

# LUDHIANA CMC BOARD US REVIEW

VOLUME 8 #1 | DECEMBER 2019

Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA, Inc.

## CATE WHITCOMB NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 1, 2019, Cate Whitcomb began her appointment as Executive Director of the Ludhiana CMC Board USA. Cate is the daughter and granddaughter of India missionaries. Her parents worked with the UCC church in Chhattisgarh for 25 years. Her Whitcomb grandfather was a physician with the Evangelical and Reformed church who established hospitals in Chhattisgarh and Odisha. Mason Vaugh, her maternal grandfather, was an Agricultural Engineer and worked at the Agricultural Institute in Allahabad for 40 years. She attended Woodstock School and is serving on the Board with two of her Woodstock classmates, Dr. Lee Feierabend and Mrs. Linda Garst Gupta both of whose fathers worked at CMC.



Cate earned her PhD at the University of Iowa in educational administration. Her experiences include directing alumni activities, fund raising in various settings and working on college campuses in administrative positions. She is enthusiastic about all the tasks and opportunities that lie ahead for the Board. In January she travels to Ludhiana to assess the current situation at CMC. She and husband Jack are active members of the United Methodist church in Evanston, Illinois.

Many thanks are extended to Mrs. Sue Sarin who carried out the duties of the Board in the interim between the two Directors. The headquarters for the Board is now in Evanston a suburb of Chicago. Official permission to carry out the activities of the Board in Illinois is pending.

## IN THIS ISSUE

Cate Whitcomb - Executive Director	1
Board Members	1
Alumni Meeting 2020	1
Board Sets Goals for 5 Years	2
Alumni Gathering Snapshots	2
'Tis the Season of Giving	2
New History Center in Ludhiana	3
History Books of CMC Available	3
Archives Drew University	3
Contact Information	3
News from Ludhiana	4

## ALUMNI MEETING 2020



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**August 20-23**  
in Washington, DC

The annual Ludhiana CMC Alumni gathering will be August 20 to 23 in Washington, DC at the J.W. Marriott on Pennsylvania Avenue. Details about reservations will be available after the first of the year.

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Harish Anand**

hanand01@aol.com

**Chittur Ananthkrishnan**

chitturaiyerm@gmail.com

**Dorothy Barbo**

barbomd@comcast.net

**Gurpal Bhuller**

gurpalB19@gmail.com

**Jacob Danial**

jacobdanial@hotmail.com

**Joseph Duerksen**

josephduerksen@att.net

**Lee Feierabend**

lee.feierabend@gmail.com

**Linda Garst Gupta,**

*Secretary*  
ashlingupta@att.net

**Virginia Hall**

v.hall.md@gmail.com

**Sewa Legha,**

*President*  
sslegha@gmail.com

**Elizabeth Paul**

pauleliz@aol.com

**Thomas Salsgiver**

tsalsgiver@susumc.org

**Susan Sarin,**

*Vice President*  
sue@sarin.org

**David Simon**

Sdavid4548@gmail.com

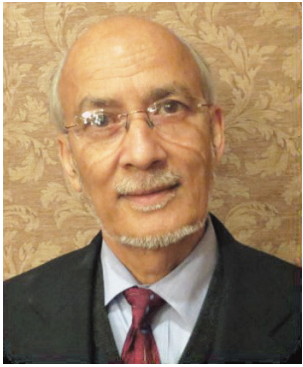
**Feroze Yusufji**

fayusufji@gmail.com

Warmest wishes for a blessed &  
joyful Christmas season to all the  
friends of Ludhiana CMC



## BOARD SETS GOAL FOR NEXT 5 YEARS



Dr. Sewa Singh Legha

The Ludhiana CMC Board, USA has been a persistent source of support to the CMC Hospital in Ludhiana for the past 50+ years. This support has come from many US-based Churches, Missionary physicians and, more recently, from the US-based medical Alumni of the CMC Ludhiana (CMCL).

