

## A Season of Renewal: Looking Forward with Hope



**As I write this, my first presidential article for CDF, I am struck by an extraordinary phenomenon quietly unfolding across our nation. In churches throughout the country, we are witnessing something remarkable—a quiet revival. Young people, particularly young men, are returning to church in growing numbers.**

This isn't making headlines or filling stadiums, but it represents something profoundly significant: a generation searching for meaning beyond the empty promises of material success and digital distraction. They are discovering a hunger for an alternative focus for their lives, a longing for purpose that transcends career advancement and personal achievement.

This quiet revival is not confined to our churches—it is happening within our own CDF fellowship. We are seeing young dental professionals, facing the relentless pressures of clinical life in

2026, seeking an alternative lifestyle and practical ways to cope with the stress that has become endemic in our profession. They are joining CDF not merely as a professional network, but as a spiritual community where faith and dentistry intersect, where the gospel provides both anchor and compass for navigating the challenges of modern practice.

I want to highlight the growing number of international graduates joining our fellowship. These brothers and sisters bring fresh perspectives, diverse experiences, and a vibrancy that enriches us all. Many come from contexts where Christian faith is costly, where following Jesus demands real sacrifice. Their presence reminds us that the global church is thriving, and that God is weaving together a beautiful tapestry from every nation and tongue. Please pray for our young people's ministry as we seek to serve this emerging generation well, providing

them with the spiritual resources, fellowship, and mentoring they need to flourish both as Christians and as dental professionals.

### Embracing Change with Wisdom

Behind the scenes, significant work has been taking place to strengthen the foundations of our fellowship. I want to give heartfelt thanks to the Lord for the teams working tirelessly to help us govern ourselves as CDF. Following guidance from the Charity Commission, we are exploring what it means to become an incorporated charity (see page 8). This change will provide greater protection for our trustees and enable us to operate more effectively in an increasingly complex regulatory environment.

This is not merely administrative housekeeping. These governance changes will reshape how trustees and council function, bringing greater clarity to roles and responsibilities while ensuring we remain faithful stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us. I am deeply grateful to the small team working diligently and with wisdom through the implications of these changes. Their often unseen labour is laying foundations that will serve CDF well for decades to come.

Equally transformative is the work being done on our central office infrastructure. For many years, CDF operated primarily on a paper-based system—faithful and functional, but increasingly inadequate for the demands of modern ministry. We are now embracing digital transformation, modernising our IT infrastructure to enable better communication with members and to make it easier for people to join and give

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to CDF. This shift is not about chasing technological trends; it is about being good stewards of our time and resources, and about removing barriers that might prevent someone from engaging with our fellowship or supporting our mission. I want to thank everyone involved in this significant undertaking—their patience and perseverance through the inevitable challenges of such transitions is truly appreciated.

### Stepping Forward in Faith

As we look toward 2026, I am filled with expectation and hope. We are exploring new frontiers of what the Lord is calling us to embrace, and one of the most exciting developments is our decision to take a stand at the Dental Show. This represents a significant step of faith for CDF—a commitment to promote both our work and the gospel to the broader profession, especially to younger members who may never have encountered a vibrant Christian community within dentistry.



I want to express particular gratitude to Alistair and Malcolm, who have encouraged us to take this bold step. Their vision and encouragement have been instrumental in helping us recognise that while CDF remains deeply committed to overseas mission—and always will be—we are also called to mission in the UK. Our own profession is a mission field. Our colleagues, our students, and our dental care professionals all need to encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ. The Dental Show provides a unique platform to engage our profession with the hope of the gospel.

