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Christian Connections
for International Health



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WELCOME LETTER

Thank you for choosing CCIH. As a member, we want you to feel invested in the group and continue our work together to be greater than the sum of our parts.

As a member of Christian Connections for International Health, you are part of a network of over 100 organizations and hundreds of individuals from all around the world! We are grateful to our global members for their concerted efforts to improve health for people most in need and their commitment to work together with other CCIH members in a shared mission to advance health and wholeness from a Christian perspective.

Christian health workers and organizations frequently are the only actors to "reach the last mile" - be that a remote village, an urban slum, or any community of people who lack access to services. This community needs support to tell their story, form their Christian identity, access resources and partners, promote learning, increase effectiveness and belong to an influential movement.

Thank you for choosing to join and share with us on this journey of Christian health work.

Gratefully,

Doug Fountain
Executive Director, CCIH

OUR VALUES

Collaborative Fellowship | Holistic Health | Technical Excellence |
Christian Compassion | Faithful Stewardship

OUR MISSION

CCIH seeks to mobilize and empower our network to promote global health and wholeness from a Christian perspective.

OUR VISION

Motivated by our Christian faith and our values, CCIH envisions a world where all have access to quality healthcare and prevention services.

OUR GOALS

To share information and provide a forum for dialogue, networking, advocacy, capacity-building and fellowship to the ever-increasing spectrum of organizations and individuals interested in how transformational Christian faith has a positive impact on international health.

HOW CCIH BEGAN AND EVOLVED

CCIH began in 1987 as a forum for Christians concerned about global health to discuss areas of mutual interest. At first it was a gathering of Christians who met around the occurrence of the Global Health Council, and was known as the Christian Conference for International Health.

In 1992, CCIH leaders adopted the name Christian Connections for International Health, drafted bylaws, established a Board of Directors, and formalized membership. During the 1990s, CCIH developed a reputation for advocacy especially in the global response to HIV/AIDS. At first the global church did not speak with a clear and consistent voice about HIV, and was associated with increasing stigma. Over time, CCIH and many other organizations helped change that.

Later, CCIH adopted a role in leading the church on family planning – or what is better referred to as Healthy Timing and Spacing of Pregnancies. CCIH worked with leaders in global institutions and church networks, helping improve dialogue with religious leaders and with faith-based organizations.

More recently, members have highlighted the need for clear focus on Health System Strengthening. Improved focus on related but diverse topics such as leadership, supply chains, and evaluation gave rise to the need for clear focus on health systems. In 2020, CCIH started the 30x30 Health Systems Strengthening initiative with the goal of strengthening 30 health systems in which faith-based health services operate, by 2030. Each year more CCIH members and partners make commitments to building resilient systems.

CCIH has always been associated with its annual conference. The venue for this has changed over time, culminating in meetings for several years before COVID at Johns Hopkins University. In 2020, CCIH adopted a virtual conference format, which continued to 2022, increasing the global reach of the conference and responding to public health concerns.

CCIH has always emphasized advocacy. Global members often participate in either in-person or virtual advocacy sessions. Decision makers routinely appreciate that CCIH brings its global voices to help advise on important policy matters, from funding, to policies, and to program design. CCIH also advocates on a global scale to influence policies by the World Health Organization and strengthen our relationship with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

CCIH continues to be a leader in the Christian Global Health sector. As new emerging topics of health and climate arise, CCIH hopes to be poised to support our members and provide timely and accurate information to respond to the issue. Just as Christian health organizations and workers are a vast, lasting and trusted part of health systems, CCIH wants to build the tradition of faithful service to our community of members and beyond.



WHAT'S THE BENEFIT OF CCIH TO ITS MEMBERS?

CCIH is a global network of Christian organizations and individuals with 30 years of experience in supporting and strengthening local health systems and actors to improve health for those most in need. CCIH unites the broad global spectrum of Christians working in health, spanning medicine and public health; services in health facilities, communities and churches; and working through local and international organizations and partnerships. CCIH helps this network:

- **Tell their story** through a variety of media, such as our monthly newsletter, the Connector, our website, social media platforms and opportunities to engage and share in networking and fellowship events.
- **Strengthen their integration of faith and health** through our working groups, prayer circle/prayer guide and nurturing the spiritual core of our work through fellowship.
- **Access resources and partners to advance their programs** through [Google Groups](#) to hear about funding opportunities, share news and events from CCIH and other members, use data sharing to connect with other member organizations.



- **Promote adaptive learning and capacity strengthening.** You can use our new [Organization Capacity Assessment \(OCA\)](#) tools, attend forums and webinars, make commitments to the [30x30 Health Systems Initiative](#), and participate in and benefit from the [Christian Health Assets Mapping Consortium](#) to address the urgent need for information on, and help improve the quality of data about, the Christian health asset landscape.
- **Belong to an influential global movement.** By joining CCIH's advocacy efforts, you will have a role in influencing public policy that supports global health programming and the work of faith-based health services. CCIH is seen by governments and international actors as a global convener of Christians working in health, spanning the ideological and denominational spectrum. CCIH is also instrumental in the effort to gather information about Christian health services' scope, location, and nature, leading the way to greater inclusion of Christian health actors in programs, funding, and partnerships.

MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

CCIH's mission includes mobilizing and empowering our network. This is a two-way responsibility: CCIH supports this network and depends on the network to engage with and help mobilize and empower each other. The following framework summarizes how CCIH and its members work together to address needs and produce results.

CCIH Expectations and Results

What the CCIH Platform Includes	What Our Members Are Expected to Do	What Our Members Should See as a Result
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to a diverse global network • Social media and web resources • Communities of Practice • Conference, webinars, and forums • Grant opportunities for members • Coalitions in priority areas • Capacity strengthening tools • Mapping health assets • Prayer events and calendars • Fellowship with other Christians • Advocacy for policy and funding for FBOs • Training on local advocacy • Working groups to frame issues and engage members • Equipping younger, smaller, or isolated members • Possible inclusion in grants or eligibility for small grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use CCIH resources: • Access tools and resources • Learn and adapt emerging good practices in health • Improve M&E and contribute to learning based on good practice • Engage in either global or local advocacy • Contribute to the CCIH network • Provide stories to CCIH • Engage and share in events • Use email discussions to share knowledge/ exchange ideas • Share prayer requests • Commit to improving faith integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better local services • More funding • More partnerships • Increased visibility • Enhanced knowledge • Better integration of faith and health • Unity among diverse professions and a diverse church • Stronger local control over programs and resource allocation • Stronger alliance between faith leaders and health leaders • Stronger advocacy at local, national, and international levels • Learning to scale programs, improve outcomes, and adapt to changing time • "Belonging" - where all our members, both younger and more seasoned, can share and grow

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBER CONDUCT

CCIH does not have an official "code of conduct" for members, but upholds the following guidelines. Significant failures in these could result in CCIH Board action to remove a member.

- Safe, ethical, and legal practice in partnerships, service delivery, and operations
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- Uphold CCIH's mission
- Respect for CCIH members regardless of ideology, theology, or point of view
- Avoiding harmful practices toward children or populations on the "margins"

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND HOW TO PAY

High-Income Countries

- Organizational memberships expire at the end of each calendar year and will automatically be billed at the start of the new year. CCIH will send an invoice to the point of contact for the organization unless there is an alternate email for billing purposes.
- Individual memberships expire a year after the day it was initiated or renewed. You will receive an email reminder when your membership is about to expire.
- With your member account, you will be able to update your contact information, manage your membership and dues payments, make donations to support CCIH, register for upcoming CCIH events, and more! Individuals and staff of member organizations can log in [here](#).

Low- and Middle-Income Countries

- As of January 2024, CCIH requires dues payments from LMIC CCIH members only at the time they join CCIH. After that, LMIC members will need to remain active in the network to maintain members, but no payment is required to remain a member after initial dues are paid.

Click [here](#) for additional information



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CCIH

Our Events page is full of upcoming webinars or forums available as well as the [CCIH news groups](#) for announcing events sponsored by other members. One of our main events is the biennial CCIH conference, usually held in June. The CCIH conference is a great opportunity for learning, networking, encouragement, and fellowship. We also have regional meetings in other parts of the world. You can find information about upcoming and past events by visiting the [Events](#) page on our website and by browsing the [CCIH YouTube](#) channel.



ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

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GOVERNANCE

CCIH's board is elected by members and may serve up to 4 terms of 2 years. Officers are selected by the sitting board members.

Membership roles in governance are summarized below, based on the CCIH bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP

- Organizational Members: agencies that promote health and wholeness globally and affirm commitment to the Christian faith.
- Individual Membership: individuals who promote health and wholeness throughout the world, value CCIH, and support its mission.
- Affiliate status is for organizations that seek to promote health and wholeness throughout the world, value CCIH, and support its mission.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

- Organizational Members may, through a designated representative, attend membership meetings and cast four votes in CCIH elections and other votes.
- Individual Members may attend and cast one vote at membership meetings, though no proxies will be accepted.
- Affiliates may attend membership meetings but may not cast votes at such meetings.
- Organizational Members, Individual Members, and Affiliates shall pay dues as set by the Board of Directors. To remain in good standing, members must have paid within 12 months after having received written notification of annual dues due that year. Only members considered to be in good standing will be eligible to vote.

MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

- Annual Meeting. Members meet annually to conduct activities relevant to CCIH's mission; those in good standing can vote.
- Quorum. Twenty percent (20%) of the number of potential votes shall constitute a quorum for elections.

STAY IN CONTACT

**WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

Reach out to [CCIH Staff](#) to learn more about specific programs or resources that we offer. For membership related questions, email [membership\(at\)ccih.org](mailto:membership(at)ccih.org) and we look forward to connecting with you more!

We look forward to hearing from our members and we care and appreciate your presence! Please feel free to [contact us](#) if you have other ideas or suggestions or want to find out more about any particular topic.

