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CUAC Celebrates its Founder

The honorary Distinguished Fellowship of Colleges & Universities of the Anglican Communion is awarded to individuals who model exceptional service to Anglican higher education globally. Dr Linda A. Chisholm was admitted as the third such Fellow on February 3 at her parish church, Grace Church in Nyack, New York, in recognition of her visionary work as CUAC's founder and first General Secretary.

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SAVE THE DATE

2020 CUAC Triennial

at

Whitelands College

London (UK)

June 29-July 5, 2020

CUAC Celebrates its Founder, cont.

As Martin Wharton, retired bishop of Newcastle, a director serving continuously from the beginning noted “without her vision, energy, hard work, and consummate skill it was doubtful that CUAC would have ever existed.” After forming an international task force to test feasibility, she led the formal launch of CUAC at Canterbury Cathedral in 1993.

On behalf of the board, the General Secretary, Canon Callaway presented Dr Chisholm with a certificate signed by CUAC’s patron, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby. She follows as a Fellow the Revd Dr Maher Spurgeon, former chaplain at Madras Christian College in Chennai, India, and the Revd Dr Jeremy Law, Dean of Chapel at Canterbury Christ Church University in England. She was joined at the ceremony by her husband, the Revd Alan Chisholm, who sings in the Grace Church choir, two of their three daughters, and a granddaughter. A long-time lecturer at the New York Botanical Garden, Dr. Chisholm last year published *The History of Landscape Design in 100 Gardens* (Timber Press).

CUAC Shows the Flag in Austin

Compass Rose, the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, Episcopal Camps & Conference Centers, the Episcopal Network for Economic Justice, Integrity, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, the Society of St Margaret, the Vergers Guild, Episcopal Relief & Development, Episcopal Migration Ministries, Episcopal Church Women, the Rio Grande Borderland Ministry, the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas, the Friends of the Episcopal Church in Cuba...

Those were just a few of the church-related organizations which set up booths and conversation nooks at the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting over ten days in Austin, Texas, in July. Even this fragmentary list gives some idea of the depth and breadth of the various auxiliary groups that help form the kaleidoscope of tradition and innovation that is the American church.

And of course CUAC was among them. “Episcopal colleges and the General Convention is an ideal pairing, as it is just as good for the delegates to see their colleges present and it is for the colleges to deepen their church roots.” -Canon Callaway

The Convention brought some 9,000 Episcopalians to the downtown conference center, despite the 100-degree Texas summer weather. Most of them saw CUAC’s presence there, in the vast exhibition hall.



Photo by Rachel Chardon

Appeal Steering Committee member, Canon Peter Ng brought his friend, The Revd Peter Koon, Provincial Secretary of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, by the CUAC booth in the Exhibit Hall



Lifting Up Women in Rural India Through Sports

An Initiative by Lady Doak College

(Madurai, Tamil Nadu)

Founded by Miss Katie Wilcox in 1948, Lady Doak College was the first higher educational institution for women in Madurai. The college had a humble beginning with 80 students in a few thatched sheds. Today's college, with its local and international reach, imparts liberal education of Christian character to students of all creeds. Lady Doak College continues to flourish with its 4,400 students, 260 faculty members, and 150 non-teaching staff.

Its Platinum Jubilee Celebration began with the sports and cultural festival at its Velichanatham satellite campus in April 2018, building a strong bond with the rural community where we are striving to bring higher education to rural women.

Harsh weather and rainless seasons had destroyed the once orchard-like Velichanatham campus, which had become a dry land with a few palm trees and bushes. It was a resurrection for the campus when LDC found a way to give life back to it.



Kayarizhuthal (Tug-of-War)



In order to build a strong relationship with the people of the village, the college organised traditional Tamil games. Sports like Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Karate, along with traditional games such as Pachakuthirai Thanduthal (Leapfrog), Pandiyattam (Hop-Scotch), Pallanguzhi (a board game played with cowry shells or pebbles), Karakattam (folk dance using pots), Sakku Ottam (Gunnysack Race), Thavalai Vilayattu (Frog Jump Race), Kayaru Thanduthal (Skipping), Kayarizhuthal (Tug-of-War) were conducted.

K.Priyadharshini, II B.A. English (Self-Financed), reported: "With the sun scorching, everybody would like to stay back at home and relax, but we left for our dream destination, Velichanatham, the Satellite Campus of Lady Doak College.

