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Welcome!

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Welcome to the 2023 CCIH Conference! It is great to gather again - this is our first in-person gathering since the beginning of the pandemic. And this is our first time here at Catholic University in Washington, DC!

Our theme this year is **Hope in Health: Your Labor is Not in Vain**. Where there is health, there will be hope. Building health comes with struggle - we get things right and we get things wrong. We need humility to adapt and courage to persevere.

This year we'll be encouraged by messages from Dr. Atul Gwande of USAID's Global Health Bureau; the head of PEPFAR, Ambassador John Nkengasong, and from one of many Hill offices we work with, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL). There is an incredible array of plenary and breakout speakers to allow deeper dives into our thematic areas.

Throughout the conference, we'll share updates from CCIH's 30x30 Health Systems Initiative and our newer Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium. We'll share our Advocacy work and practical ways we're helping local organizations, and you'll hear about some partnerships we have with members to strengthen organizations and improve lives in communities.

When we gather Wednesday morning, we'll confer the 2023 Hope in Health Award to the Schieffelin Institute of Health Research and Leprosy Centre. Then, we'll appreciate our five Working Groups and outline how we'll continue to integrate member voices in our work.

This conference is possible thanks to the support of our fantastic sponsors and a solid eight months of work by our also-fantastic staff. I encourage you to visit our sponsor tables.

Enjoy the next few days with us and each other. Let us listen to each other and see how you can lift up each other's interests to promote a strong community and lasting health!



**Doug
Fountain**

Executive Director

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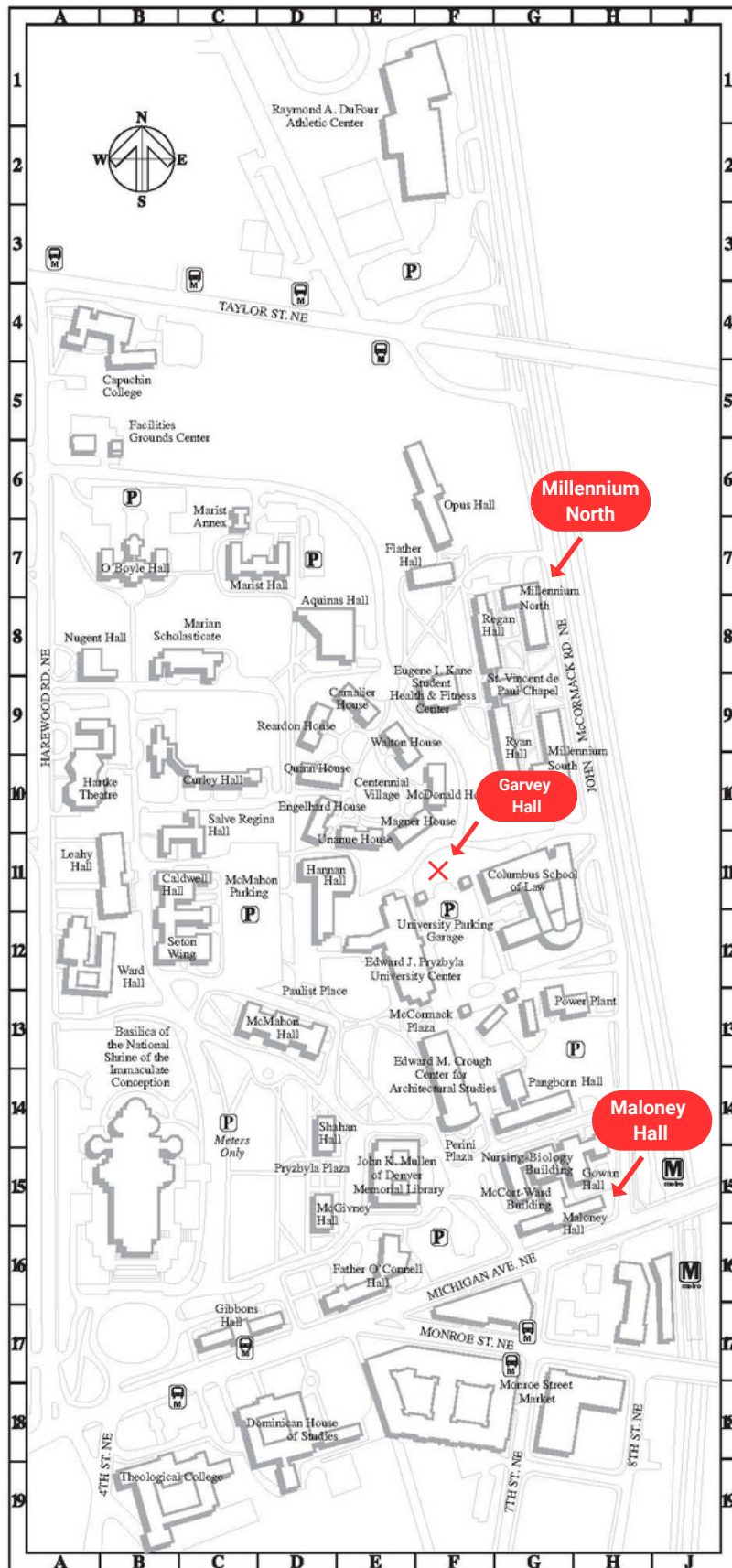


