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President's Message

Dear friends,

As we all are going through a once in a life time experience with the coronavirus, it has been some time since our last communication. It is very hard to fathom that during 2020 over five lakhs of people died in the United States due to Covid-19, and I hope and pray that all of our friends are staying safe. I am glad I was able to get the vaccine last week. But continuing wearing mask and keeping social distancing.

Most of us are aware our beloved alma mater is celebrating its centenary in 2021. For all the alumni, this is also a once in a life time experience. Let us support and do our best to be a part of the celebration.

We are hoping to make a remarkable contribution to the various centenary projects, especially the International House in memory of UCCAANA's Founding President, the late Dr. K. C. Chacko (Colorado). Dr. KC had already made a remarkable contribution for this when he was alive, as the International House was a great dream for him. Recently, his daughter and son-in-law also made a contribution. As we all know, if the alumni in the United States and Canada put their efforts toward this, we can make a remarkable impact. While discussing the centenary projects, I was reminded that there are about 800 to 1000 UCC alumni in the United States and Canada, and if all of them contribute \$100.00 each, that would be a great help to UCC. I am encouraging each of us to donate at least \$100.00 each for the 100 years celebration. Please think about it and let us do our best.

I am very happy to address that in 2011, UCCAANA established an Educational Endowment to help needy and deserving students. Additionally, UCCAANA members were involved in establishing the Vidwan P. G. Nair Endowment and Research Center, Center for the Study of Religion and Society (CSRS), T.O. Abdulla Endowment Lecture Series, etc. We are very glad to share with you that UCCAANA and its members have contributed about One Hundred Thousand Dollars to various projects at UCC since our inception in 2006.

I am also very happy to share that UCCAANA Treasurer Mr. George Varghese and Board member Dr. K. Iype Varghese have been assisting UCC in submitting proposal to secure grants from foundation, where their old UCC classmate is placed in top position. Let us hope during this centenary year it will produce some very positive results.

We are very happy to support these positive projects at UCC, but I would be remiss if I didn't share that the recent court cases and harassment allegations are damaging the reputation of our beloved alma mater, and we are deeply saddened by them. We hope and pray that our college will be able to return to the glory and reputation it once had, and we are confident that it can be accomplished through unity, vision and hard work of everyone connected with UCC in the past, in the present and in the future. UCCAANA will do our absolute best to assist in this mission, and may God Almighty guide and bless UCC.

As I mentioned before, UCCAANA is not attracting new members, due to some reason. I am requesting all alumni and friends in Canada and USA to ask other alumni to join UCCAANA. Also, we were thinking about having regional get-togethers in different cities like Toronto, Dallas, Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Raleigh, etc. to attract new members, but due to the spread of Covid-19 that didn't materialize. I am hoping may be by next year we can make that happen. I am hoping our members will take the initiative in organizing regional gatherings in various cities.

We would like to hear from you. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop me a line at thomasmathew@hotmail.com. Please visit our website at www.uccollegealumni.org

Wishing everyone a pleasant and warm winter, and let us try our best to make the best out of this unusual weather and the pandemic.

With warm regards and prayers,

Dr. Thomas P. Mathew,
President, UCCAANA
March 7, 2021



Secretary's Message

Warm greetings to all of you!

When we learn how to become resilient, we learn how to embrace the beautifully broad spectrum of the human experience-Jaeda DeWalt

I am sure we can all agree that 2020 had been a year like no other! The year of the COVID-19 pandemic fundamentally challenged long established certainties about what we think is safe and what we believe is healthy in all areas of our lives. 2020 made us resilient and at the same time taught us to appreciate the "little things" in life. And here we are now, ready to celebrate the hope and promise of the New Year.

The mission and commitment of UCCAANA remains the same: to support our Alma Mater and to keep our North American alumni connected to our college, and to each other. Building on traditions from the past, creating new ones, and focusing our efforts to build upon a strong history and foundation will remain our goal as we move forward.

In this new year of 2021, I ask each of you to recommit to the mission of U.C. College by getting involved in your own way. While our current circumstances separate us physically, we are called to be united. Our Alma Mater is celebrating her centenary this year and there are several centenary projects that you can become a part of – financially or otherwise. Through all this massive uncertainty, the world remains ours to shape. Given your perspective and resilience, ground yourself in values that stay because change is inevitable. Think positive, strive for improvement, and remain safe.

So, connect (or reconnect) with us today. I am looking forward to your suggestions to make our association vibrant, worthwhile, interactive, and purposeful. Volunteer with our regional chapters, engage with our charity initiatives, be a part of the 2021 centenary projects, and help us continue on our journey that would benefit UCCAANA, U.C. College, and the society at large. I would love to hear your thoughts and interact with you. You can reach me at anjumphilip@gmail.com

I thank each and every one of you for your commitment and loyalty to your Alma Mater. I wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous 2021.

Best Wishes!