We never imagined that we would end the day with such rich, unforgettable experiences. We almost felt like being a part of a village festival. Though the place was just an empty land surrounded by trees, we could feel tremendous love and hope in the air.

“At first, we were sceptical about the response of the village people. But when they participated enthusiastically in the competitions, our happiness was doubled. We revelled at our success and the exhibition of their talents. There was no distinguishing difference between men and women or elder and younger. Everybody was united by ultimate bliss and hope. The support that the villagers bestowed upon us made us feel so blessed and kept us doubly excited throughout the entire happening.



Pachakuthirai Thanduthal (like leap frog)

“The villagers were completely elated when they came to know that we are going to construct a college for them in their very own village. On seeing their interest and delight, we felt that this campus would be fully utilised for the benefit of the rural community. We were so thrilled at the arrival of All India Radio for a live broadcast of the celebrations. It was a great time of rejoicing when our voice was heard live in the campus through the All India Radio. Teachers and students joined hands as one force to make this mega event a big success. I am greatly obliged to Lady Doak College for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful experience.”



The enthusiasm of the youngsters was so infectious that the elderly women of the village expressed the desire to learn English and requested spoken English classes.

Dr. Christianna Singh, the Principal and Secretary of Lady Doak College, envisions that the satellite campus will empower rural women in academics as well as sports. Apart from a Community College that would provide additional livelihood opportunities for rural women of all ages, she proposes a strategic plan for constructing a multi-speciality academy of sports. The main focus of this project is to lure the young women from the surrounding villages into the world of academia that Lady Doak College offers through nurture of their natural sporting prowess.

A state-of-the-art Residential Training Center with kitchen and dining facilities on an eco-friendly Velichanatham campus is on the anvil for the extension programmes of Lady Doak College. The campus provides ample space for construction of residential buildings for essential support services and administrative staff. A large Chapel in the new campus would be a symbolic celebration of complete faith in God. The heavy downpour in a rain-starved place like Velichanatham towards the end of the Platinum Jubilee inaugural celebrations at the satellite campus bares testimony to the heavenly blessings showered on us.

With thanks to the Public Relations Office of Lady Doak College



Dean Percy's Dashboard

CUAC occasionally asks its members how they see this extraordinary network of 160 colleges and universities around the globe. Here is how the Revd Canon Prof Dr Martyn Percy, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, explains CUAC:

It is an organization that helps **to develop students** who

...live lives of service and significance

...think globally and act locally

...become citizens of character

...through their learning, become constructive, creative and caring

...**to develop institutions** that

...shape their surrounding society

...are agents of innovation and transformation

...cultivate challenging courses of teaching and learning

...offer **values-rooted** education that is enabling and effective

...**And to connect to an international network** that

...believes in educating **the whole person**

...is interconnected with other cultures and countries

...is fully committed to **transformational teaching and research**

...believes excellence in education is the key to a better world, for all humanity.

He adds: Our shared Christian foundations lead us to teach and learn in the communities and countries that we serve. And as part of the Anglican Communion, we seek to enrich the global Commonwealth of education.

CUAC believes that all of this is best enabled and strengthened through the common bonds we share in our respective Anglican foundations. It brings us a deep unity, yet it respects our diversity. It affirms our collegiality, and it rejoices in our differences. It teaches us to complement, and not to counter one another. Our common roots bind us together. We, though being many, are one.

HORIZONS: From the General Secretary's Desk

Perhaps the most vexing dilemma of a network is seeing more needs than you can accomplish. With 160 colleges on six continents we see a lot. It can be as simple as seeing that the Episcopal Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina and Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina, need assistance educating their majority low income students. It can be systemic, such as providing chaplains with tailored resources to engage the spiritual lives of their students. It can be as far reaching as supporting Christian schools in societies that are turned against them or as demanding as assisting six new universities in Africa to take the leap from being a dream to becoming functioning, accredited universities. While the CUAC network by itself exists to connect its members, those connections uncover needs and opportunities.

Last June at our board's Strategy Refresh retreat in West Cornwall, Connecticut, in reviewing our budget we were looking at the disconnect between our aspirations for Anglican universities and what our finances could address. The Revd Professor Emmanuel Mbennah, Vice Chancellor of St. John's Anglican University of Tanzania was appalled: "We are making a mistake looking at the limitations of what we have rather than starting with the vision of what we need."

