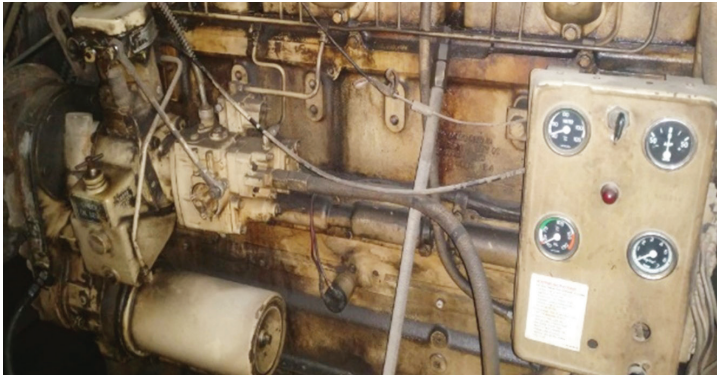


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URGENT NEED FOR ELECTRIC SUBSTATION UPGRADE



The urgent need for infrastructure upgrades exists all over the world. Technology and advanced engineering brought many benefits in all kinds of ways in the early 20th Century and the need for eventual replacement and upgrades was often not in the long-range plans. Ludhiana CMC finds itself in this situation as there is the urgent need to upgrade their electrical substation. The equipment, generators, switches, electrical panels and transforms are over 40 years old. The pictures tell the story.

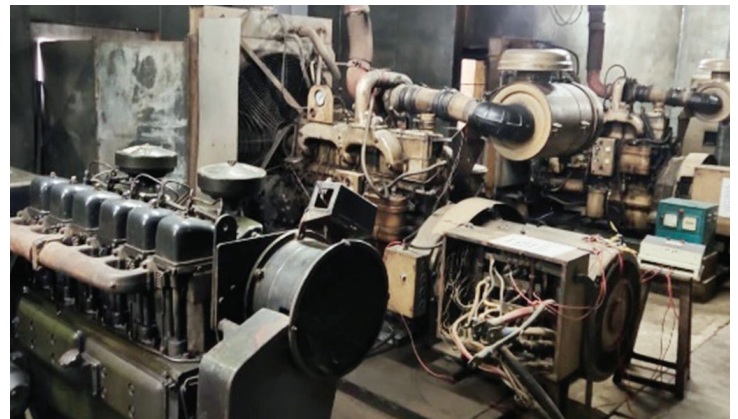
Whenever power is shut from the electrical grid these ancient generators have to be manually turned on to keep the electrical supply to the hospital running. The electricity supply from the grid is unpredictable as power is shut down to facilitate load-sharing across north India fairly frequently.

The hospital must be prepared to always provide electricity safely, using the best possible equipment.

CMC is in active conversations with a company who has made this kind of upgrade and who knows the steps needed to incrementally make the required changes. Obviously the hospital cannot have all the electricity turned off at once. The process will take several weeks to say nothing of what the cost will be. The current estimate is around \$400,000. There will have to be multiple donors to make this project possible.

We are calling on everyone who can to make a contribution toward electrical substation.

The urgency cannot be overstated.



OUR MISSION

This year a committee of Board members created a new mission statement for the Board. The scope of work that we support is listed as well as the reasons that underlie our ongoing vision for the hospital and colleges.

We are a non-profit organization formed to support and promote excellence in medical education and healthcare services at CMCL for the people of Punjab and India regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender or age.

The Board, inspired by the legacy of the founder of CMCL Dame Edith Brown, supports the institution by financing specific state-of-the-art service and research projects and scholarships for deserving students.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT



Dr. Sewa Singh Legha,
President of Board

The state of our US- based Ludhiana CMC Board is Good! The new Leadership team has been working hard and has made substantial progress during the last 2 years since Dr. Cate Whitcomb was invited to be the new Executive Director of the Board.

The Christian Medical College in Ludhiana is doing well and growing in size but the CMC Hospital continues to have chronic shortage of

staff and anemic finances. Yet the hospital provides a fairly decent base for teaching medical students and Residents with no shortage of poor patients. Yet there are some bright spots with excellent reputation for patient-service in Hematology and Bone Marrow transplantation and Stroke-patient care.

Our Board's mission here in the US is to assist the institution in financing the rebuilding of the *failing infrastructure of the hospital* (which is 70+ years old structure) and support the upgrading of the various specialty services.

In this regard the Board has funded several projects such as the computerization of the (Electronic)

Medical records, lab-results reporting and better financial tracking of patient revenues and institutional expenses.