### Caring for the Whole Person

This commitment to UK mission takes on particular urgency when we consider the mental health crisis within our profession. At our residential conference, Professor John Gibson spoke powerfully about suicide prevention, drawing from both professional expertise and personal tragedy. His message was a sobering reminder that behind the clinical competence and professional success, many in our profession are struggling with depression, anxiety, burnout, and hopelessness. We must not turn away from this reality. As followers of Jesus, we are called to bear one another's burdens, to speak life into situations of despair, to offer hope to the hopeless. I want to give particular thanks to our pastoral team, who faithfully support members and those who approach CDF for help. Their ministry often goes unrecognised, but it is vital. They listen, pray, counsel, and point people toward professional help when needed. They embody Christ's compassion in tangible ways, and I am deeply grateful for their service.

### Gratitude and Celebration

As I contemplate all that 2026 holds—the possibilities to support members, promote the gospel through dentistry both overseas and in the UK, expand our reach and deepen our impact—I am overwhelmed with gratitude. None of this would be possible without the faithful service of so many.

To our council members and trustees: thank you for your support and hard work. You give sacrificially of your time and expertise, providing wisdom and governance that keep CDF faithful to its calling. To our central office staff: you are the unsung heroes who keep everything running. Your dedication, often behind the scenes, makes all our ministry possible. Our CDF could not function without you.

But I want to conclude by highlighting one person in particular—our CDF life member Alan Vogt. Alan has been faithful for so many years, supporting CDF in prayer and serving in numerous leadership roles. His quiet, steady faithfulness has been a blessing to generations of CDF members. In 2026, Alan will celebrate his 100th



birthday—a remarkable milestone that we will formally celebrate at the conference. But I wanted to take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank Alan for his service and faithfulness. Alan, you exemplify what it means to finish well, to remain faithful across the decades, to invest your life in things that matter eternally. When we read in Matthew 25 those wonderful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," we think of people like you. Thank you for your example, your prayers, your service, and your enduring commitment to Christ and to this fellowship.

### Looking Ahead

As we stand on the threshold of 2026, I invite you to join me in expectant prayer. Pray for the quiet revival in our midst to continue and deepen. Pray for our young people, especially international graduates, as they navigate their calling. Pray for wisdom as we implement governance changes and digital transformation. Pray for boldness as we step out in faith at the Dental Show. Pray for those struggling with mental health challenges. Pray for our mission partners serving sacrificially around the world. And give thanks—thanks for God's faithfulness, for the privilege of serving Him through dentistry, and for the joy of being part of this wonderful fellowship.

The adventure continues. Let us walk forward together in faith.

### Raman Bedi

President  
Christian Dental Fellowship

# Snapshots



**A feature looking at the difference Jesus makes to our work in dentistry. CDF New Graduates Rep Joshua Quek kindly agreed to be interviewed for this edition.**

**Tell us a bit about yourself.**

Hi there, I'm Joshua. I'm a Christian and a foundation dentist who recently graduated from Cardiff University, and I'm currently working near Cardiff as well. I grew up in Singapore and came to know the Lord there at around 17. After completing my studies and military, I came to the UK for university and have decided to stay in the beautiful land of Wales for the time being. I enjoy worshipping and serving in my local church, and I'm also the CDF new graduate representative.

**What does your surgery window look out on?**

My practice is only a 20-minute drive away, and it's in a business park, but surprisingly there is a lot of greenery surrounding the area. And because it's out of the city as well, there's a lot more space, and I have a massive surgical room. I think I could even fit a family of six in it for an appointment if need be (hopefully never). There are lots of lovely historical landmarks nearby, such as Castle Coch, which is a 19th-century castle with a gothic style, and it's surrounded by woods as well.

**What are some of the things you enjoy about your work and what are some of the challenges?**

My colleagues and supervisors are all very friendly and supportive, and although it's a slightly lower needs area, I do feel that I am still learning to be a safer and more efficient clinician, day by day, by God's grace.

**How does your Christian faith impact your work day-to-day?**

I am the only Christian in my workplace, as well as one of the only males in the

practice. This can be challenging, particularly in seeking to be a good Christian example and to shine as a light for Jesus Christ in everyday conversations with colleagues, such as over lunch or between patients.