After many years of being supported on the inside, the Appeal has been like an IPO to folks on the outside who hadn't heard of CUAC or even knew that there are so many Anglican colleges. When Bishop Douglas Theuner of New Hampshire died four years ago, CUAC's donor list fell from five to four. As Michael Gilligan, the Executive Director of the Henry Luce Foundation put it so well, our goal is to "pivot from an institutionally (and ecclesially) supported network to one that must raise a good share of its funds from new sources," which he describes as hard work. What started with having a plan then became the need to start telling our story and telling a different audience what Anglican universities are about and why it matters. Andrew Van Culin in Grosse Pointe shared a common sentiment: "While I had no idea there were so many Anglican colleges & universities, their importance cannot be understated."

So, in launching our first Appeal, starting with our board, we have had to build a list practically from scratch. Your saying yes is a terrific boost in taking this crucial step forward in furthering Anglican higher education. While we haven't finished the first round, as of December we have received twenty-three gifts of \$22,025 toward our initial goal of \$30,000. While the heaviest lifting of changing our universe lies ahead, thanks to so many of you, the conversation has begun.

CUAC is particularly grateful to Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City for a kick-off grant of \$10,000 to launch our Appeal. Further contributions will be reported in the summer issue of *Compass Points*.

From The Editor's Desk

Most days, I lead a quiet life, reading, writing, weeding the garden, walking the dogs. But occasionally I get knocked off my feet by something that emerges in that reading.

For example, I was recently weaving my way through Father Copleston, S.J.'s volume on medieval philosophy, in search of something about Aquinas for my Dante class. I happened upon this passage, about the great Islamic philosopher Avicenna:

Imagine a man suddenly created, who cannot see or hear, who is floating in space and whose members are so disposed that they cannot touch one another. On the supposition that he cannot exercise the senses and acquire the notion of being through sight or touch, will he be thereby unable to form the notion? No, because he will be conscious of and affirm his own existence, so that, even if he cannot acquire the notion of being through external experience, he will at least acquire it through self-consciousness.

Writing early in the 11th century, Avicenna envisioned what, a thousand years later, we would call Artificial Intelligence (A.I.). It is no longer a speculation, but a reality. And as the Israeli polymath Yuval Noah Harari has warned, A.I. is coming to get us.



Although we may be scarcely aware of its existence, A.I. is already deciding what food we are going to eat, what TV shows we are going to watch, what presents we are going to buy for Christmas. The centuries-old debates over free will may soon seem of purely antiquarian interest, in this brave new world run by algorithms.

This is of particular significance to CUAC because our 2020 Triennial in London is going to be devoted to the role of social media in the life of our students. When CUAC's U.S. chapter held a student conference on this subject four years ago at Vanderbilt, we expressed our anxieties over online bullying and declining attention spans and electronic devices that functioned as "new body parts." How innocent that all sounds now!

With a rapidity that has caught us unawares, we are now living in an age where Internet optimism has given way to a sense of technological dysfunction -- an age when "books read humans," when Kindle can analyze your face, when "datasystems understand you better than you do yourself."

Could the day be just around the corner when A.I. determines what we are to believe? As programmed by whom? And will there be any resistance? Might faith-based schools be particularly well placed to defend the notion of human wholeness, of our right to our biological and spiritual heritage, of our core being as individuals created in the image of God?

Stay tuned...

Charles Calhoun
Austin, Texas



A HELICOPTER BRINGS SUPPLIES FOR THE RELIEF CAMP AT UCC.

A CUAC Campus Offers Flood Relief For 13,000 People in Kerala

Thara K. Simon began her tenure as principal of Union Christian College (UCC) on March 31, 2018, the first female to lead this 100-year-old institution located in the southwestern Indian state of Kerala. Five months later, as heavy rains and severe flooding struck Kerala, she put aside her typical administrative responsibilities in order to respond to emergency conditions. UCC, located on a hilltop, had been spared the worst effects of the devastation, so Principal Thara and her colleagues welcomed those displaced by the flooding. For two weeks, the campus served as a flood relief camp, giving shelter to about 13,000 people.



A CAMPUS BUILDING IS TRANSFORMED INTO A RELIEF CAMP

“A team of committed faculty, staff, and 30 student volunteers worked day and night,” Dr. Thara wrote soon after the camp closed and the college prepared to resume normal operations. Conditions were extremely difficult during the relief efforts. “There was no power supply or landline telephone connection or mobile signal. The airport was closed. Food, medicine, water, clothing, and other amenities were available through helicopters that landed in the UCC football ground. The military as well as the rapid action force had their separate base camps in UCC itself and went to rescue people in and around the area.”