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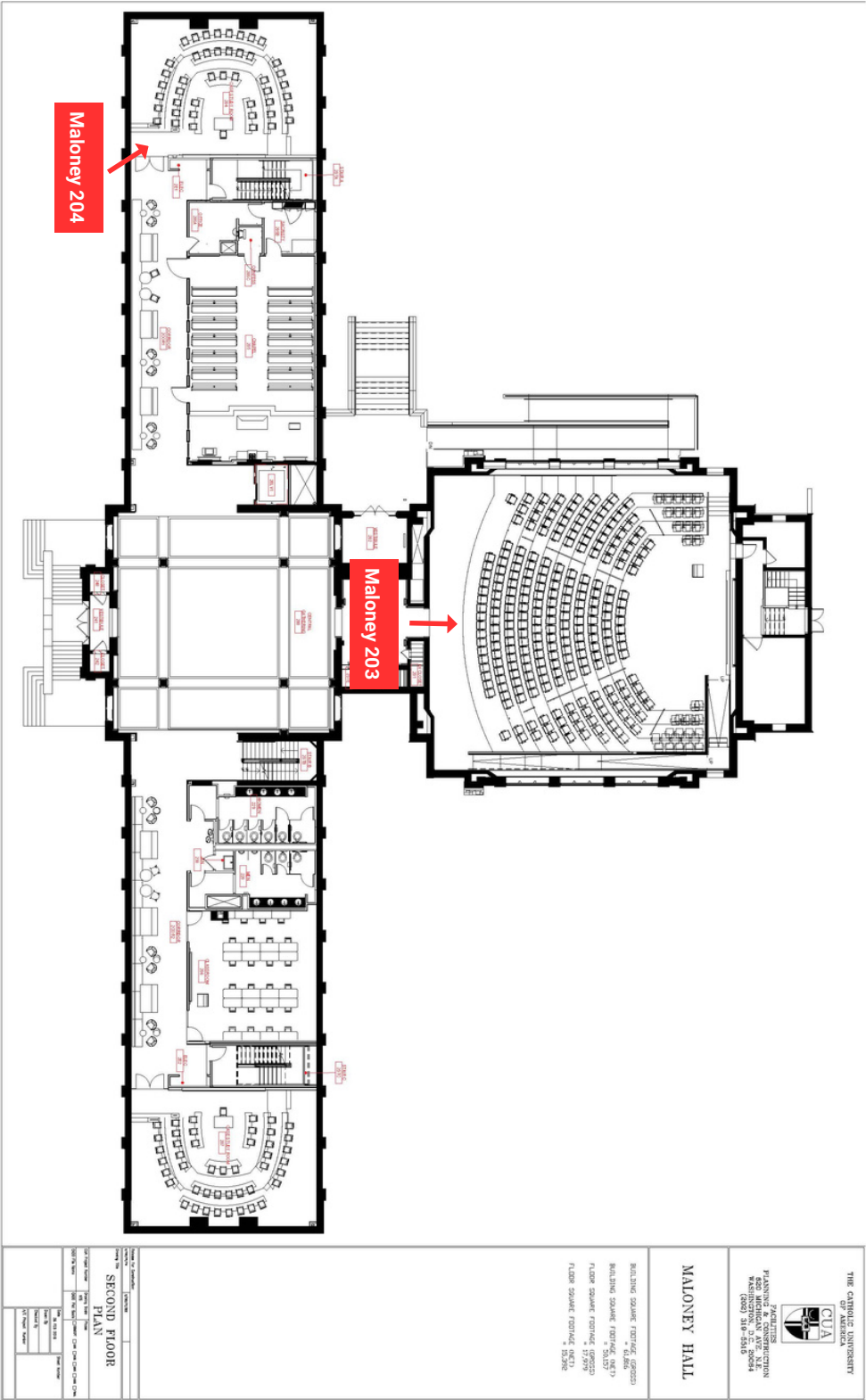