I also find it challenging working within the NHS like many others, where time pressures and treatment limitations can make it difficult to offer everything I would ideally like to provide for patients. Even so, I aim to give the best care possible within the ethical and practical constraints I have. When I practise dentistry, I believe I am serving and working before God rather than before people.

At the same time, being a Christian brings great encouragement. I am serving a greater purpose and a greater Master, and I see dentistry as a calling. Through it, I am able to serve others, reflecting a little of Jesus Christ, who served, healed, and loved sinners like us.

**Do you have a particular Bible verse or song that God has been using to speak to you recently?**

As I'm writing this, it's the new year, and 2026 is upon us. It comes with its challenges - from making small mistakes in clinical notes to trying to remember that it's no longer 2025. The new year also brings a fresh set of trials that we will have to face. Maybe a career choice between Core Training, Associateship, or Singapore. Perhaps more important personal matters.

There has been a song I've found particularly comforting: From Everlasting, based on Psalm 90, by Sovereign Grace Music. The chorus states: *"And all our days are held within Your hands, Your perfect love and favour have no end; We rest within the wisdom of Your plan, Everlasting God."*



Scan to listen to 'From Everlasting'

It speaks not only of the immutable nature of our God, but also of the fact that the Ancient of Days is full of everlasting love towards us. His plans for us are made in perfect love and favour, and carried out in His perfect wisdom - not to harm us (Jer 29:11). He is the everlasting God - faithful, and continuing in faithfulness towards us. He has loved us with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3), even before creation, and I find that deeply comforting as I look ahead to the year to come.

**How can we pray for you and others in your particular area of dentistry?**

Please pray for new graduates like myself, and those I've met through CDF, who are starting new roles and finding the transition from student to responsible clinician challenging.

Please also pray for dental students who are struggling to balance the demands of dental school with commitments at church and within their Christian Unions, and that there would be a clear place for the CDF in supporting them during this time.

Pray for all the events we will be planning for students and new graduates in 2026, that they would be timely and provide both clinical and spiritual help to those who need it.

Finally, pray for me personally - for strength and joy as I serve the Lord in both church and dentistry.

## Save The Date!

The CDF Annual Residential Conference 2026 will take place at Highgate House Christian Conference Centre, Creaton, Northamptonshire, on the **9-11th October**. Families welcome.



# Living a Big Life for Jesus: Reflections on the CDF Residential Conference 2025



## “Will you live an ordinary life for yourself, or a big life for Jesus?”

These words, spoken by the Rev. Peter Dunn, echoed powerfully through the halls of Highgate House Conference Centre during the 2025 Christian Dental Fellowship residential weekend. Nestled in the beautiful Northampton countryside, the gathering brought together over one hundred people from across the dental world—dentists, students, DCPs, lab technicians, academics, and retirees—united by a shared passion for Christ and His kingdom.



It was a weekend of worship, teaching, friendship, and renewal. We drew near to God and to one another, inspired by messages that challenged us to live lives of deeper discipleship and service. Alongside Peter’s teaching, we were encouraged by powerful stories from our mission partners, thoughtful clinical input from Professor John Gibson of the Canmore Trust ([www.thecanmoretrust.co.uk](http://www.thecanmoretrust.co.uk)), and countless moments of laughter, conversation, and prayer.

## Following the Call of Jesus

Peter Dunn, European Director of Biglife ([www.big.life](http://www.big.life)), led our Bible sessions around the theme of discipleship. From Luke 5, he reminded us that Jesus still calls ordinary people—fishermen, tax collectors, and yes, dental professionals—to do extraordinary things. “Because You say so, Lord, I will let down the nets,” was the disciple’s faithful response to Jesus’ call, and Peter urged us to live the same way: to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did.