Despite the challenges, Dr. Thara and colleagues and students responded with hospitality and efficiency. “We had special sections for 12 pregnant women, 16 mothers with infants up to six months, and a room full of feeding children and mothers. A special section was set apart for very old people (including a 100-year-old and a 103-year-old) and for people who had undergone many kinds of surgery. The college cafeteria was converted into a mini hospital, and we thank God that we could cater to all who needed service without any casualties.”



UCC STAFF AND STUDENTS, WHO SERVED AS VOLUNTEERS AT THE RELIEF CAMP

After two weeks, the water levels receded and UCC was able to close the relief camp, clean up the campus, and reopen the college. UCC received appreciation from the local government for the successful completion of a Damage Assessment Survey, which was conducted to assess the structural damage of 9,534 houses in 21 wards. Two hundred sixty-one students of the college, including National Cadet Corps (NCC) members and the National Service Scheme (NSS) and pain and palliative care volunteers, registered for the survey and uploaded the damage details through the “Rebuild Kerala” app using geo-tagging technology within a short span of three days.

With thanks to the Press Office of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia

PASSAGES: News From CUAC'S Global Network

The **Association of Christian Schools in Japan (ACSJ)** have elected an Anglican priest, **Dr Renta Nishihara**, as its new chairperson. Dr Nishihara is the first Anglican elected to chair the 108-year-old organization in 63 years. He is pastor of St Barnabas Church in Okaya and a noted ecumenist, serving on the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches and on a number of official Anglican Communion bodies. The ACSJ brings together 105 colleges and universities throughout the country.

In addition to his parochial work, Dr Nishihara is a Professor at the **Rikkyo University** in Tokyo and Vice Chancellor and Dean of College of the **Graduate School of Christian Studies**. He is a member of the International Reformed-Anglican Dialogue and has served as a member of the Anglican-Lutheran International Commission.



Prof Patrick A. McGuire is serving as Interim President of **Hobart & William Smith Colleges** in Geneva, New York, during a nationwide search for a new president. Professor emeritus of economics, he is a respected scholar who has served the Colleges in a variety of roles for more than 40 years, including as co-chair of the Culture of Respect initiative and interim provost and dean of faculty. When he retired in 2013, dozens of alums returned to campus to attend his last class, and one former student, HWS Trustee Andrew G. McMaster Jr., donated the McGuire House as a residence for visiting scholars.

St Augustine College in Chicago has a new president, **Dr Reyes González**. He has over two decades of experience in higher education and education fostering opportunities for first-generation students in the Chicago area and at other Midwestern universities.

President González served many years at both Mount Mary University in Wisconsin and City College of Chicago in several administrative and leadership rolls. He received a Doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania and also holds an MS in Accountancy and MBA in Change Management from DePaul University.



Prof Paul Baskcomb has been appointed Acting President of **Thorneloe University** in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. He has an Honours Bachelor of Arts from Laurentian University, a Master in Environmental Studies from York University, and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto. An urban planner, Paul held positions with the City of Greater Sudbury and retired as General Manager of Growth and Development. He has been a member of the Thorneloe University Board of Governors for several terms, serving as Chair from 1999 to 2002 and 2014 to 2017. He also served as one of Thorneloe's nominees to the Laurentian University Board of Governors from 2005 to 2009.



Dr Thara K. Simon began her tenure as principal of **Union Christian College (UCC)** on March 31, 2018, the first female to lead this 100-year-old institution located in the southwestern Indian state of Kerala. A former Associate Professor in the Department of Botany, she has been serving on the faculty of Union Christian College for the past twenty years. Her research interests include Plant Taxonomy and Environmental Biology with special reference to Aquatic Biology. Five months into her presidency the college was tested with the flooding described in the accompanying story.

Prof Bill Peirson has become Master at **New College UNSW**, Sydney, Australia. He was the Dean of New College for two years. He has had over 30 years of professional and research experience in water engineering. Bill has held senior lay leadership roles in a variety of churches for over 37 years. He is an enthusiastic supporter of Scripture Union Family Missions and Crusaders. Over his two years as Dean, he worked to see New College actively engaged with these and other evangelistic ministries.



