

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CCCU'S INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

SHIRLEY'S SNAPSHOT

These twice-monthly emails to CCCU presidents from President Shirley Hoogstra are an excellent way to stay connected and up-to-date on the work of the CCCU. These also include a regular feature of introducing our international presidents and giving them an opportunity to share how their campuses are doing in the wake of the pandemic. This past year, we **introduced 20 international presidents** through 14 Snapshots. This is a unique way to foster connections among our global network of presidential peers, some of whom may not have had an opportunity to meet other CCCU colleagues in person.

ADVANCE AND eADVANCE



Our semi-annual publication, <u>Advance</u>, is always published online with both links to individual articles as well as a PDF of the full print version. Through this magazine, you will receive timely articles about Christian higher education, scholarly research, and reviews of influential books. Each issue of <u>Advance</u> includes an International Institution Spotlight, and leaders from CCCU institutions across the globe regularly contribute to the magazine. The <u>eAdvance</u> arrives in your inbox each month with links to valuable resources, updates on upcoming professional development opportunities, and the latest CCCU news. (Those who are on the <u>eAdvance</u> mailing list will automatically receive an email after the publication of every issue of <u>Advance</u>.)

This year, the International Institution Spotlights highlighted members in South Korea (Fall 2020) and Kenya (Spring 2021). The Fall 2020 edition of the *Advance* featured an essay from President Jong Hyun Chang of Baekseok University (Cheonan, South Korea) on the power of the Gospel during the pandemic. In the Spring 2021 edition, five leaders from international institutions shared their perspective on the impact of COVID-19: President Guenson Charlot at Emmaus University (Haiti), Acting Rector Ágnes Czine at Károli Gáspár University (Hungary), Vice Chancellor Dankit Nassiuma at Africa International University (Kenya), President Jeannie Trudel at Christian Heritage College (Australia), and President Paul Wright at Jerusalem University College (Israel).

ONLINE EDUCATION

The CCCU has partnered with the education technology company <u>CampusEDU</u> to provide state-of-the-art online education. CampusEDU works directly with campuses to create online courses and provide them with a suite of tools to connect with and reach this generation of learners. Their innovative platform seeks to transform the online education world by creating a compelling virtual learning environment for students. This opportunity is also available to our international institutions; for more information, contact Mark Shepherd at mshepherd@campusedu.com.

ONLINE COURSE SHARING CONSORTIUM

As of March 2021, **over 60 CCCU institutions** are part of the collaboration with <u>Acadeum</u> that helps CCCU institutions share unfilled seats in online courses. This enables campuses to maximize efficiency and profitability for their online courses as well as supplement their own programs with high-quality coursework from Christ-centered partner institutions. Canadian institutions are able to take advantage of this opportunity, and it may be possible for your institution to do the same as well. If you are interested in learning more, contact Rick Ostrander at <u>rick@acadeum.com</u>.

PROVIDING VITAL INFORMATION AND COLLABORATION

In the midst of unprecedented disruption, the CCCU has been able to help campus leaders stay up-to-date on the latest news and utilize its listserv platforms to help campus leaders share ideas, communicate issues, and envision ways to adapt and flourish in these times. These listservs are open to all institutions, including international institutions, and there is a listserv for every key leadership position, including presidents. To learn more, visit our website or email Gabriel Fornaresio at gfornaresio@cccu.org

RACIAL & ETHNIC DIVERSITY RESOURCE DATABASE



In February 2021, the CCCU launched a dedicated website featuring a database of racial and ethnic diversity resources for the Christian higher education community: diversity.cccu.org. CCCU institutions care deeply about racial justice and racial reconciliation, and the CCCU seeks to support campus efforts to identify how racism has affected and shaped the work of Christian higher education. While the database has an orientation toward the U.S. context, there are many transferrable concepts within this database for international schools. We are also looking for resources from international institutions to add to this list. Campuses or individuals who are interested in suggesting new resources for future consideration may do so via the embedded submission form on the bottom of the homepage.

Submitted resources will be reviewed by the CCCU's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion, and the website will be updated on a quarterly basis. This creates a unique opportunity for our international members to share resources and insights from within their own context for the education of the entire CCCU community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All of the CCCU's professional development opportunities, including the Leadership Development Institutes, the New Presidents and New Faculty Institutes, and any peer conferences for CCCU leaders, are open to leaders from CCCU institutions outside the United States. For a full list of current opportunities, visit our events page; our next planned in-person gathering will be the 2022 International Forum in Dallas, Texas, February 11-13, 2022.

Since July 2020, we hosted or co-hosted **more than 30 webinar events** for leaders during this time of social distancing, which your leadership team may find of use for your own development. You can find those videos (as well as a number of videos from speakers at past in-person conferences) on our YouTube <u>page</u>.

CAMPUS GRANTS

As a valuable member service, we offer a wide variety of grant opportunities for CCCU campuses, many of which are open to international institutions. One that may be of particular interest to your institution is our <u>Dellenback Fellowship</u>, which connects experienced academic administrators from the U.S. and Canada who have an interest in developing Christian higher education abroad with CCCU international affiliates who request assistance. Past Dellenback Fellows have traveled to Bolivia, Ecuador, Haiti, Kenya, Korea, Russia, Taiwan, and Uganda. Currently, **two Dellenback Fellows** are in residence in Lithuania LCC International University. You can find more information on our <u>Grants page</u> on our website.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Certificate of Membership to display on your campus or in your office.
- **Display the CCCU name and logo** on your institution's website.
- Institution listed on the CCCU website for prospective students.
- **Social Media updates** allow you to track the work of the CCCU. Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> for daily articles and updates.
- **CCCU Career Center** connects passionate people with meaningful careers in Christian higher education, church ministry, and at faith-based nonprofits. CCCU institutions receive discounted job posting pricing. Learn more at www.cccu.org/career-center. Last year, **four international jobs** were posted on the Career Center.
- CCCU GlobalEd acts as an extension of your campus to foster students' intellectual, cultural, vocational, and spiritual growth across the globe. Your students can apply for any CCCU GlobalEd program on a space-available basis: American Studies Program in Washington, D.C.; Middle East Studies Program in Amman, Jordan; and Scholarship & Christianity in Oxford, England. Since 2015, 12 students from international institutions have participated in CCCU GlobalEd programs.
- **Federal Advocacy** is necessary to protect and promote Christian higher education. We hold that Christian higher education as a whole benefits when its presence continues to increase and thrive around the world. While much of our advocacy efforts focus on U.S. institutions, we are always available to address particular issues brought to our attention to best support the international Christian higher education community.