Dr. Anju Mary Philip

Secretary, UCCAANA



Treasurer's Message

Dear Alumni,

It is with great joy and pride that we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Alma Mater, Union Christian College in 2021. As alumni of this great institution, we all have benefited from the vision of the founding fathers in numerous ways. The institution has provided each and every one of us a solid foundation on which we were able to build our career, our moral code and in essence our life. So much has happened over these hundred years and there has been so much growth and development – far beyond what those early 'pioneers' could have thought of or even imagined! But – they did have VISION and, by the Grace of God and the mysterious workings of Divine Providence, we have enjoyed the fruits of their labor. For this we are eternally grateful and give heart-felt thanks to them, our teachers and staff at the College and to GOD Almighty. There are many centenary related projects that are in the pipeline. The College Administration is giving final touches to those projects. We will share those projects and the associated details with the UCCAANA members. There is a great opportunity for us to contribute to the centenary projects. You can also participate virtually in many of the centenary related meetings and festivities. Time zones and distance should not prevent you from participating in the celebrations. UCCAANA will share with you the details of various virtual meetings that you can participate. You can also contribute by inspiring your alumni friends and family members to participate in UCCAANA and its activities. Let us all use the centenary celebration as an opportunity to reconnect with our Alma Mater and with our classmates and college mates.

George Varghese CPA

Treasurer, UCCAANA

MA Literature, Class of 1984

B.Sc. Physics, Class of 1982



GREAT QUOTES

*Grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the
things I can,
And the wisdom to know the
difference.*

*Reinhold Niebuhr (Serenity
Prayer)*

UCC Manager's message

Towards Strengthening Internationalization of Education

Today, we are living in a vastly different world from what we have once experienced and lived. While we are compelled to seek a new normal, the bedrock of faith and vision on which the Union Christian College was founded remain unshaken by the transient turbulence of our time, calling us to work towards a new world of God's promise and a new humanity. As the College is moving towards its centennial, its alumni have a great responsibility to enable it to remain grounded in some of its cherished values.

In these times when education is increasingly becoming commercialized and it is no longer a part of the mission of Christ for churches of all denominations, rather a respectable venture to make profit, institutions like U C College can survive and remain true to its calling only with the help of its alumni who share its ecumenical vision of unity in witnessing to the Love of God, irrespective of our religious affiliation.

Organizations like UCCAANA holds much hope and remains a model to be followed for other alumni groups elsewhere in the world. I am proud to have been part of the initial thinking of constituting an alumni group in the United States during my visits in the 1990s. Two significant people with whom I had much contact at the time were Dr. Thomas P. Mathew and Late Dr. K. C. Chacko. Though, I was not attached to the UCC in an official capacity then, I did share with them my deep concern for UCC. Since then, the years have gone by like an ever - rolling stream. Let me pay my homage to the memory of Dr. K. C. Chacko and also another distinguished alumnus, Dr. George K. Zachariah, who had spent long years of his life in the US as a Professor at many Universities in the US, for their love and concern for the College

Development Office and Alumni Office are novel to higher educational institutions in Kerala. Moreover, many private colleges can sustain themselves without any alumni support as they are lush with financial resources, often accrued under the table during admissions and appointments, thereby feeding the public perception that colleges do not have any financial difficulties and have enough revenue. The Union Christian College, however, is an exception. It has no such revenue to rely on and has always remained content with its modest means as it has been the case throughout its history. Yet, it had never been put to shame or penury; it has been satisfied with what it has. In short, we only have our alumni to approach, even when we have not done enough to appeal to their sentiments. Though late Dr. K. C. Chacko insisted on establishing a Development Office, we have been able to do so only now. Hence, we would like to encourage you and your other alumni friends to be part of the rich data base that we have begun to put together, to facilitate the work of the Development Office, and to encourage many of our younger alumni to be part of UCCAANA.

Those of you who had distinguished in academics could help UCC connect with other Universities and Colleges in the US and identify and promote new vistas of cooperation. The International House is expected to be a nodal agency for such initiatives that further greater traffic of knowledge and international collaborations and exchanges.

The first and the largest endowment in the history of the college was made by the children of Late Vidwan P. G. Nair in the United States. The first instalment of Rs. 11 Lakhs was transferred in 2000 through the Presbyterian Church,

USA and another Rs. 14 lakhs was transferred through the UCCAANA in 2007. The interest accruing annually from the fund is used to provide research fellowships and loan scholarships. Since 2007, under the auspices of the endowment, the Vidwan P. G. Nair Memorial Research Centre of the Department of Malayalam has been annually conducting a comprehensive literary and cultural festival over the course of three days. I have highlighted the unstinting contribution of this alumni family to only show that the secret of generosity does not depend on the purse but a heart brimming with gratitude.

So this is a time to celebrate. Distance is no longer a problem. We will broadcast all the celebrations associated with the centenary to your homes with the help of digital technology. We would only request that you kindly make an effort to keep in touch with us. Yes, may we all wake up to a bright and beautiful morning ---.

Rev. Thomas John

Manager

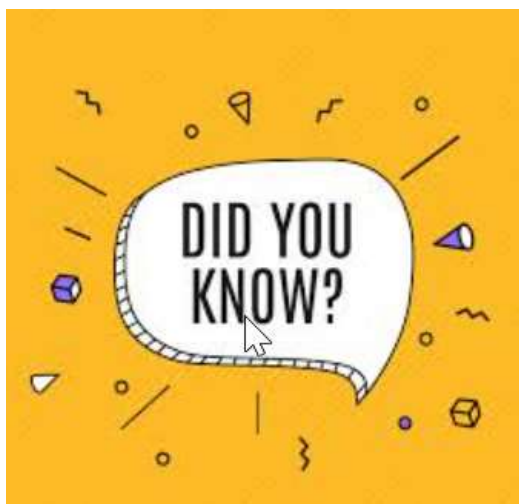
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Life in 1906:

- * *U. S. President was Theodore Roosevelt.*
- * *Average life expectancy was 47 years.*
- * *Only 8% of homes had telephones.*
- * *Two out of 10 adults couldn't read or write.*
- * *The average wage was 22 cents an hour.*



GREAT QUOTES

*"Coming together is a beginning,
Keeping together is progress,
Working together is success"*

Henry Ford

Principal's Message

Dear distinguished alumni of Union Christian College,

Warm greetings from your Alma Mater!