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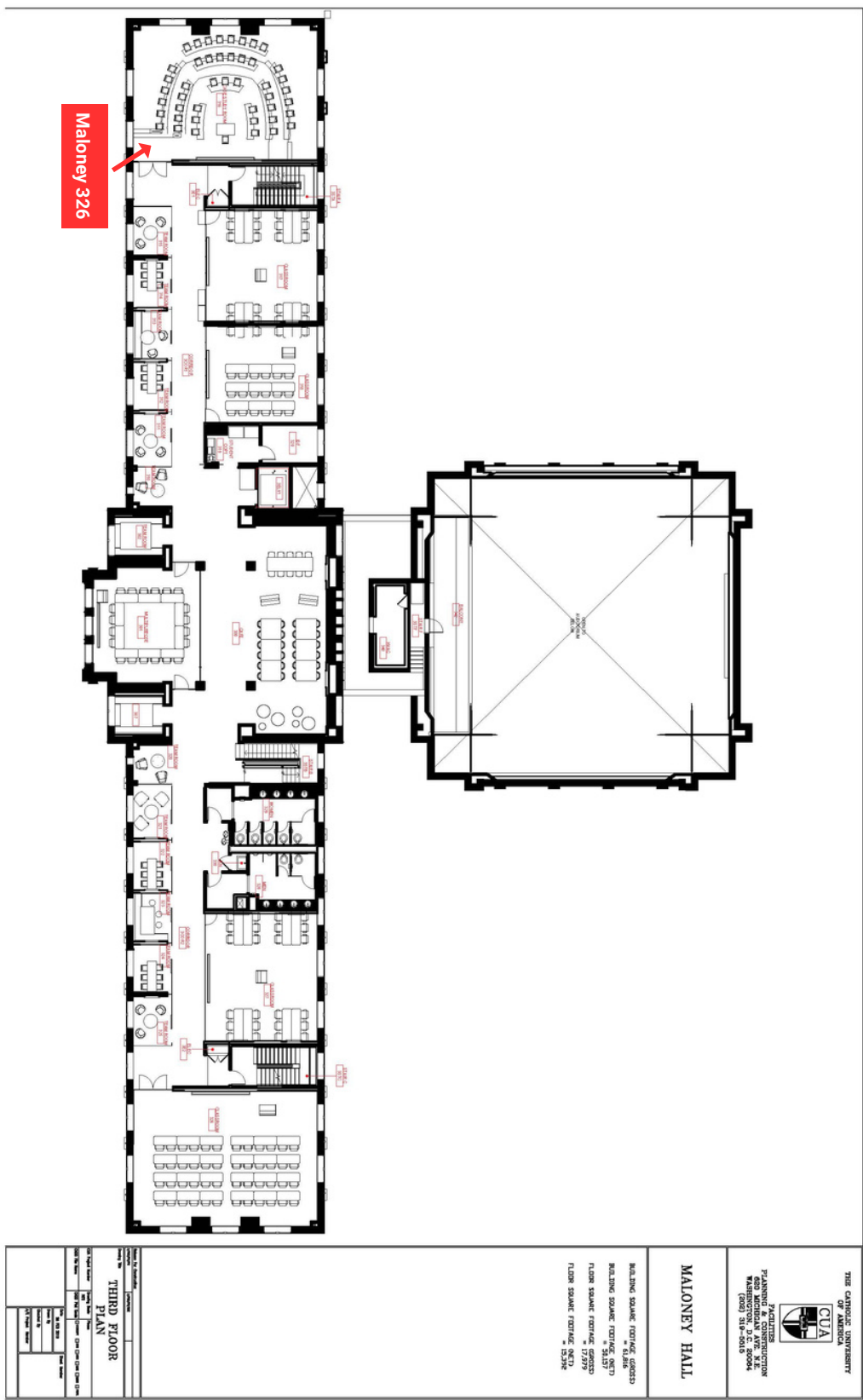
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June 6 | 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. ET
CCIH PLENARY 2