A new *Kidney Stone Clinic* was established for offering Laser Lithotripsy in the department of Urology. A new *Operating Theater* for Orthopedic department has been rebuilt and a new program of *Retina Services* was funded with purchase of Laser equipment for the treatment for Diabetic vasculopathy as well as a new operating microscope. A brand new set up for *Neonatal Care was funded with purchase of costly items such as new ventilators for the NICU.*

Plans are currently underway to upgrade a critical item to set up a new *Electric Substation* which needs new Transformers and Electric-Generators. These are costly items for which substantial funds are required. This equipment item is essential as there is a matter of fire safety as well as, most importantly, essential for patient care. Please keep it in mind that this project is estimated to cost nearly \$400,000. Your generous support is needed once again. Thanking you in anticipation.

Once again I appeal to all CMC Alumni to give a year-end gift of \$1,000 or more, which will go a long way to help our upgrade efforts for the various departments at the CMC Hospital.

Our board members as well as the US based CMC Alumni have donated substantial amounts of funds to honor our repeated appeals which has resulted in sending funds to the tune of \$400,000 per year during the last two years. I urge all of you to make a year-end donation.

– Sewa S. Legha, MD, President,
Ludhiana CMC Board, USA



SAVE THE DATE ALUMNI GATHERING SUMMER 2022

Ludhiana CMC Alumni Association asks you to save

AUGUST 26-29, 2022 in WASHINGTON, DC

Details to follow from

Dr. Harvinder Bedi, President of the Alumni Association

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

DR. GURPAL S. BHULLER



Dr. Gurbal S. Bhuller is a retired Orthopedic Surgeon who now lives in Vienna, VA. He joined the LCMC Board USA in 2017.

Dr. Bhuller was born and grew up in Malaysia. He first came to India as a "foreigner" in 1967 and joined CMC in 1968. After graduation in 1973, he married his classmate, Neena, and they returned to Malaysia to practice medicine. Seeking further training, they went to New Zealand where he joined the Orthopedic Training Program and Neena began a Psychiatry career. They moved

to USA in 1980 and Gurbal completed his training in Omaha, Nebraska. He joined an Orthopedic Practice near Richmond, Virginia in 1982 and after retirement, moved to Vienna, in Northern Virginia to be nearer to his children and four grandchildren.

Since 2014, Dr. Bhuller has been involved with various voluntary activities. Upon a request for Eye services in his ancestral village in Punjab, he began to organize Eye Camps there and a partnership with CMC was started. CMC would send their Mobile Eye Team to the village for screening, and the patients needing surgery were brought back to Ludhiana. The association with the Eye Department has grown to include the funding of a Lecture Hall, the establishment of an Eye Bank and lately, with the help of the CMC Board, the acquisition of a laser and equipment for vitreo-retinal surgery.

Neena and Gurbal joined their class in March 2018, when they organized their 50th reunion in Ludhiana. To commemorate the occasion, the class decided to donate something of value to CMC. They came up with the "Sarai" - a block of eleven rooms used by patients or relatives at CMC. This has been a significant benefit to those coming from long distances and the class is exploring options to add to those rooms.

Dr. Bhuller is also involved with Operation Walk (Maryland), which provides free joint replacements to patients in developing countries and with Seva Truck, a program that supplies meals to the needy in Fairfax County of Northern VA. He is also associated with several groups running projects in Richmond, VA and in his hometown of Ipoh, Malaysia.

In addition to his hobby of gardening, Dr. Bhuller is a collector of sub-Himalayan and Punjabi art. He has given up sky diving, and is waiting to resume travelling with Neena once COVID subsides.

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YEAR IN REVIEW: PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2021

In spite of the global pandemic, and sometimes because of the pandemic, the Board continued to fund projects for the hospital in 2021. Each project involves contacts with the hospital to determine what the request entails. Sometimes there were collaborative efforts between physicians on the Board and those at the hospital in the same specialty area to discuss the best possible equipment and most effective treatments. Funding for the Ophthalmology department was through the efforts of Dr. Gurpal Bhuller contacting

individual donors. The COVID relief funding was in large part facilitated through a GoFundMe appeal on the internet. Funds to renovate the College of Nursing hostel were donated by individual Board members. The NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) funding was held by the Board in a fund that was specifically dedicated to children with acute illness. The total funding for the year, including the scholarships, was \$372,829. Some donations were from individuals who wished to fund specific areas of the hospital.