Our college has embarked upon the yearlong centenary programs amidst a global pandemic. Covid-19 has instilled fear in the hearts of many, but at the same time it has brought to light our innate will- power to face challenges boldly and overcome all odds.

By God's grace, we have also started to prove that nothing can quench the Spirit of UCC to unite and move together towards excellence even in the face of intimidating and unprecedented setbacks. Retired faculty, alumni from all walks of life, present faculty, administrative staff, and students have all been working round the clock to give substance to our centenary vision. This week, students, staff, and alumni united to convert our compound walls to frames of Historic moments, creating an eye-catching 'Chithramathil'.

In addition to the cultural and academic events on our agenda this year, we are to improve our infrastructure facilities too. Building a new academic block, an Annex Block to the Men's Hostel and a modernised library; renovating the existing Administrative block and the AB block to accommodate a fully furnished Seminar hall and sophisticated Instrumentation Centre; constructing a state-of-the-art International House – these are all part of our plans for the year.

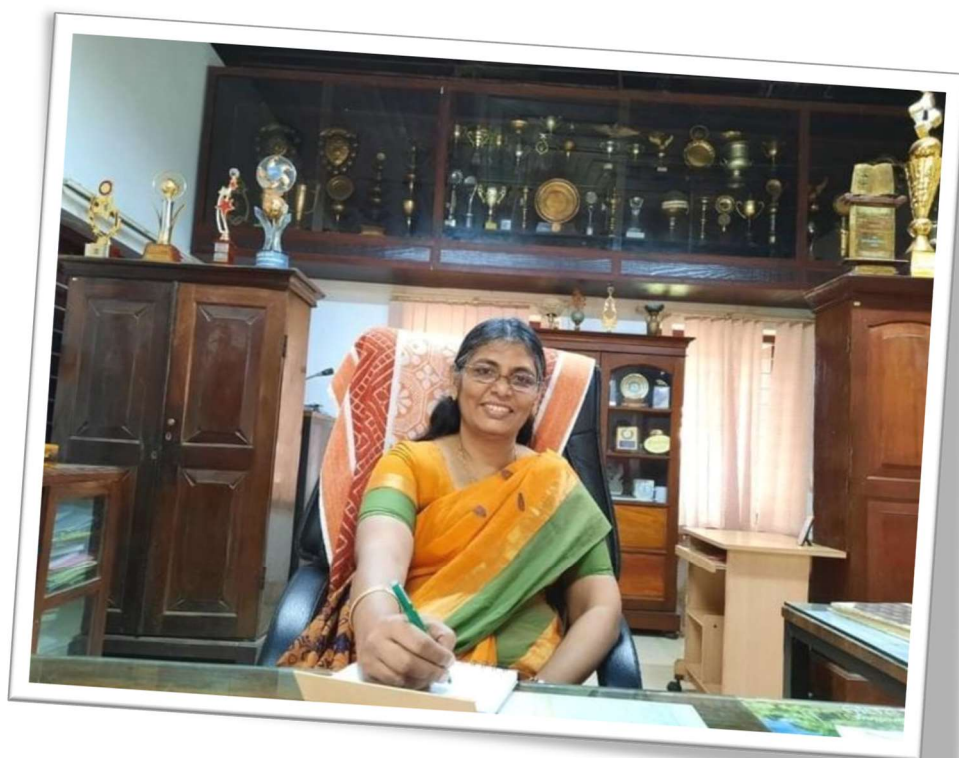
We have confidence that with thousands of alumni and well-wishers who love UCC as we do, we will be able to accomplish our dreams to lead the College to the next phase of excellence. Albert Einstein once said, "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity". We could also add, 'One who never tries in the midst of difficulty to find an opportunity, never accomplishes anything'. So, we will strive together for the betterment of our academics, research, relationships and of our infrastructure too, holding on to our foundational values in the coming years.

May our Great God who has led this great institution so wonderfully all these hundred years, lead us forward in the years to come.

Dr. Rachel Reena Philip

Principal

March 6, 2021



Jithin J. Varghese,
Public Relations Officer,
Union Christian College, Aluva.

He completed his graduation with a Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science from the College of Engineering Cherthala (2011, CUSAT) and completed his MBA from MG University (Off-Campus). He has previous work experience in the area of HR, Administration, and Operations. He is a member of the Church Of South India and his home parish is CSI Ascension Church Kakkanad, Ernakulam. His father is retired from DRDO and his mother is a retired LP School HM.

He joined UCC in December 2020 on a 1-year contract basis. He can be reached at

proucc@uccollege.edu.in or

by phone at 91- 807 572 1978

His duties and responsibilities are:

- He is responsible for posting news of day-to-day events on the college website and keeping it updated.



