

**Indaba, CUAC Board, Linda Lankewicz, October 14, 2020**

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Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)

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1999 Triennial, York University, Toronto

Over the course of the Triennial, Principal Mammen Varkey and I discussed a collaboration between Bishop Moore College in Kerala, India, and The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, USA.

September – December 2000 – Bishop Moore College's George Kurian spent a semester living in Sewanee and working with me to develop a computer science course that was taken concurrently with students in India and students in Sewanee in 2001, 2002, 2003.

August 2001 – Sewanee's Linda Lankewicz and Marcia Clarkson spent a month at Bishop Moore College teaching, working with faculty, and meeting with groups of people.



Principal Varkey is on the right in the above picture with Bishop Samuel Mathew and his staff, Marcia and Linda.



Mr. Varkey said, "It is important for the faculty and students to interact with you and for you to understand us."

We spent many evenings in the homes of faculty and staff. This is Bobby Kurian's family. (Principal of Peet Memorial Training College). His brother and wife are dentists who offer free dental clinics at Bishop Moore College to poor children who cannot afford a dentist. Mr. Varkey said, "I surround myself with spiritual people."

I first met Bobby Kurian at 1999 Toronto Triennial and reunited with him at the 2017 Triennial in Chennai.



One evening Mr. Varkey took us with his wife and children down to the sea. In the darkness there were small lights along the beach, as far as we could see, and Mr. Varkey told us that those were the cooking fires of families of fishermen who live in small lean-tos on the beach. We did not feel in any danger at all, standing in the dark with landless people camped close by. As we left, our car got stuck in the sand, and people came out of a lean-to help us.

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2005. Triennial, Canterbury and York

2008 Triennial, Hong Kong

2010-11 search committee for general secretary, The Rev. Canon Jamie Callaway 2/20/2011

How fortunate CUAC has been to have a general secretary with Jamie’s experience, his heart for serving, and his kind and respectful treatment of all persons.



May 2011 Triennial, Sewanee  
Board of Trustees: Henrique Tokpa; Bp. Martin Wharton; Don Thompson, general secretary; Marcus Diepin Boominathan; Jean Lien Chen; Maher Spurgeon; Michael Wright, chair; Muriel Robinson; (Andrew Wei-man Ng; preacher); Bp. Henry Parsley; Joel Cunningham  
May 2011 –Lankewicz elected chair of the Board of Trustees



2011 – Callaway and Lankewicz attended India Chapter meeting and visited many CUAC colleges: Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India; CSI Institute of Technology and Wesley Degree College for Women, Secunderabad; Kettel College, Dharwad; St. Christopher’s College, Madras Christian College, and Women’s Christian College, Chennai; Lady Doak College, Madurai, India

2011-2013 Exchanges Committee (Robin Baker, Henrique Tokpa, Lankewicz, Bp. Henry Parsley)

2012 First Rowan Williams Lecture, Canterbury, UK



2013 – board planning meeting in Seoul

2014 Triennial, Sungkonghoe University, Seoul, Korea

Exchanges Committee presentation (Nishihara; Yang; Tokpa, Lankewicz)

2014 The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacher elected chair of the board





Sungkonghoe University houses the History Archive of the Anglican Church of Korea, a collection that preserves the records of the early Anglican mission in Korea in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

President Rev. Dr. Jeongku Lee said: “The second century will certainly lead us to the next level of engaging with the world through higher education: at the same time, it will also keep reminding us of the original purpose of our educational mission. No matter what the journey ahead of us, the Christian educational value and the precious collective experience of the last century will guide us through the future like the ‘pillars of cloud and fire’ in the landscape of Biblical world.”

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2017 Triennial at Madras Christian College, Women’s Christian College, Chennai, India  
Presentation by Pushpalatha and Lankewicz on exchanges



2017 three-year appointment on board

2017-2018 – chaired the Exchanges Committee that prepared a report on three models for the board to consider at its June 2018 meeting (committee members: Dharybaran, Nishihara, Lankewicz, Derrenbacker, Callaway)



June 2018 Board Retreat, Trinity Retreat Center, West Cornwall, CT, and House of the Redeemer, NYC, with facilitator Scott Townell

Particularly meaningful to me were long walks with Wilfred Tiu and sharing our experiences with care-giving. Wilfred also talked about leadership, and how personal challenges can contribute to understanding of meaningful leadership.

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Transformational Leadership Committee 2019-2020

Jan-May 2020 – formed a mentor partnership with Professor Sweetlyn Moses of Women’s Christian College, Chennai, India, as a prototype for leadership development for the board

At the December 2019 meeting, Bp. Wharton said, “Tomorrow is an election. Truth has been a casualty. The world’s financial systems are failing to provide basic freedoms: freedom from hunger, freedom from war. We need to think about building a secure and stable world. There is no freedom for any of us unless we recognize the global problems of deforestation and rising sea levels.”

At an April 2020 mentor meeting, Sweetlyn said, “The world is crumbling around me. People around me are sick. It’s hard to see. Daily workers are affected. Professors are having to do more. WCC is shut down. The government has opened a quarantine center on campus. It is a strange feeling completing the term online five days after the shutdown. But on campus a 400-year old copper-pod tree is blooming. The former head of our department said that her mother,

her grandmother, and her great-grandmother saw this tree bloom. We are well, by God's grace."

At our May 2020 board meeting check-ins, some words mentioned were "chaos," "suspended classes," "budget challenges," "not the church we knew but never will be." Chair Bob Derrenbacker's opening prayer was: "Help us to tread lightly with one another in this time of fear. We are all affected by events of others. We are called to be one family."

At our June 2020 board meeting Bp. Prince said, "How do we be the body of Christ in dangerous times, with old narratives?"

At our September 2020 board meeting Peter Neil spoke of George Floyd's words, "I can't breathe," and said, "We all breathe the same air. To live, we are dependent on the air of others. Leaders should inspire us to think how we can change for the well-being of the world."

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