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Christmas Blessings

The CNMF President and Board wish all those CNMF members and friends who celebrate Christmas, a happy and peaceful Christmas 2018.



The 30th anniversary of World AIDS Day was celebrated 1 December with the theme "Know your status" to encourage everyone to know their HIV status. Knowing your status means early detection and treatment or empowering people to make choices about HIV prevention so they can protect themselves and their loved ones. Stigma and discrimination and lack of access to confidential HIV testing still deter people from taking a HIV test.

Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day. There are an estimated 36.7 million people globally living with HIV. More than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV; to show support for people living with HIV; and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. For more information, go to: <https://www.worldaidsday.org>.



Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated on 12 December each year. The theme for 2018 is - *Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the time for collective action.*

Universal Health Coverage Day aims to mobilise diverse stakeholders to call for stronger, more equitable health systems to achieve universal health coverage, leaving no-one behind. It has become the annual rallying point for the growing global movement for "Health for All". Go to <http://universalhealthcoverageday.org> for more information.



Jill ILIFFE, CNMF Executive Secretary, seen here visiting the CYNMA offices, had the opportunity recently to enjoy the warm hospitality of the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association.



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Commonwealth Nurses Number 59 now available

Number 59 of the CNMF journal, The Commonwealth Nurse is now available. You can download the entire journal or individual articles.

Go to:

<http://www.thecommonwealthnurse.com>.

Number 59 reports on the 2018 Commonwealth Civil Society Policy Forum hosted by the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance, the Commonwealth Foundation, and Oxfam which had a focus on universal health coverage.

Contributions for Number 60, due for publication in May 2019 are welcome and can be made through the website.

13th CNMF Europe Region Conference 8-9 March 2019, St Paul's Bay Malta

The 13th CNMF Europe Region Conference will be held 8-9 March 2019 in Malta hosted by the Malta Midwives and Nurses Union (MUMN). The Conference is open to all CNMF members and friends.

Further information, 'Call for Abstracts', and registration details are now available on the CNMF website:

<http://commonwealthnurses.org>.



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2018 Commonwealth Civil Society Policy Forum

5th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference and 24th CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members

SAVE THE DATES

The CNMF Board have confirmed that the 5th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March 2020 in London, United Kingdom. The conference will again be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park London, UK. The 'Call for Abstracts' will be available 1 December this year.

The 24th CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members will be held the day before the conference on Thursday 5th March 2020 in London, United Kingdom. The Biennial Meeting of Members is the decision making body of the CNMF.