Because the health care costs have skyrocketed and CMC provides care to so many indigent patients (Charity Care), the institution has not been able to generate

sufficient funds to keep up with the new technologies which have become a critical component of modern medical and surgical care. To meet this critical need the US based Alumni have gradually stepped up their financial contributions to CMCL through the US Board. The US Board has been a catalyst in this effort and has encouraged the Alumni to establish named Endowments which will continue to generate income to provide support to buy new equipment for the various medical and surgical services as requested by the Director of CMC Ludhiana.

The US Board is now very proactive and has generously contributed to the Endowment funds. To further encourage our Alumni to contribute annual donations, a general Endowment fund has been set up starting this year. **It is our goal to raise 1 million USD per year over the next 5 years so that we can pay for a new Technology based Project each year.** The ultimate goal is to provide near about \$100,000 support per year for which I, as the Board President am making an appeal to all the medical Alumni to contribute a minimum of \$1,000 or more, each, so that we can reach our goal and continue to sustain CMCL for the remainder of this century and beyond.



Group at the Chicago Reunion in August. L-R: Harish Anand, Parveen Anand, Manjeet Dhillon-Bouri, Malkit Dhillon-Johal, Kuldip Legha, Dolly Bajpai, Deepchand Bajpai & Dr. Sewa Singh Legha.



Another group at the August reunion. L-R: Dr. Navtej & Rupinder Purewal, Harvinder Bedi, Raj & Dr. Seema Bhatia, Dr. Deepa & Ranjan Gupta, Dr. Shailendra & Kathy Chopra.

## 'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING



You are no doubt being solicited by many worthy organizations at this time of the year when gift giving is on everyone's mind. The Ludhiana CMC Board USA is also here to ask you to be generous with a gift that

will provide health care and training in Ludhiana. There are so many ways to give! Included are:

- A one-time donation now in honor of the season or in honor of a teacher you remember with gratitude
- A recurring gift set up through your investment advisor or bank
- A planned gift through your will, of cash, securities, property, insurance policies etc.
- A named endowment of a minimum of \$50,000 that will provide funding through the years for a project

you select or in support of a specific program

- A contribution toward the Board's endowment fund goals

Whatever you can give will be gratefully accepted and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have supported a cause which benefits thousands.

You can write a check made payable directly to the Ludhiana CMC Board USA, and mail it to PO Box 6275, Evanston, IL 60204. To make donations on line you can refer to the web page [advance.umcmmission.org](http://advance.umcmmission.org) and click on Donate. The Advance number for Ludhiana is 12429B. You may choose to donate online at the [folus.wordpress.com/donate](http://folus.wordpress.com/donate) web site and use your PayPal account or your personal credit card.

(The Board is a 501 (c) (3) organization and your gift is fully tax deductible for purposes of U.S. Income Tax.)



## NEW HISTORY CENTER IN LUDHIANA

The new history center at the hospital in Ludhiana was dedicated in the spring of this year. The dedication plaque reads:

**My Work if for a king.**

To mark the Quasquicentennial Celebration

**DR BROWN HERITAGE CENTER**

was inaugurated by

**SHRI BHARAM MOHINDRA**

Health and Family Welfare Minister-Punjab Government

in the presence of Governing Body Members,

Staff and Students of the

Ludhiana Christian Medical College & Hospital

**March 1, 2019**



The center contains many historic artifacts, history and a time line of the hospital's development, all beautifully displayed.

## HISTORY BOOKS OF CMC AVAILABLE

Are you a history buff or wanting to increase your knowledge of the history of Ludhiana CMC and the hospital? For a small donation of \$25 you can have one of the titles listed all of which present some aspect of the history. While there are several copies of **Where is God Not** there are only a few copies of the others so don't delay in making your choice.

The available titles are:

**Doctor May I Run With You?** — by Dr. Betty Cowan

**Where is God Not?** — by Forrest C. Eggleston

— and by Charles Reynolds: **House of Many Windows; Mandate for Mercy;**

**Punjab Pioneer; He Leadth Me and The Holy Tree**



## ARCHIVES FOR LUDHIANA CMC AT DREW UNIVERSITY



The Methodist General Commission on Archives and History has several locations where records of the church are kept for research and study. One of them is located at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. There is already a collection of materials in their archives on the Ludhiana CMC.



