



THE ALUMNI AWARD OF DISTINCTION
2003

DR. ALLAN GULKER

It is my privilege and pleasure to present to you Dr. Allan Gulker, the creator and host of the website of the Christian Medical College, Vellore. Dr. Gulker is recognized for his unique contribution in developing and hosting the website, which has become an important forum for interaction between the institution and its friends and alumni. The website also serves to present the varied aspects of the work and ministry of the institution to the public.

Allan Gulker graduated from the Ohio State University in 1954 with a BA, LLB, JD (Doctor of Laws). He was admitted to practice law before the Ohio Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of the USA. He served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from 1954 to 1956. From 1956 to 1962, he was a partner in a major law firm, Gingher and Christensen, at Columbus, Ohio. He served as General Counsel and later Senior Executive for The Ohio Company till 1987, after which he became Senior Executive Vice President of the same company, with responsibility for mergers and acquisitions, trading of equity securities and raising capital for major corporations. Now retired, he lives with his wife Alice, a Clinical Social Worker, in Powell, Ohio.

He has been actively involved in many religious, civic and charitable organizations. He is a member of the United Methodist Church of America, and was President of the Columbus Jaycees, and Chair of the Leukaemia Society of America.

Allan's interest in the church and in institutions rendering public service was the beginning of his association with CMC, and later with the CMC Vellore Board and Friends of Vellore, USA. Allan has been a member of the Vellore Board of the USA and has served on the Finance and Investment Committees as well as the Committee for Mission, Education and Promotion. He developed his long-lasting bond with and affection for the institution and its work on his first visit to Vellore. His interest has continued even after completion of his tenure on the Vellore Board and he has returned several times, at his own expense. His skill as a photographer with an eye for the unusual, has resulted in the development of a unique collection of photographs, a representative few of which can be viewed on the web page.

In 1997 Allan offered to set up the CMC website and initially this represented both the institution and the Vellore Board, USA. When the Vellore Board decided to develop its own website, Allan continued to host the website for the institution. We have received several accolades for the quality of our website, and the credit for this goes to Allan, for whom this has truly been a labour of love.

The alumni and friends of the college have been able to communicate easily with each other, and many lost bonds have been reforged because of the address lists he maintains so meticulously. Over the years, he has added many new features and spends several hours a week updating information. He has personally

visited almost all the departments in the institution and encouraged the faculty to revise and improve the presentations of their departmental profiles. In the course of these visits, he has come to be recognized as a true friend of the institution.

For his dedication to and love for the institution, and his unstinting efforts to encourage and nurture the relationship between the institution, her alumni and friends, the Alumni Association of the Christian Medical College is pleased and proud to present this Award of Distinction, for the year 2003 to Dr. Allan Gulker.

**9th August, 2003
Vellore**

**President
CMC Alumni Association**