The Revd Dr Amos Kisuk Kim is the new President of **Sungkonghoe University** in Seoul, South Korea. In his doctoral theological studies at Birmingham University, he became fascinated with the interplay between science and religion, a subject which was little known in Korea. He made that the topic of his thesis and in 2009 published *Science-Religion Dialogue in Korea*. In recent years he was Dean of St. Michael's Seminary before being tapped to head the university itself.

St. Margaret's Jr. College, Tokyo, was founded in 1877 as one of the first high schools for Japanese girls and in 1967 its Junior College was opened with college students sharing the beautiful campus with primary and secondary school girls. Japan's falling birth rate which prevented them from becoming a four year college several years ago now has led to the close of the college, returning to status as an outstanding school. **Dr Toshie Ooe**, the final president of the College reports that in April they will reduce the College from 360 to 100 students and are working to graduate them all. St. Margaret's was a founding member of CUAC in 1993.



The Revd Antony Weiss has been appointed chaplain for **St. Paul's College at the University of Sydney** in Australia. He has just completed his Bachelor of Divinity at Moore Theological College and was ordained in February 2018. As well as serving as Chaplain at St. Paul's, he is a part-time curate at Christ Church Laurence, Railway Square. Antony brings with him the experience of two decades as the boarding housemaster at Shore School as well as Head of Languages, teaching French and Latin.

‘When a College Is Also Haven’

After many decades of struggle to eliminate barriers of race and gender that excluded so many young people from higher education, why do a significant number of students still choose single-sex or Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)?

That was the question posed by the New York Times under the headline above, in its Feb. 24 edition. Enrollment is up at such colleges, a fact some attribute to the current political climate in the United States. Students who feel their race or gender or sexuality may subject them to hostility in society at large feel these institutions offer them a safe space in which they can live a normal student life while getting an excellent education.

The Times reported that “there are 102 active HBCUs, institutions established before 1964 to educate black students who were often barred from white schools. About 10 percent of African-American college students attend an HBCU.” Applications have jumped about 20 percent between 2014 and 2017. “More white and Hispanic students are also attending HBCUs,” the Times said, “at a time of declining college enrollment over all.”

The Association of Episcopal Colleges, the U.S. chapter of CUAC, includes two such institutions, Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, and St Augustine’s University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Times added:

“Research from the Gallup organization shows...that graduates of HBCUs tend to report better college experiences than African-American students at mostly white colleges and are almost twice as likely to agree that their university prepared them well for life outside of college.”



The **Association of Episcopal Colleges** met this summer in Austin, Texas, in the context of the Episcopal Church’s 79th General Convention. Convened by AEC President John McCardell, vice chancellor at Sewanee, the meeting heard reports from the five colleges in attendance, laid plans for the second **AEC Student Conference**, to be held at **Kenyon College in October 2019**, and met with Daniel Hieschman, Executive Director of the National Association of Episcopal Schools, to consider parallel themes in secondary and tertiary Episcopal education. Delegates heard Bishop Prince Singh’s convention sermon on racism and visited the Exhibits Hall, where AEC was represented.

Shown in Front Row: *Presidents* Everett B Ward - Saint Augustine’s University, W Franklin Evans - Voorhees College, General Secretary Callaway, John M McCardell - Sewanee|University of the South, Hilda Alcindor - Université Episcopale d’Haiti, Back Row: *Chaplains* Melissa Hartley - Sewanee, Nita Byrd - Saint Augustine’s, Rachel Kessler - Kenyon College, James Yarsiah - Voorhees, Tom Macfie - Sewanee and Scott Evenbeck, *President* - Guttman Community College, New York.



Photo by Scott Tonell

The **Board of Voting Trustees** gathered in New York for a face-to-face meeting and went to the Trinity Retreat Center in rural West Cornwall, Connecticut, to work on a Strategy Refresh with our pro-bono facilitator, Scott Townell. The strategy's goal is to execute a strategy pivot to find new ways to optimize the CUAC network to connect and serve member universities and colleges, to initiate an Annual Appeal to extend CUAC's depth and reach, and to develop training programs from heads to chaplains with an emphasis on preparing new leaders. Shown are trustees **Prince Singh, Peter Neil, Wilfred Tiu, Linda Lankewicz, the Townells, Ester and Scott, Mark Garner, Martin Wharton, Bob Derrenbacker, Paul Dhaybaran, Emmanuel Mbennah and Jamie Callaway.**

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