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for the year
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Signed MOU for Ophthalmology December 2020	\$101,000
Signed MOU for NICU January 31, 2021	\$126,200
Hospital Information Management System (HIMS) Donation	\$5,000
Oncology Poor Patient MOU signed March 29, 2021	\$9,250
COVID Relief signed MOU for specific equipment June 4, 2021	\$56,250
Signed MOU with Nursing July 14, 2021	\$30,000
Cherian Muscular Dystrophy Clinic MOU signed September 14, 2021	\$1,017.50
Spectrum Church COVID donation	\$2,312
Barbo Medical Scholarships	\$7,400
Danial Medical Scholarships	\$3,700
Panwalker Medical Scholarships	\$4,600
Reynolds Nursing Scholarships	\$4,300
Dental College Scholarships	\$3,800
Bishop Peter Trust for Staff Children Scholarships	\$18,000



Remidio fundus camera being demonstrated.



One of the two renovated Feroze Yusufji Operating Theatre rooms.

THE MANY WAYS TO GIVE

As we live into this time of pandemic and great need for health care around the globe, we think especially of our colleagues and students at Ludhiana CMC. You can step in and offer assistance by sending a donation.

HERE ARE THE MANY WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

- **BY CHECK** payable directly to the Ludhiana CMC Board USA, and mail it to PO Box 6275, Evanston, IL 60204.
- **ONLINE** at the United Methodist Global Ministries web page for Ludhiana, umcmission.org/advance-project/12429b and click on **Donate Now**. The Advance number for Ludhiana is 12429B.
- **PAYPAL** or **CREDIT CARD** at Friends of Ludhiana at: folus.wordpress.com/donate, click on Make A Donation. (*PayPal is convenient but it retains 2.2% of you donation for their fee.*)

YOU CAN ALSO MAKE A LASTING CONTRIBUTION IN THE WAYS LISTED BELOW.

Be sure to check with your employer to see if they match charitable donations – it's a way to increase your donation!

- **RECURRING GIFT** set up through your investment advisor or bank
- **PLANNED GIFT** through your will, cash, securities, property, insurance policies, etc
- **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
- **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.

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



College of Nursing renovated spaces.



COLLEGE OF NURSING RENOVATION AND REPAIR

– by Cate Whitcomb

When I visited Ludhiana in January of 2020 Dr. Reena Jairus gave me a tour of the nursing hostel and surrounding grounds. It was abundantly clear that there were many things that needed repair. We asked Dr. Jairus to obtain bids on the work that was needed. The work needed included white washing, repair of ceiling, fixing new nets, toilet seats on two floors and other repairs. The estimate of the total work was \$37,500.

The health and safety of the nursing students was the primary concern as well as the general appearance of the hostel. Prospective students and their parents who visit the College of Nursing, who come considering applying for admission, were not being given a good impression of the facilities.

There were several major donors to the project from the Board including Dr. Harish Anand, Dr. Brian Oommen, Dr. Mariam Chacko, and Dr. Dorothy Barbo. Dr. Barbo made her contribution in honor of her sister-in-law, Nancy Barbo who passed away in 2020. Nancy was a nurse and traveled to CMC with Rev. Max Marble, previous Executive Director of the Board.

The project has had a difficult time with pandemic labor issues and rainy weather that prevented work getting started. As we are nearing the end of the renovation the students and staff have expressed their appreciation for all that has been done to improve the hostel.



Conditions prior to renovation.

APPRECIATING OUR DONORS 2019 - 2021

We gratefully acknowledge all the donors who have contributed to the Ludhiana CMC Board in the past 3 years. The benefit to the hospital and the students who received scholarships has been great. Even during these two years of the pandemic there have been wonderfully generous donors. We thank you very sincerely. Special thanks to the two donors who made planned gifts through their wills - truly magnificent gestures of compassion.

thank you!

Planned Gifts in Wills

Dosch, Rev. & Mrs. Walter, \$742,758
Woolever, Rev. Bruce, \$34,485

\$50,000 AND ABOVE

Danial, Jacob and Mary
Mathews, Daniel
Sarin, Susan
Yusufji, Feroze

\$20,001 - 49,999

Anand, Harish C.
Barbo, Dorothy
Bhuller, Gurpal
Legha, Sewa S.
Paul, Elizabeth and Joy

\$10,001 - 20,000

Jacob, Joseph P. & Prema M.
Marble, Max R.
UM* Board of Global Ministries
Whitcomb, Catherine

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Bhullar, Shaminder
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Missouri UMC
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Setia, Deepak
Shaw, Mary Ann
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UMC, Cocolamus Browne
UM Church, Maple Springs
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Mittal, Bharat B. & Raj R.
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United Methodist Church Mt Zion
United Methodist Church of the Shepherd
United Methodist Church, Quiggleville
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White, Claude
Wyche, James E.
Young's UMC

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Bhuchar, Venita
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Brooks, Carla & Donald
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Sahni, Anik
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Thomas, Abraham
Thomas, George
Salsgiver, Thomas
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Wysham, John





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Blessed & Joyful
Christmas Season
to all the Friends
of
Ludhiana CMC