

Road to Creation – Christian Men Fellowship (CMF)

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One would start by indicating that we were born out of the gift of Christian Fellowship movements originating in the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon. These Christian Fellowship movements include: Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) created in 1959; Christian Women Fellowship (CWF) born in 1961 and in 1981, the Christian Men Fellowship (CMF) came into being.

God used this movement model in His strategy to encourage Christians to live together in harmony, evangelize, and to read and study God's word for spiritual growth. In 2004 CMF PCUSA was birthed by God in 2004 at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church (SSPC) in Silver Spring Maryland. It was inaugurated in 2007 when Rev. Curie Buris dedicated the eight pioneer members. Soon following were other brave men of God, under the direction of Pastor Ed Terry at Mt Paran Presbyterian Church in Randallstown MD, where the CMF was birthed in January 2009, becoming the third dedicated CMF group in the America. This pioneer group is named "the Batch of Inauguration".

In January 2009, the CMF and CWF were officially recognized by the Session and were given sitting position and representation at the Session table. CMF has continued to be a foundational stone for many wonderful acts of God's purpose, including singing regularly in Mt Paran's worship services, assisting with Rally planning and organizing, and holding regular Bible studies.

Mt Paran is pleased to have a growing and thriving CMF within our walls and we look forward to many years of continued growth, spiritually and numerically.