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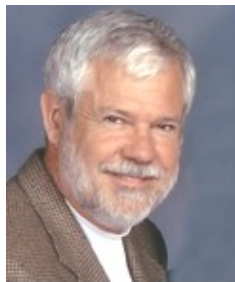
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A Note From Max



Welcome to the *Ludhiana CMC US Review*. If this is the first edition you are receiving we are glad you have joined us. We welcome your ideas and input as we seek to make this communication ever more beneficial to you. Essentially we are here to give you some of the latest information about the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, which was started over a

hundred years ago to promote health, healing and medical education in India. In each edition we bring you the news as well as a bit of history. I visit Ludhiana CMC one or two times a year to gather fresh information, pictures and videos. By clicking on links in our colorful digital edition of this publication you can instantly go deeper with additional information as print turns into sights and sounds with interesting video clips. This is all offered to you free by the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA where I am here to serve you as Executive Director.

With our prayers and best wishes as we keep you in touch with the Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital.

Max Marble

Historical Perspective

The Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA and its processor organizations have been supporting the ministry in Ludhiana for over 80 years. The first meeting was held in 1931 and Dr. Howard A. Kelly, pictured here, was elected the first president. Dr. Kelly was an eminent American gynecologist credited with establishing gynecology as a true specialty. He was

one of the "Big Four" founding professors of Johns Hopkins Hospital, and was gynecology and obstetrics surgeon at Johns Hopkins University During his 30 years at Johns Hopkins, he invented a number of medical devices, including widely used Kelly



speculum, and innovative pads for drainage from the operating table. He created new surgical approaches to women's diseases, such as what became known as Kelly's stitch, and defined what became known as Kelly's sign. He also pioneered in the use of radium to treat cancer.

The current president of the Board is the Rev. Dr. Thomas Salsgiver from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The Vice President is Dr. Sewa Legha, M.D., of Houston, Texas.

CHRISMED



The New CMC Medical Journal

CHRISMED, the new professional medical journal that the Ludhiana Christian Medical College is producing, was dedicated at the March 2014 Governing Body Meeting. Dr. Rajendra Gyani proudly holds the magazine as Dr. Kim Mammen, Assistant Director, Dr. Abraham Thomas, Director, and Dr. Jeyaraj Panidan, Editor of CHRISMED and head of Neurology, listen to the chairman's words of praise.

Some Initial Responses:

It is truly amazing and inspiring.
 —Dr. Elizabeth Paul, North American Alumni Association President

Congratulations to the team at CMC! Great to see the development of this journal as a venue for CMCites and others to publish their clinical and research work.
 —Dr. Meenakshi Singh, CMC US Board Member

I pray this Journal does well. It is so needed for the academic life at LCMC and the institution. I pray people have the time to do research and publish articles...but rare in my day there.
 —Dr. Dorothy M. Barbo, Former CMC Missionary Professor

Having our own journal is step in the right direction & futuristic.
 —Dr. Kiran Pathak Bhatt, Alumnus

What an achievement! We are so proud of this & it reads so well. It will help putting CMC at a different level plus add to academia. There is so much talent & patient material to keep it strong, interesting, academic, & going. Best of luck to all for their endeavors.
 —Dr. Arun Adlakha, Alumnus

From the Director's Desk



Dr. Abraham Thomas

Good clinical work, case reports, and often some good research work go unnoticed or published due to lack of time, perseverance, or lethargy on the part of doctors and allied medical personnel! This was very true for Christian Medical College (CMC), Ludhiana. Dr. Jeyaraj and team have realized this and embarked on this noble venture of 'CHRISMED Journal of Health and Research' published

from CMC Ludhiana in association with 'Medknow'. This is a pioneering effort and I am sure the world of medical science literature will be enriched by this contribution from CMC Ludhiana.

Christian Medical College, Ludhiana has made significant contribution to health education and comprehensive health care, since its inception in 1894 by Dame Edith Brown, as a Medical School for Women. Presently it has five colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Physiotherapy, and Allied Health Sciences imparting undergraduate and postgraduate education.

The Alumni and faculty at CMC Ludhiana have excelled in their clinical acumen, research, and outreach work among the masses and worldwide. I am sure this journal which was long overdue, will give the best opportunity for faculty to share their valuable experience, along with their other colleagues.

I also do hope that the quality of papers will get acceptance and recognition in due course.



