

# CMDA St. Louis September Update



This year, our council decided to place priority on inviting students to a large medical missions conference. From November 10-12, a group of St. Louis CMDA Students will be heading to Lexington, KY for the Global Missions Health Conference. This is the world's largest gathering of medical professionals, students, and organizations dedicated to healthcare missions. There will be breakout sessions, speakers, exhibitors, and special events. It's a great opportunity to learn, connect, and build relationships that help advance the Kingdom through medical missions. We are excited to see how God will grow and lead the students during this time. **Please pray for more St. Louis students to join, and for their hearts to be open during the conference.**

## Physician's Corner

Sometimes it is good to reflect on the things God has done. I have recently found myself doing that with regard to the CMDA in St Louis. When I first became involved, I was new faculty at Saint Louis University, and followed a sign to a CMDA bible study. By providence, the group was in need of a new faculty sponsor. At the same time that God showed me the sign and stirred my heart to go to the bible study, he moved in Dan Allan's heart to become associate staff with CMDA. Prior to that time, CMDA did not have associate staff in St Louis to help encourage students and facilitate events. With the guidance of associate staff, the student groups at SLU and Wash U medical schools were able to grow and become more consistent from year to year. Through CMDA, I have had the privilege of getting to know the medical students at weekly bible studies and CMDA events. I have had the opportunity of watching them complete their medical training and begin practices or join faculties of a medical school. All the while, I have also been able to watch their faith grow and see them incorporate their faith in practice. I have received many notes of thanks for the encouragement and teaching. I have built relationships with them and their families and had some great babysitters for my daughter! What a blessing they have been to my life! God have given me so much more through them than I ever would have dreamed.



**Dr. Peri Pepmueller**

Last year as we were forming a physician panel to share with the students at the CMDA Winter Retreat, and this year as we were forming the St Louis CMDA council, several of the physicians involved were previous students in the campus groups. How wonderful to see them "all grown up!" They continue to love the Lord, and want to serve Him. They remain involved with CMDA because they see God working and want students to have the same opportunities for growth that they had. Over the last year, I can see God actively working by bringing the Doctors Glaser to St. Louis with zeal and excitement to work with CMDA, and with the addition of a new associate staff member, Rachel Johnson, and her gifts. It is exciting to see God accomplishing his work; the young laborers he matures into new roles or the new faces he brings. Of course, this brings new ideas for ministries to and for the medical community – students, residents and physicians - which brings new opportunities for involvement. From prayer support, to financial support for the associate staff or student activities, to time with the students, (maybe having a few for dinner or sharing at one of their evening bible studies) there is an opportunity for everyone to be involved. Just ask God to show you where!

## CMDA St. Louis Leadership Council

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## 40 Days for Life Prayer

You're invited!

The Catholic Medical Associations and CMDA St. Louis will partner together for 40 Days for Life. The purpose is to join our predecessors in praying for the hearts, minds, and souls of the healthcare workers who work for Planned Parenthood to be transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ, eventually defunding Planned Parenthood to the honor and glory of Christ.

**October 30 from 9am-10am (arrive at 8:45am)**  
**Location: Planned Parenthood, 4251 Forest Park Ave**  
**St. Louis, MO 63108**

\* Please bring white coats and stethoscopes

## Praise & Prayer

**Praise God with us for :**

- \*God's love, Grace & faithfulness
- \*God's outpouring of the Holy Spirit in unifying His church
- \*God's provision for student, resident, & graduate physician leaders and Cru staff collaboration

**Pray with us for:**

- \*Students, residents, & graduate physicians going through each of their levels of certification testing;
- \*Divine wisdom in achieving a work/life balance.
- \*CMDA STL ministries: Bible studies & Grace Rx.