- He is responsible for disseminating the news through the social media platforms

- He will be the face of the college to the print media and will work with them to improve the profile of the college.

- Plan programs that would help in enhancing the profile of

the college.

- He will be in contact with the external agencies like social self-governing agencies for the development of the college.

- He will be managing the alumni database

2019 August UCCAANA Reunion Picture



Grant of Rs 5 Crores for the UCC College Library in State Budget 2021

ലൈബ്രറി കെട്ടിടത്തിന് 5 കോടി



ആലുവ യു.സി. കോളേജിൽ നിർമ്മിക്കുന്ന പുതിയ ലൈബ്രറിയുടെ റേഖാചിത്രം

യു.സി. കോളേജിന് അഭിമാനം



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ആലുവ > ഈ വർഷം ശതാബ്ദി ആഘോഷിക്കുന്ന ആലുവ യു.സി. കോളേജിന് സംസ്ഥാന സർക്കാരിന്റെ ആദരവ്.

കോളേജ് ലൈബ്രറി കെട്ടിടം നിർമ്മിക്കുന്നതിനായി അഞ്ചുകോടി രൂപ ബജറ്റിൽ മാറ്റിവെച്ചു. രാഷ്ട്രീയ പ്രവർത്തകനും എഴുത്തു

കാരനുമായ പി. ഗോവിന്ദപ്പിള്ളയുടെയും മുൻ മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി പി.കെ. വാസുദേവൻ നായരുടെയും സ്മരണാർഥം കെട്ടിടം നിർമ്മിക്കാനാണ് തുക മാറ്റിയത്.

കോളേജിലെ പൂർവ്വ വിദ്യാർഥികളായിരുന്നു ഇരുവരും. നിലവിലുള്ള ലൈബ്രറി കെട്ടിട

ത്തോട് ചേർന്നുതന്നെ ആധുനിക സൗകര്യങ്ങളോടു കൂടിയ 22,000 ചതുരശ്രയടിയിൽ മൂന്നുനില കെട്ടിടമാണ് വിഭാവനം ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

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തിരുവിതാംകൂർ രാജഭരണ കാലത്തേയും ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഭരണ കാലത്തേയും രേഖകളടക്കം അപൂർവമായ പുസ്തക ശേഖരമാണ് യു.സി.

കോളേജ് ലൈബ്രറിയിലുള്ളത്. പുതിയ കെട്ടിടം വരുന്നതോടെ അക്കാദമിക്-നോൺ അക്കാദമിക് വിഭാഗത്തിലുള്ള പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ എളുപ്പത്തിൽ കിട്ടും. 6.5 കോടിയാണ് ലൈബ്രറി കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ മൊത്തം ചെലവ് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നത്. ബാക്കി തുക സി.എസ്.ആർ. ഫണ്ട് വഴി കിട്ടുമെന്നാണ് പ്രതീക്ഷ.

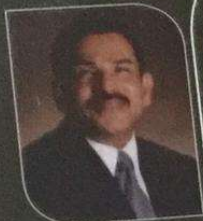
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Recent Books

Continuing The Faith Journey, By Lal Varghese, Esq



Lal Varghese, Esq.

CONTINUING THE FAITH JOURNEY

Lal Varghese, Esq., is mainly practicing in U. S Immigration law for more than 30 years in Dallas, Texas. He has completed 40 years of professional practice as an attorney, including 11 years as an Advocate at Pathanamthitta, Kerala. He is an alumnus of U. C. College, Alwaye. He has completed his law degree and Master's degree in English literature from the University of Jabalpur, MP and Master's degree in Psychology from Annamalai University, Chidambaram, TN. He also served as part-time lecturer in law at St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry. He was the co-editor of "Church Journeying with Christ", a silver jubilee publication of the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church (2013). He also served as the co-editor of "Expanses of Grace", a book published by the Diaspora FOCUS on the birth centenary of The Most Revd Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan (2017) and as the co-editor of the Festschrift Volume, "An Ecumenical Journey Towards Transformation", published by the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church on the Episcopal silver jubilee of The Rt. Revd Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa (2018). He is serving as the co-editor of FOCUS since April 2013, an ecumenical online magazine published by FOCUS, an organization formed in London in the late nineties for the Diaspora Marthomites; it is now Diaspora FOCUS and expanded for the benefit of all Diaspora Indian Christians across the world.

About the Book

I value the thoughts and endeavors of Lal Varghese, Esq., for his faithfulness and the resistance he offers to custom-ridden practices of faith that widen the gulf between 'faith' and 'the faith'. He reminds us that dwelling like the lukewarm Laodicean Christians in the valley of nominal Christianity is an indefensible option. The contents of this book are enlivened by the diasporic context in which they are forged and formulated. I commend this book to all who believe in the promise of God, "Behold, I shall make all things new!"

Revd Dr. Valson Thampu, Trivandrum

"Continuing the Faith Journey" is the spiritual quest of Lal Varghese, Esq., in his earthly pilgrimage during the past 25 years and he has brilliantly put it in black and white. He writes: "To continue one's faith journey is to swim against currents of this materialistic postmodern world." As a member of the Diaspora Christian Community, he has touched upon the issues and offers prescriptions as the panacea for the ills of the contemporary secular societies wherever the Diaspora Christians are planted.