Main Speaker Peter Dunn (right)

In his second session, Peter spoke from John 15 about being with Jesus. He shared an unforgettable story from his time in the Middle East, when he was once smuggled to safety rolled up inside a carpet. “We all choose what to abide in,” he said, urging us to examine where we place our trust, our identity, and our sense of purpose. Being wrapped up in Christ, he reminded us, is not a feeling but a daily choice, cultivated through habits, prayer, and fellowship. I left reflecting with gratitude on our local CDF groups—those small pockets of friendship where we do life with others who love Jesus and dentistry.

From John 13, Peter then challenged us to become like Jesus through humility and service. Reflecting on Jesus washing His disciples’ feet, we were reminded that our professional status carries both privilege and responsibility. As followers of Christ, we are called to see each person—patient, colleague, or student—as made in God’s image. True greatness, Peter reminded us, is found in serving others with humility and compassion.



Clinical Speaker John Gibson

Finally, from John 4, we were challenged to do what Jesus did—to share the Good News intentionally and courageously. Peter reminded us not to assume disinterest in the gospel on behalf of others, but to expect that God is already at work in people’s hearts. Like fishermen casting their nets, we are called to be ready, relational, and real—sharing our faith with gentleness and authenticity.

## Mission in Action

The theme of mission flowed through every part of the weekend. We were deeply encouraged by updates from CDF’s mission partners who serve around the world:

- John Elkins (Dentaid) shared about the charity’s remarkable growth at home and abroad, and its expanding fleet of 12 mobile dental units serving communities across the UK.
- Debbie Hardyman (Madagascar) rejoiced that, after a long wait, she now has permission to work as a missionary dentist three days a week.
- Tony and Anne Giles (Guinea) inspired us with stories of using maxillofacial surgery to save lives and restore dignity.
- Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes reflected on God’s faithfulness through their years of service in Liberia and encouraged us to pray for their successor, Eddie, as he resits his exams.
- James and Anna Hunter sent a video update as they begin their new chapter of life and ministry in Liberia.

- Neil and Jane shared about their trip to Asia, bringing Christ's love and clinical teaching skills to a difficult context.
- Andrew and Katie Bottomley spoke about their short-term work in Nepal, partnering with local churches to bring dental care and the gospel.
- Foundation dentist Joshua Quek presented his elective in Uganda with Run Dental, sharing how it deepened his faith and sense of calling.

Each story testified to God's heart for the nations—and to the unique ways He uses dental professionals to bring both healing and hope.

**Caring for the Whole Person**

Our clinical speaker, Professor John Gibson, addressed the critical topic of suicide prevention and postvention. With compassion and courage, he shared from both his professional expertise and personal experience, having lost his son Cameron to suicide six years ago. He reminded us that every act of compassion, connection, and care can save a life—and that as healthcare professionals, we are often on the front line of human suffering. His message was sobering yet full of hope, urging us to embody Christ's love in our daily practice.



*Chris Evans and Simon Stretton-Downes being awarded CDF Life memberships*

**The CDF Family**

As a fellowship, we celebrated the faithful service of Simon Stretton-Downes and Chris Evans, awarding them lifelong membership in recognition of their contribution to dental mission.

We also witnessed the handing over of the presidency from Karen Paterson to Raman Bedi, who shared his vision for a CDF that continues to strengthen its overseas partnerships while also engaging more intentionally in "home mission"—reaching our own profession with the gospel.

Emma and Jamie Haselden led the children's programme, and the children shared their amazing craft work and an incredible poem about God's love (see page 8). Our weekend concluded with a beautiful family communion service led

by the Rev. Andrew Fordyce, who likened us to LEGO pieces—joined together by our shared love of Christ and dentistry, then sent out again to bless the world.



*Flowers and thanks for Karen Paterson, as she concludes her term as CDF President*

**Until We Meet Again**

As we packed our bags and said our goodbyes, Peter's challenge still rang in our hearts: Will you live an ordinary life for yourself, or a big life for Jesus?

