Dear Friends,

With much anticipation, we are excited to announce that the Christian Health Professionals Network website CHPN.com.au is up and running!

This is a private web-based directory where Christian Health Professionals in Australia can list their names, professions, contact details, religious affiliations, passions and **how they specifically integrate their faith in practice. We understand that privacy is vital, and have several layers of cybersecurity.** We would like to encourage each person to identify as Christian for mutual support, even if you are not taking referrals.

Our hope is that it will be useful to GPs, non-GP specialists, Nursing and Allied Health workers in networking and referral where a Christian Health Professional would be preferred. This would be **most helpful in areas where Christian faith and medical ethical practice may be in conflict**, eg. psychologists, psychiatrists, pregnancy or fertility assistance, paediatricians, endocrinologists, geriatricians, palliative care, oncologists, or general practitioners. **Even if you work for a secular employer, it would be encouraging for Christians in your workplace to find each other.**

It would also be a place for **Christian healthcare students to search out work placements and future employment** opportunities in a practice where a Christian ethos is encouraged. Likewise, it would be great for **health students in each University to be able to identify each other.**

Whilst it would remain **private to the general public**, we would invite **pastors and pastoral carers** to join for free so that they can confidently recommend Christian Health Professionals to church members in need. In fact, if pastors can post about their church resources, eg. playgroups, youth groups and other community care, it would be an opportunity for health professionals to recommend to their patients.

We would like to invite you to join the directory as a Health Professional for $49 annually (or free for pastors, admin staff and students). This fee is to pay for the upkeep of the website (domain hosting, licensing, plug-in costs, web management, regular upgrades and trouble-shooting), and to subsidise costs for students and pastors to access the site for free. We hope to attract a critical mass of some 200 paying subscribers so that the directory is self-sustaining.

To join, go to CHPN.com.au.

1. It will take about 10-15 minutes to register as a Health Professional, less as a pastor, admin staff or student.
2. You will need your AHPRA number, a digital photo, contact details of a Christian referee and a credit card.
3. We encourage you to make a full listing after your registration has been approved, so that the website is of maximum value to all who use it.
4. For Health Professionals payment will automatically be made one month after your registration is approved (and annually thereafter) to give you the opportunity to explore the site. You will be sent a receipt which may be tax-deductible. One small request, please add admin@chpn.com.au to your address book to ensure you receive our notifications.

Obviously, the more subscribers and detailed the listings, the more helpful the directory. We would like to invite you to start that process by **joining and providing as much detail as possible**. We would appreciate constructive criticism (both positive and negative) as we sort out the inevitable glitches we may encounter. Please use the contact form on the website or email us (see below) to let us know how you found the process, or if you have ideas to improve the site.

Of course, a directory is only useful if there are people on it, so please also invite any Christian health professionals you know to join us. Personal invitations and word-of-mouth are the most likely to engage people.

Yours in Christ,
CHPN committee

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