Revd Dr. M. J. Joseph, Kottayam

"Since Jesus Christ stands at the center of Christian life, worship, faith and doctrine, the whole of Attorney Lal Varghese's reflections, three decades of his works on life in this book are on the line with Christo-centrism. 'Continuing the Faith Journey' succeeds excellently in articulating an understanding of the meaning of life in Christ, that will challenge journeying with Christ, aids a disciple into living a life of love and guiding them toward a new creation of all things."

Revd Dr. Joseph Daniel, Kottayam

"The Church Universal, which is on a faith journey constantly encounters numerous existential struggles and challenges emerging from radical differences in inter-generational perspectives. This book addresses the distinct expressions of the struggles and challenges, which affect the Church's mission and ministry. Indeed, the Church and its members are in a faith journey as pilgrims, but is it addressing the existential struggles and challenges in continuing its mission and ministry effectively? Lal Varghese, Esq., brilliantly argues and convincingly answers that question through his articles."

Revd Dr. Martin Alphonse, Portland

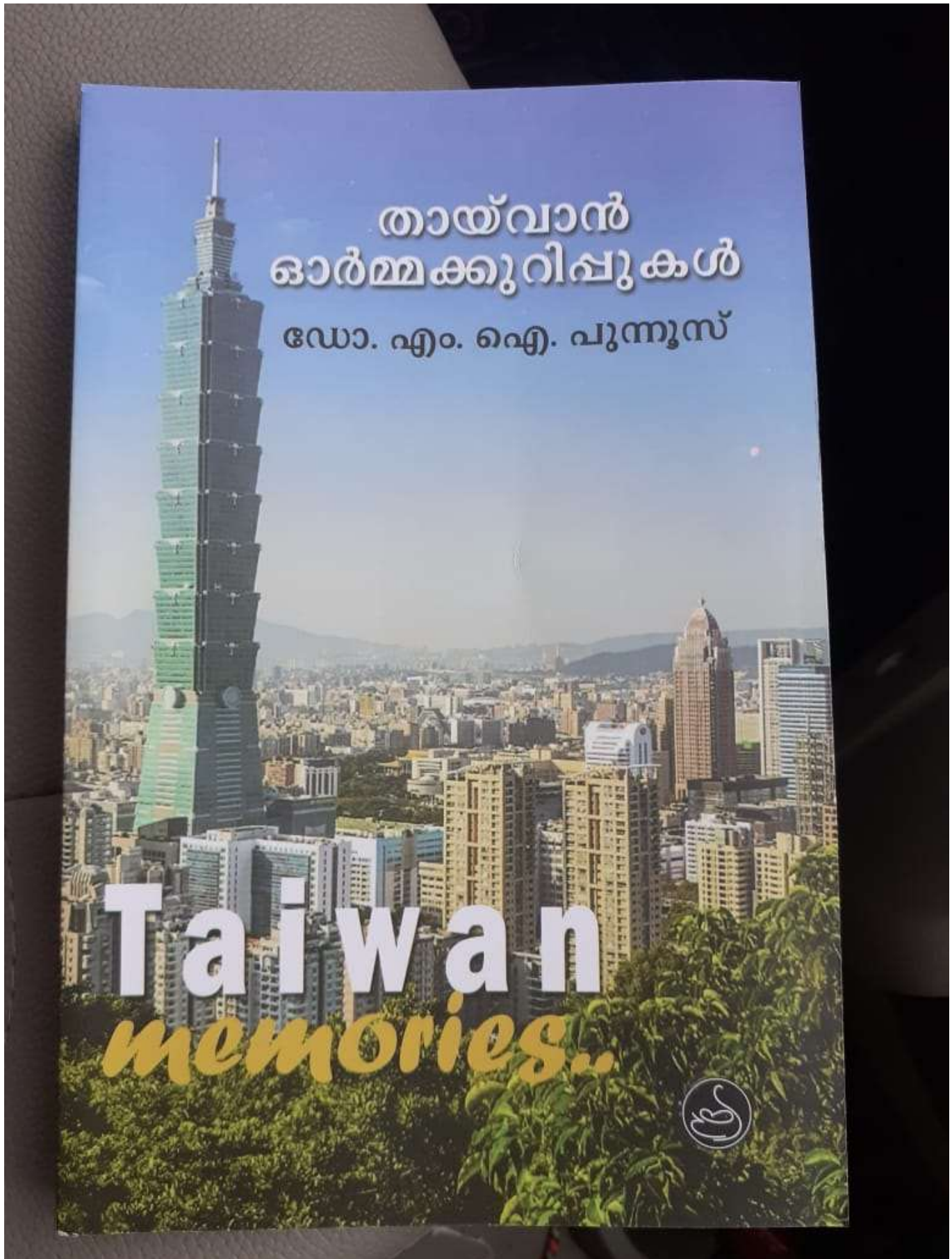
"This book is a testimony of Lal Varghese, Esq.'s faith journey as a Diaspora Marthomite during the past 25 plus years. According to Lal: 'Life is a journey and the Christian life is the greatest journey of all.' He is asking the faithful believers, 'to pierce the stained glass windows and move out of the four walls of their sanctuaries in order to tread the less traveled roads and visit the less frequented Samaritan wells as part of their faith journey.'"