The 2025 CDF Residential Conference was more than a weekend—it was a reminder that God calls ordinary people to live extraordinary lives when they choose to be with Him, become like Him, and do what He did. Refreshed, inspired, and ready to serve, we returned home carrying the light of Christ into our surgeries, universities, and communities—until we meet again next year.

**Lynne Smith**

(Photos by Jonathan Longhurst)

**In Memoriam - Chris Evans (1947 - 2026)**



It is with profound sadness that I share the news that Chris Evans passed away peacefully at home on 7th January 2026,

after courageously battling cancer throughout 2025. Our hearts go out to Chris's wife Angela and the entire Evans family in their grief.

Yet even in our sorrow, we give thanks to God for Chris's life and his remarkable service to the Lord, to dentistry, and to this Fellowship. Chris qualified from King's College Hospital in 1969/70 and devoted over 56 years of faithful membership to CDF - a testament to his enduring commitment to integrating faith and professional life.

Chris's service to the Kingdom extended far beyond these shores. He served with SIM in Nigeria, bringing dental care and Christian witness to local communities, and spent two years on St Helena working with the UK Government's Overseas Development Agency. His heart for mission was matched by his dedication to CDF, where he served as Treasurer, Council member, President, and, for a time, as editor of Three-in-One.

Many of you will remember Chris's pivotal role in initiating our six-monthly meetings and his faithful leadership of the Thames Valley CDF group for many years. His wisdom, encouragement, and servant heart created spaces for fellowship, prayer, and mutual support that strengthened countless colleagues in their vocational calling.

In recognition of his extraordinary contribution, Chris was awarded CDF Life

Membership in 2025 - a fitting tribute to a life well lived in Christ's service. Angela writes that Chris "is with His Lord and all the suffering has ended" - words that capture both our grief and our Christian hope. We rejoice that Chris has finished his race and received his crown, even as we mourn his absence from among us.

Please join me in:

- Giving thanks for Chris's faithful witness and generous service
- Praying for Angela and the family as they grieve
- Committing ourselves afresh to the integration of faith and dentistry that Chris exemplified so beautifully

"Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21)

With Christian sympathy and hope,

**Raman Bedi**

President, Christian Dental Fellowship

# Faith and Dentistry in Madagascar: An Update from CDF Mission Partner Debbie Hardyman

**I had wanted to be an overseas missionary for a long time and then, whilst attending CDF conferences in the late 1980s, I was really inspired by the missionaries there. I married and became a pastor's wife and reached out to international women in Cambridge, alongside a couple of days a week in Community Dentistry.**

We had visited the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara, Madagascar, in 2018. I did a week teaching a surgeon to do basic dentistry, as they had no dentist. My husband, Julian, taught local church leaders at a residential Bible training course the churches run biannually. We were impressed by the project, which includes a hospital, school, and radio station, and that preaches the gospel faithfully and goes into the community both with health workers and also evangelists. Many churches have been started in the last 30 years in a remote area, which is literally the end of the road. I returned to the CDF conference and asked you to pray for a dentist to go!



In 2022 there was a presentation about the project at our church and, in a remarkably clear way, God impressed on Julian that as He loved the project, Julian should too. I was more than happy to finally get the opportunity to follow the call overseas. So, we left the flat fenlands and sophisticated, intellectual Cambridge and came to this rural, poor, dusty, quiet town in 2023. It is hard to think of any similarities, but there are cows in public parkland in Cambridge, and the only thing Mandritsara is famous for is its cattle market!

I set up the clinic from scratch, with the help of Dentaaid hardware, and then trained two assistants using my rudimentary French. After a few long and painful hiccups with getting permission to work, I am currently practising.

