in our pursuit of Christ. We can all remember times during our Christian experience where it was more difficult to connect with Christ or a local fellowship of believers and needed someone else in our life to help walk alongside us in that journey. One of the more common times that can occur is during PA training. To help with that challenging time, we have developed a Mentorship Program that we hope to meet the needs of PA students.

One of the unique opportunities that FCPA offers to students is the mentorship program. The purpose of the FCPA Mentorship Program is to encourage and equip the next generation of PAs to live out their faith in Jesus Christ; to be the hands and feet of Christ in their medical practice. By following the Biblical example described in Titus 2, a group of practicing PAs will provide an example for recent graduates and PA students while they encourage one another through prayer and discussion. Romans 12:2 outlines the Biblical motivation and foundation for the Mentorship Program: to "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

The Mentorship Program uses a group model for mentorship in which we gather once monthly on Zoom video calls to either hear the testimony of a PA or to discuss a medical ethics topic. Members are encouraged to connect throughout the month to pray, encourage, and equip each other to live out their faith as PAs and PA students.

If you are interested in joining the FCPA mentorship program, then please complete the mentorship application and submit to fcpamentorship@gmail.com for review by the Mentorship Committee.

As a constituent member of the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), the FCPA works to share our faith, the strength of Jesus Christ, and our common concerns through a support network for PAs who acknowledge a personal relationship with Christ as Lord and Savior. We are a support network for the spiritual, professional, and personal lives of our members. Our overarching goal is to equip and encourage members to share their faith in all aspects of life and to glorify God in service to others.

If you are interested, please contact us at FCPamentorship@gmail.com and more information is available at <https://cmda.org/>. If you are attending the AAPA 2022 Conference in Indianapolis, please stop by our booth that will be located at CO9 and join us every morning at the FCPA Prayer and Praise Meetings that can be found in your conference brochure.

Best Regards,

In Him,

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