Dr. Titus Mathews, Calgary

I thank God for Lal's rootedness in Christ, his loyalty to the Church, his constant appeal for bringing forth necessary reformation in the Church for merging together various generational groupings and their interests into a melting pot for building a gospel-centred Church with commitment to God's mission and ecumenical partnership.

Dr. Zac Varghese, London

Taiwan Memories, By Dr M I Punnoose





തായ്‌വാൻ ഓർമ്മക്കുറിപ്പുകൾ

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തായ്‌വാന്റെ ചരിത്രത്തിലേക്കും സംസ്കാരത്തിലേക്കും വെളിച്ചംവിശുണ ഹൃദയസ്‌പർശിയായ അനുഭവക്കുറിപ്പുകൾ. ഫോർമോസ എന്നറിയപ്പെട്ടിരുന്ന മനോഹരമായ കൊച്ചു ദ്വീപുരാജ്യത്തിന്റെ അകംകാഴ്ചകൾക്കൊപ്പം ചിന്തോദ്ദീപകമായ ഓർമ്മക്കുറിപ്പുകളും.



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Webinars at UCC

During the period Oct. 2020 to Jan. 2021, UCCAANA organized 3 webinars in collaboration with the Departments of Biosciences and Zoology at UCC. All three webinars were attended by hundreds of students and faculty members across India.

1. The first speaker was our Secretary Dr. Anju Mary Philip and the title of her talk was: Zebrafish Disease Models for Phenotypic Drug screens & Personalized Medicine. (Oct 24, 2020)

2. The second webinar was given by Dr. Meenakshisundaram Balasubramaniam, Asst. Prof. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the title of his talk was: Molecular dynamic simulations in computer aided drug discovery. (October 31, 2020)

3. The third one was by Dr. Bisi Velayudhan, Asst. Prof. of Biology, James Madison University, VA. And the title of her talk was: How diet plays a role in regulating mucosal immunity and gut-brain axis. (Jan 16, 2021)

At UCC, Dr. Susan Eapen, along with Drs. Shyam Mohan, Sareen Sarah John and Shirley Thomas

organized these webinars. From UCCAANA, Dr. Kottayil Iype Varughese and Dr. Sosamma Iype

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Zebrafish disease models for phenotypic drug screens and personalized medicine

Dr. Anju Mary Philip
 Zebrafish Centre for Advanced Drug Discovery,
 St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Canada

Date and Time
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 6.30 pm (IST)

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Dr. Sareen Sarah John
 Coordinator

Mr. Shyam Mohan
 HoD Biosciences

Dr. Susan Eapen
 Adjunct Faculty

hosted these talks.


GREAT QUOTES

*"Happiness keeps you Sweet,
 Trials keep you Strong,
 Sorrow keeps you Human,
 Failure keeps you Humble,
 And Success keeps you Glowing,
 But only Faith and Attitude keeps
 you going.*

Author Unknown



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The tree planted by Mahatma Gandhi in 1925



This mango tree situated in front of the administrative block was planted by Mahatma Gandhi during his visit to the college in 1925.

GREAT QUOTES

"The future depends on what we do in the present."

Mahatma Gandhi



Obituaries

Professor George K. Zachariah Passed Away on Dec. 31, 2020 at Vienna, Virginia, USA

Professor George K. Zachariah was a gentle giant who had celebrated his 90th birthday on 23rd November 2020 with his family and friends. A Festschrift titled "Christian Maturity: Freedom and Responsibility" was released by Most. Revd. Dr. Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan of Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church via Zoom during the Navaho celebrations held on Nov. 23, 2020. We thank God for this humble servant of God.

Professor George Zachariah is a well-known and distinguished figure who has made excellent contributions in various areas of the ministry, administration and building ecumenical relationship of the Mar Thoma Church with other churches. His contributions in the academic fields of philosophy, psychology, theology and education both in India and in the USA are extensive and outstanding.

He hails from the Kuzhikkalakannimel family of Karthikappally in Kerala. He was born on 23rd November 1930. After his University education from the UC College, Alwaye, and the Madras Christian College, he started his teaching career at the UC College. While in Kerala he gave leadership for a host of Christian undertakings including the Student Christian Movement, the Mar Thoma Youth Leagues and the Mar Thoma student conferences.

He immigrated to the United States in 1958, and has been living in the Greater Washington area since 1972. He is survived by his wife, Susan, who is a graduate in Economics from the Kerala University



and has gained postgraduate qualifications from the University of North Carolina. He is also survived by George Abe Zachariah (son), Bindhu, Noah and Jayan, Elizabeth Zachariah Varghese (daughter), John, Eva and Maya, Varghese Mohan Zachariah (son), Susan, Josiah, Nathan and Alysha.

He is one of the founding members of the Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington in 1980; prior to this he was involved in the ecumenical Christian activities from 1973. He then moved to the formation of one of the earliest Mar Thoma parishes in the USA, in Greater Washington. He was also totally involved in the development of the diaspora Mar Thoma communities in other cities and towns of the United States. He served as Diocesan Council member and also ad Editor of the 'Mar Thoma Messenger' official publication of the Diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Church.

It is to his wise counsel people turned for advice and help in those early and difficult years. He gave leadership for establishing the annual family conference and also publishing the Messenger, and was one its early editors. It is on the foundations that he helped to lay and build that we now have a coherent and vibrant Mar Thoma community in the USA. He contributed much for all the areas of the lives of the Mar Thoma Christians. He also taught for a year at the Mar Thoma Theological Seminary at Kottayam.