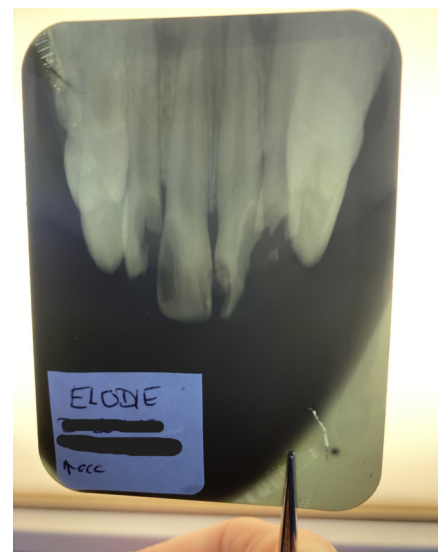


The biggest surprise is that almost everyone has bad teeth, and if they look okay, it is probably because they are wearing a denture! It cuts across all demographics, so that the professional staff are as likely to have uncared-for teeth as farmers. The next shock is that this isn't usually just because they can't access care but probably because they just don't care - unless they are in severe pain. And use of painkillers seems uncommon. Cost is also a barrier. If you are struggling to buy enough to eat, then teeth clearly are not a priority. The idea that you can restore a tooth effectively is also not something people consider - it feels like you wait for unbearable pain and then go for an extraction. Some of those attitudes may be creeping into the UK now, I imagine.

One big difference to the UK is the cases of necrotising fasciitis as a result of dental infections. We have a lady in the hospital now who has needed multiple



*Use of cold-cure acrylic as a filling material*



operations to remove diseased and infected skin from her neck and chest. It is down to her stomach now. She will need a significant skin graft. I went in to remove two lower molars that had, according to her history, been the start of the problem (two weeks of dental pain, then swelling, then pus). The infection tracks down under the skin. I asked if she had gone to a health worker in her remote village and she had, so I checked the little medical record book they carry with them. Unfortunately, the writing is completely indecipherable. I still don't know if early treatment with antibiotics would have halted the progress of this awful infection. Many patients die, even the young and healthy.

I have also had a couple of recent cases where young women presented with bony swellings. One was painful and one wasn't. Both were slow-growing. The

painless one turned out to have an extra premolar tooth in her maxilla in a cyst. It has been diagnosed as an odontogenic cyst, but pathology reports from the capital are not very dependable. The other has an alarmingly large expansion of her mandible and is awaiting surgery. It is possible she may lose her left ramus and here there is no reconstruction.



Another surprise has been some innovative dental work by Malagasy dentists. I think it is hard to access some filling materials here, as they are expensive (temporary fillings are made from a bucket of zinc oxide and a bottle of eugenol). However, the use of cold-cure acrylic as a filling material to fill several teeth and cover the adjacent palate at the same time was interesting. (Removing it was hard work!) Perhaps to avoid sending things to a dental laboratory, there seems to be a method of plastic crowns over teeth (sometimes decayed) with a lot of acrylic. Almost like a permanent bridge/denture solidly secured in place. Taking a radiograph to find what is underneath is an adventure, and the result is rarely reassuring!

The Good News Hospital ([www.mandritsara.org.uk/hospital](http://www.mandritsara.org.uk/hospital)) has daily evangelistic talks in various places, and the outpatients' talk is followed by health talks by the different departments. Dental has a slot twice a month and Colette does a good interactive talk covering prevention and accessing care if you have a problem.

One delightful aspect of dental care here is firstly praying with the patients and having Malagasy Christian music playing, which the nurses and sometimes the patients join in. It was amusing when a patient managed to sing during her extraction!



Nurse Juna

Outside of the dental clinic, we live in a desperately poor, remote place where animism and ancestor worship are common. Ox carts greatly outnumber cars, the roads are in terrible condition, and it is hard to get anywhere. But there are lovely mountains all around, great fruit is at hand, and there is a simplicity about life that is endearing. The people are friendly and outgoing, and if you try to talk to them in their dialect they are delighted (even if comprehension on both sides is then limited!).

We have both prioritised language learning, and I was able to focus on it when I was unable to work. Julian's role is to help with local churches and the hospital evangelist's team for mutual encouragement and getting out into the surrounding villages to support and train church leaders. And so, we both get out to villages and there are regular weekends away in the area (no booking required!). We have got to know local people and treasure the relationships. They are very patient with us! Julian regularly goes off in helicopters to the more remote areas.