In Loving Memory



Raj Mathews passed away on July 4th at Brigham Hospital in Boston from complications of open heart surgery on July 4th. She was batch of 1959. She married her fellow graduate Daniel Mathews. They moved to the United States where she became Board Certified and subsequently worked as head injury specialist at Helen Hays, NY and then VA Hospital, at the same time as a clinical instructor at NJ School of Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, till retirement due to disability from a work related injury.



Indira S. Fristedt (nee Wesley) passed away on 3 August 2013 after a long battle with cancer. She received her MBBS from the Christian Medical College at Ludhiana, Punjab, India in 1965. A native of Allahabad, Dr. Fristedt taught Anatomy, most recently at the University of Minnesota. In her undergraduate years, she was a champion track and field athlete. Among her relatives, she is survived by her husband, Prof. Bert Fristedt, first husband, Dr. Satish Ram, a daughter and a grandson. She will be dearly missed



Dhanraj E. Maney passed away on 18 October 2013 at the age of 73. He was a member of the incoming 1961 MBBS batch at the Christian Medical College at Ludhiana, Punjab, India. Dr. Maney was a native of Pietermaritzberg, South Africa, where he served as a highly regarded Forensic Pathologist. During his days at CMC, Dr. Maney endeared himself to his generation of Alumni. He excelled at soccer and was an expert pugilist. Among his family, he is survived by his wife, Usha, and several children. Those of his batch who attended our 50th reunion at CMC were fortunate to catch up with him. He will be dearly missed, and long remembered.



Dr. George Mathew passed away on November 18, 2013. He graduated from CMC in 1962 and received his FRCS in Edinburgh. He moved to Canada in 1975 and practiced in Nokomis and Regina, SK for 30 years.



Dr. Bhagwant Gill passed away on January 23, 2014. She graduated from CMC in 1965. She did her FRCS from Edinburgh in 1969. She worked in several hospitals in the UK and then returned to CMC to serve in the department of Paediatric Surgery. Later she went with her husband Dr. Ashok Sathe to the USA and served at the Albert Einstein Hospital in New York. Her husband preceded her in death 12 years ago.

Visit with Students

Ludhiana CMC US Board Executive Director Max Marble had delightful visits with medical, dental, and nursing students who are receiving some financial aid from the US Board. Marble explained to the students how in the US almost all students receive some financial aid, as he did himself while attending University and Graduate School. Persons wishing to help to support students at CMC may designate their donations for student scholarships and send their donation to the CMC US Board office in Columbia, Missouri.



Medical Students



Dental Students



Nursing Students

Dedications at Governing Body Meeting



During the Governing Body Meeting held on March 13th there were two ribbon cutting ceremonies. Pictured above, Governing Body Chairman Dr. Rajendra Gyani cuts the rib-



bon for the dedication of new Ward 29 for surgical patients. Another new ward has been added for Neurology and Nephrology. Dr. Gyani cut another ribbon for the dedication of new equipment in the Eye Department for Optical

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herency Tomography & Optical Biometry. A new lecture hall was also added recently in anticipation of increasing the number of medical student from 75 to 100. Permission is being sought from the Medical Council of India for this expansion. Currently there are 1175 students in the five colleges that make up the Ludhiana Medical College, along with 470 doctors, 671 nurses, and 1544 ancillary staff members.

A New Memorial Fund



In memory of his wife and their mother, Dr. Daniel Mathews and his three daughters have opened an investment fund with the CMC US Board by making an initial memorial donation of \$100,000. The family will decide how the money is used to benefit the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. Dr. Mathews returned to CMC in March after 50 years. Two of his daughters, who had never been to CMC, accompanied him. They took a campus tour and met with Director Dr. Thomas about needs of CMC. The new fund was dedicated and a memorial certificate prepared by the US CMC Board was presented to them by Dr. Thomas. The memorial certificate reads: *"In loving memory of Dr. Raj Mathews, we give thanks for her heart of service shown to her family, students, patients and humanity. With grateful hearts we dedicate to the Glory of Almighty God the establishment of the Dr. Daniel and Dr. Raj Mathews Fund with the initial gift of \$100,000 from her family for the Ludhiana Christian Medical College."*

2014 Alumni Reunion

The 2014 CMC Alumni Reunion and Annual Meeting will be held at the Terranea Resort, Rancho Palos, California, July 24-26. For registration information and all the details visit the North American CMC Alumni Association website: <http://cmcnaa.org>

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