His holds a large number of graduate and postgraduate qualifications in theology, philosophy and education from a number of prestigious Universities in the USA including Princeton. His CV is over 33 pages, which lists most of his contributions and achievements over the last seventy years. He is a prolific writer and speaker on a variety of subjects. He

published a number of books including a unique one, 'The Four Gospel in One', in 2000 with a foreword from Alexander Mar Thoma Metropolitan. There are a number of unpublished manuscripts of books in his library with a wealth of scholarship, which is kept under continuous review for future publication.

It is his total submission, and not holding back, to the will of God made Professor Zachariah who he was. Let us thank God for the faithful life of this vibrant, peace loving and loveable prophetic lay leader of the Mar Thoma Church. It is our hope and faith that we shall meet with our loved ones for an eternal life in heaven with our Lord. May the Lord comfort with his everlasting peace which surpasses all human understanding the bereaved family, relatives and friends at this time.

Lal Varghese, Esq., Dallas



Prof. Varghese Ittiavirah

Prof. Varghese Ittiavirah (96 years) went to his heavenly abode on January 16, 2021. The funeral was at Christian Assembly Cemetery, U C College, Aluva. Varghese Ittiavirah sir joined as a faculty in the Malayalam department of the college in 1953 and served the



college in various capacities till he retired in 1984 as the head of the department in Malayalam. He was actively supporting the spiritual growth students and staff. He published a magazine (Marga Deepam) for so many years. He lived a very simple life.

GREAT QUOTES

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King Jr.



Remembering MM

By Bhamini M. P. Nayar, Ph.D.

(PDC, B.Sc. (Mathematics) and M. Sc. (Mathematics), 1967-1974)

I can count a lot of blessings in my life. The guidance and nurturing I received from my parents and siblings early in life, and from a good number of dedicated and committed teachers later in life were invaluable. All those guided me through and prepared me to be where I am right now. They all are educators of life, every step of the way. Among my teachers who left an indelible mark in my training, Madhavankutty Sir, MM, is at the top of the list. To a young girl in the PDC class at UCC, coming from a local high school, college atmosphere was new and intimidating. However, the presence of eminent professors such as MM, Nambiar Sir (EN), David J. Daniel Sir (DJD), Neelakantan Sir (NSN), Thomas Philip Sir (TP), T. B. Thomas Sir (TBT), etc., made the transition to higher education much easier. Later when I chose a career path as an educator in mathematics, that move felt natural. Those teachers are my role models.

MM and NSN are the two teachers who taught me for 7 years, for PDC, B.Sc and M.Sc, in Mathematics. I always remember my teachers' invaluable guidance throughout my education. Above all, it was reassuring that MM's enduring affection and trust lasted through the years even after I graduated with my M. Sc.. Every time I went back home, I managed to see MM; either he would come to my home, or (after he retired) I would go to his home. We would discuss his busy life after retirement, talk about education systems here and at home. In addition to mathematics, we discussed Malayalam poetry and lots of other things. During those conversations, often he would affectionately talk about other students and even remember where in the classroom those particular students used to sit, etc. He was that involved as an educator. I do not mean just



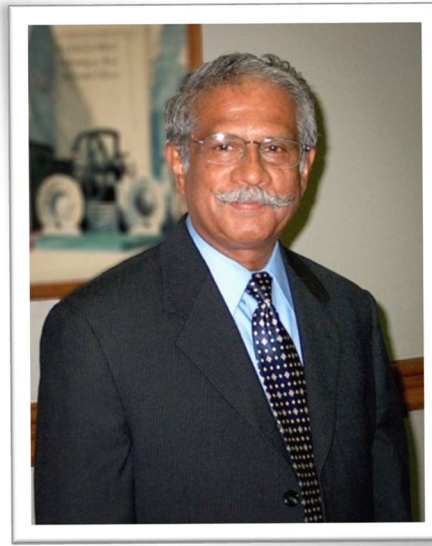
as a Mathematics professor, but he was truly an educator of life itself. If his busy schedule of activities did not provide an opportunity for me to see him, I at least made a point to talk to him over the phone. At least once or twice a year called him from here in USA. He would recognize the voice and no introduction was necessary.

It is hard to believe that his calm, measured and reassuring voice is no more. Even in his last recorded message for the centenary celebration of the college, there was no hint that, that voice was going to be silent very soon. While being frank in his assessment and opinion, I do not remember any time when he spoke ill about anyone.

A life well lived is a lesson for all; his dedication to actions, actions which brought light to lives is a lesson worth emulating; his life rich with love and affection from his students and others, is to be aspired. MM, my Pranamam.