After requesting if the collection of materials that have been collected over the years, including minutes of the Board from 1966 through 2009, would be accepted by the archives and receiving a positive response, Cate Whitcomb shipped a sizeable box of records to Drew University. They will be

entered into the collection and then be available for researchers who are studying health care in India, or history of missions, or other topics related to the services offered and the individuals involved.

Ludhiana Christian Medical  
College Board USA, Inc.

### CONTACT

**Catherine Whitcomb,**

PhD, Executive Director

Ludhiana CMC Board USA

PO Box 6275

Evanston, IL 60204

director@cmcludhianausa.org

847.644.4813

**www.FOLUS.ORG**

## NEWS FROM LUDHIANA: GREETINGS FROM DR. WILLIAM BHATTI

Dear Alumni, Friends & Well-Wishers,

I'm delighted to connect with you on this forum and bring you exciting news from Ludhiana CMC. We have been looking for a suitable Hospital Information Management System (HIMS) to upgrade our 20-year old software, since May of this year. Through the dedicated efforts of our core technical team, we identified a system that is the best possible fit for our current needs and will also be a catalyst for future growth. We plan to use the implementation of this systems-wide change to usher in new processes and behaviours across our workforce and institution, which enforce accountability, transparency, and productivity. We have created a process roadmap for the institution, and with contract closure imminent, implementation of the new HIMS is expected to start in January, with plans to go live by July. The input of several US-based CMC-Alums has been vital in guiding us through this process. We have also commenced fund-raising for this initiative, with a confirmed pledge in the amount of 100 lacs being donated by a CMC-Ludhiana alum. We will reach out to you with additional information about this initiative.

The US alumni board's generous contribution in the amount of \$70,000 enabled the purchase of a new "Sphinx Jr." Holmium Laser machine (LISA,) a C-Arm (Allengers), a Fluor-compatible OT table (Technomed India) and a disposable flexible scope from (Pusen) for the Department of Urology. We are extremely grateful to Drs. Joy and Elizabeth Paul for this largesse. A range of minimally invasive, previously unfeasible surgeries, particularly in the management of Uro-lithiasis, can now be performed. The department will be able run a dedicated Uro-Stone clinic, along with enhanced operational safety, surgical outcomes, and teaching methodologies.



The CUSA Excel+ in use at CMC-Ludhiana's Department of Neurosurgery



Dr. Partho Mukherjee (L-R), Dr. William Bhatti and Dr. Uma Kant Dutt with the Sphinx Jr. Laser at the Department of Urology, CMC-Ludhiana

I'm also excited to report on the procurement of state-of-the-art operating and patient monitoring equipment in the Department of Neurosurgery. These include the latest Neurosurgery operating microscope, CUSA machine, Midas Rex High speed drill, Neuromonitoring apparatus for the Neurosurgery Operation suite, and Neurocritical care ventilators and Monitors with ICP monitoring for the Neurosurgery ICU. The imaging microscope will allow real-time visualization of vessels and tumours enabling safer treatment of ruptured aneurysms, vascular malformations, and better resection of brain and spine tumours. Our Department of Neurosurgery is the only site in the entire state of Punjab to use the latest Neuro-monitoring apparatus to offer cutting-edge treatment modalities, better postoperative outcomes, and a higher standard of patient care. These additions were made possible through the contribution of board member, Padam Bhushan, Chairman and Managing Director of Vardhman Textiles Ltd., Mr. S.P. Oswal.

***It is only through generous contributions received from individuals like you, our alumni, corporate entities, and other friends, that we have been allowed to make meaningful progress in our endeavour towards global excellence in patient care. I look forward to receiving your support and contributions with continued zeal and enthusiasm. Wishing you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year!***

— Dr. William Bhatti, Director, CMC-Ludhiana