



Helping the Hurting
Encouraging Awareness

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Why the Change?

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. NIV

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Our new name

Our change of name from the Christadelphian Care Group to the Christadelphian Support Network (CSN) reflects changes in our work over recent years and also seeks to avoid confusion with the similarly named Christadelphian Care Homes.

Since its early beginnings over twenty five years ago, the Christadelphian Care Group has provided a unique role in the Brotherhood seeking to complement the pastoral work already being done in ecclesias. As the CSN, this role will continue.

We are able to create a link between those seeking information and caring support and brothers and sisters with appropriate professional qualifications or relevant experience.

From the beginning

From the beginning our main aim has been to come alongside brothers and sisters facing difficult and challenging times in their lives and to be there for them in their problems.

Increasingly we are receiving calls from ecclesias who are seeking information, support and guidance on behalf of their members.

Helping the hurting

This will continue to be at the core of all we do. These are some of the many areas where we have been able to help:

Guidance with debt, help with state benefits, support for the elderly, parenting, marriage problems and family breakdown, support for young people, illness, loss, bereavement, loneliness, crisis of faith, addiction (alcohol, drugs and internet), mental health issues, child abuse and domestic violence.

Such problems we would prefer not to see within our community but sadly, because we all experience the human condition, they are with us.

Encouraging awareness

In addition to “picking up the pieces” we wish to be proactive. Our role is widening to be a source of information for Ecclesias and to promote discussion and consideration of matters that affect ecclesias and their members.

We can arrange Awareness Days on many different topics. To date these have included:

Supporting the Aged; Child Protection guidance, Mental Health, Relationships in the Ecclesia; Bridging the gap between the young and old; Addiction, communication and Listening skills; and Dealing with Developmentally Delayed Children.

Through the individual skills and experience of brothers and sisters throughout the UK we are able to access resources, guidance and support on all aspects of pastoral care for individuals, ecclesias and the brotherhood.

Ecclesial Responsibility

It is appreciated that each ecclesia is responsible for the care of its own members. Some may regard the involvement of the CSN as an intrusion. However, CSN helpers are there, not to replace but to complement the caring services already provided by ecclesias.

We try to encourage individuals to make contact with their own ecclesia for support but on those occasions when confidentiality is requested we will always respect it.

Confidentiality

The CSN Committee has given long and careful consideration to the formulation of a policy of confidentiality which is accepted and acted upon by all members. More information about this is on our web site www.chsn.org.uk.

Our primary concern is to provide a service of care for anyone who is in need and who, for their own personal reasons, does not feel able to confide in their own ecclesia, but prefers to receive help from within the Brotherhood, rather than seek it from 'outside' agencies.

CSN helpers have the blessing and privilege of sharing and understanding the spiritual implications and importance of a person's needs and can therefore offer support that is consistent with the accepted principles of our Faith.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that today we still retain within our Fellowship, brothers and sisters who might have been totally overwhelmed by their circumstances, but were brought into a place of peace and safety by someone who was there to help them in their hour of need.

We seek your support in promoting the CSN in your Ecclesia.

We live in difficult and treacherous times. We are trying, by God's good grace, to support anyone who is at risk from the evils in our world. Please pray that we may continue to do so.

Please contact us for a free pack of booklet, poster and wallet cards. We can provide articles for newsletters and run Awareness Days in your area.

We are always pleased to receive ideas and suggestions for further publications and activities to involve the Christadelphian Support Network.

If you would like to become part of the work of the CSN or if you would like us to visit your Ecclesia to tell you more about our work, please contact:

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