Many churches have been started over the 30 years since the hospital began, but there have been some significant divisions and discipleship is always an issue. Sexual ethics and inequality also raise their ugly heads. I have come to see first-hand why widows and orphans are

so vulnerable in the Bible, as here there are no social services. If the family unit breaks down, then there is a black hole.

We love our local church. We are the only white folk there and there are no concessions to us, but we feel a part of the life there even if we don't know what is going on some of the time!

Our garden is mainly a desert garden with some areas for planting. Bananas, lychees, mangoes, tomatoes, and onions are currently on their way. We have an area for rice too. Rice is a big deal here - you basically feel entitled to it three meals a day with huge mountains of rice and a rather pathetic side of wilted green leaves. It is definitely not a healthy diet!

There are little shacks by the front hospital gate which are tiny cafés, and it is fun to sit and watch the geese, ducks, ox (omby), dogs, and chickens meandering by. There is a great delight in living here; in many ways it is not that far removed from Jesus's way of life.



The dependence on crops and the rural way of life mean it is not hard to relate to His parables. The counter-side is the illnesses that almost never kill in England but do here: tetanus, late arrivals at maternity, schistosomiasis (bilharzia), and many more. But the positive aspect of this hospital is that it doesn't offer only health care but spiritual care. When all is lost physically, we know that the gospel can still change everything - eternally.

*If you would like to receive Debbie and Julian's monthly newsletter, please go to*

**[www.cdf-uk.org/mission](http://www.cdf-uk.org/mission)**

*and click on the newsletter sign-up link*

# CDF is becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

**Hi everyone, you might remember that when CDF was first set up, we became what's called an unincorporated organisation. In simple terms, this meant there was no legal separation between CDF and the trustees who ran it. For ages, this worked just fine for us.**

But in 2006, the government introduced a new charitable structure: the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). What's good about a CIO is that the charity becomes its own legal entity, completely separate from the trustees. This gives trustees much better protection when managing risk, and it makes life much easier when it comes to things like owning property or signing contracts.

So, the CDF Council have had a good look at all this and voted to convert CDF

into a CIO. Here's how it'll work:

1. We'll create a new charity called the Christian Dental Fellowship CIO – don't worry, it'll have exactly the same charitable aims as the current CDF.
2. The CDF trustees will vote to transfer all our assets from the old CDF to the new CDF CIO.
3. Then we'll ask the membership to vote to close down the old CDF charity, since we won't need it any more and it'll need to come off the Charity Commission Register.

## What does this mean for you?

Honestly, not much. If you're a CDF member now, you'll automatically become a member of the new CDF CIO. Your membership category stays the same. The bank details for subscriptions

and donations are not changing. You'll still get your vote at the AGM to elect trustees, just like always.

The only slight change is that the wider CDF Council will now be appointed rather than elected. This isn't because we want to change how things work – it's simply because the CIO structure only allows for one body of elected officials.

Once the new CDF CIO is up and running, we'll be in touch to ask you to vote to close down the old charity. We'll send you more details about that when the time comes.

Got questions? Just drop us an email at [cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org](mailto:cdfadmin@cdf-uk.org)

Thanks,

**Karen Silcox**  
Financial Administrator

## God's Love (CDF Youth Poem)

Love is grateful, supportive, fruitful, and kind.

It unites friendships, and will bind.

Love feels like a celebration in heaven, six, seven, eight, nine, ten times as big as the sea.

Delicate and buzzing like a bee.

Love is caring, daring, persevering, and true.

Love has never-ending cost, it's worth it for me and you.

Love feels uplifting in helping us through.

Doesn't make you feel blue.

Love is powerful as a mustard seed, even when it's tiny, it answers every need.

Love feels like a gift from above.

God is love!

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