Dr. Akkanad M. Isaac

Dr. Akkanad M. Isaac passed away peacefully at his home in Bellevue, Washington on January 18, 2021 at the age of 85. Funeral services were held on January 22. After his studies at U.C. College, he worked at the National Library of India in Kolkata and the Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) in Mumbai. He earned a Ph.D. in Information Sciences in 1969 from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Akkanad's academic career included professorships at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), the University of Pittsburgh, and Governor's State University (Illinois). Akkanad had many ties to U.C. College. In addition to being an alumnus himself, his wife Mini



and all of his siblings studied at U.C. College. His father (Mr. K. Mathai) was a librarian at U.C. College and his brother (Prof. A. M. Geevarghese) was a faculty member and HOD in the English Department. His sisters Rajamma is in New York, and Kumari is in Houston. Akkanad is survived by his wife Mini, daughter Rekha, his son

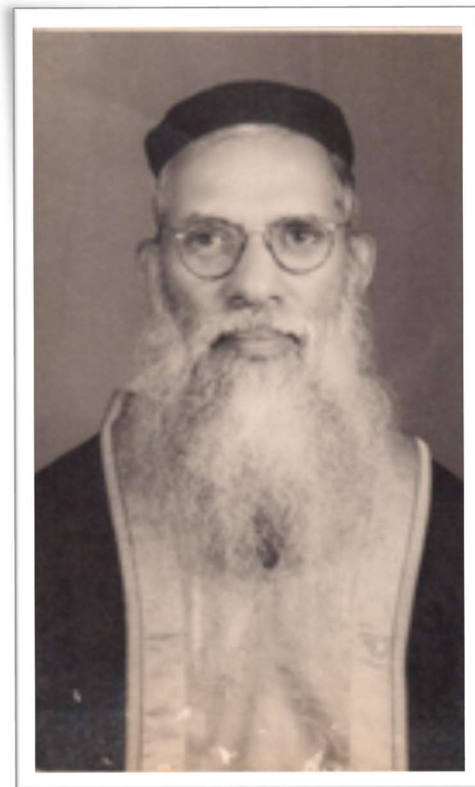
Mathew, and their families.



Scholarship program

Rev. Fr. T.V. John Educational Endowment

UCC and UCCAANA are the process of finalizing a scholarship program, funds donated by John Achen's grandson from Chicago and family.



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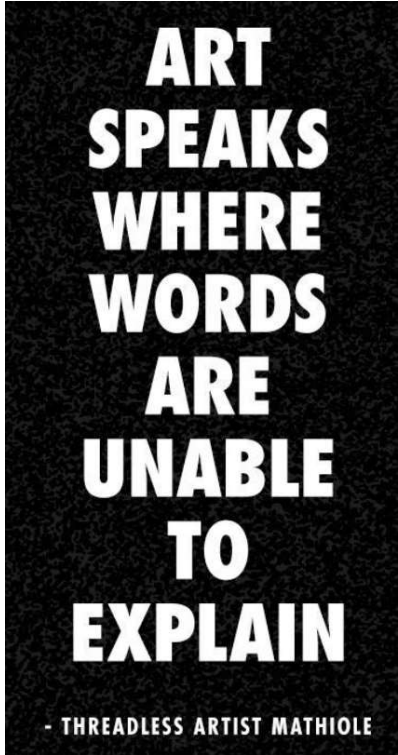


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ആലുവ • നൂറു വയസ്സായ യൂസി കോളജിന്റെ ചരിത്ര മുഹൂർത്തങ്ങൾ ഇനി ക്യാമ്പസിനു മുന്നിലൂടെ കടന്നുപോകുന്നവർക്കും ആസ്വദിക്കാം. ടഗോർ ഗേറ്റ് മുതൽ കോളജിന്റെ പ്രവേശന കവാടം വരെ മതിലിൽ അവ വിദ്യാർഥികളുടെ വിരൽത്തുമ്പിലൂടെ പുനർജനിക്കുന്നു. ഗാന്ധിജിയുടെയും ടഗോറിന്റെയും എ.പി.ജെ. അബ്ദുൽ കലാമിന്റെയും സന്ദർശനവും ഗാന്ധിമാവു കച്ചേരി മാളികയും വിസ്തൃതമായ ക്യാമ്പസിന്റെ മനോഹാരിതയുമൊക്കെ ആദ്യ ദിവസം തന്നെ വരകളിൽ സ്ഥാനം പിടിച്ചു. കൊച്ചിൻ ബിനാലെ സംഘടകൻ ബോ

സ് കൃഷ്ണമാചാരിയാണു ചിത്രമതിലിനു തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചത്. ശിൽപ്പി മരപ്രഭു രാമചന്ദ്രൻ, ആർട്ടിസ്റ്റുമാരായ ഡാവിഞ്ചി സുരേഷ്, ചന്ദ്രബോസ്, സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ എന്നിവരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ നാൽപ്പതോളം വിദ്യാർഥികളാണ് കലാലയ മുത്തശ്ശിയുടെ ഓർമകൾ പകർത്തുന്നത്. പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ ഡോ. രാജുൽ റീന ഫിലിപ്പ്, മാനേജർ റവ. തോമസ് ജോൺ, ജനറൽ കൺവീനർ ഡോ. എം.ഐ. പുണ്യസ്, കൺവീനർ ടിൻസി വർഗീസ് തുടങ്ങിയവർ മാർഗനിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളുമായി ഒപ്പമുണ്ട്. ചിത്രരചന നാളെ പൂർത്തിയാകും.



Honouring a rich tradition

100 glorious years: Nearly 40 artists are drawing graffiti on the front compound wall of UC College, Aluva, as part of the centenary celebrations of the college, which will be inaugurated by Governor Arif Mohammed Khan later this month. ■ THULASI KAKKAT



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GREAT QUOTES

"We make a living by what we get,
But we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill.



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