Humility: Lessons from failure and conflict What do we do when things don't go to plan?

with Joel Mercado, World Vision Senior Technical Advisor for Social and Behavior Change

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Dick Day



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Dr. Atul Gawande



Dr. Koki Agarwal



Adam Phillips



Karen Sichinga



Kate Onyejekwe

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Welcome and Worship | *Maloney Hall, 203*

- Worship led by musician and worship leader, Jordan Ware
- Devotion and prayer led by Dr. Kris Prenger, Interserve USA
- Welcome message from Dick Day, MSc, CCIH Board President, and Senior Vice President of Programs and Volunteers, CMMB
- Welcome and Highlights from Doug Fountain, CCIH Executive Director

6:00PM - 7:20PM

Plenary 1 | *Maloney Hall, 203*

Global Voices: How Have U.S. Policies Affected Local Programs?

Welcome Messages

- U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, Member of the Foreign Relations Committee and the Appropriations Committee
- Dr. Atul Gawande, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, United States Agency for International Development
- Conference Platinum Sponsor: Dr. Koki Agarwal, Director of the USAID's MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership

How Does USAID Engage with Faith-based Organizations? Local Perspective to Global Policies

Speakers

- Adam Phillips, Executive Director of the USAID Local, Faith and Transformative Partnerships Hub
- Karen Sichinga, Executive Director, Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ)

Moderator: Kate Onyejekwe, Director, International Division, JSI Research and Training Institute

7:20PM - 9:00PM

Reception | *Maloney Hall Pavilion*

- Meet your colleagues and visit with exhibitors!

DAY ONE

Devotion

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

Beloved family, we are coming together to honor and learn from one another's labor in faithfully doing the work of the Lord, sometimes through uncertainty and adversity. What can believers look to in the face of unexpected delays or unmet expectations? In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul presents Jesus' resurrection as the foundation for the hope on which perseverance rests. "Stand firm" is his summary exhortation in v. 58, "because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

This encouragement is comprehensive and generous: "always give yourselves fully." We honor the sacrifice Jesus made to defeat sin and death. International health workers join the battle to increase spiritual, physical, social, and emotional health. But we risk perceiving ourselves or our programs as deficient, not up to Jesus' standard. Yet it is his work, and we give ourselves only to the part which he has called us to, in our time and place.

And as a young child brings delight to their parents when contributing to cooking or cleaning, we can know that God delights in and is honored by our work. Through it, "part of God's future is brought into the present" (NT Wright).

Reflection Questions:

1. Why is it hard to stay the course when ground shifts?
2. How can we overcome these challenges and stay the course when unexpected problems arise?
3. How would those we work with recognize that we are giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord?
4. What should we remember about Christ's victory and God's future when we feel like our work is in vain?

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Tuesday
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Eeva Sallinen



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J. Mark Brinkmoeller

7:00AM - 8:00AM

Breakfast for dorm residents in Garvey Hall

Breakfast and dinner included with lodging. If you are not staying on campus a limited amount of meals are available for purchase.

8:00AM - 9:00AM

Worship and Devotion | Maloney Hall, 203

We will hear a devotion led by Amaka Uja, Founder and Director, Isaiah 58 Care Foundation in Nigeria, followed by a time of fellowship, discussion, and prayer in small groups (see page 16).

9:00AM - 10:30AM

Plenary 2 | Maloney Hall, 203

Lessons From Failure and Conflict - What Do We Do When Things Don't Go To Plan?

Speakers

- Eeva Sallinen Simard, SCOPE Project Director, World Relief
- Joel Mercado, Senior Technical Advisor for Social and Behavior Change — Health Sector, World Vision US
- Nancy Tenbroek, Senior Program Consultant, World Renew

Moderator: J. Mark Brinkmoeller, Principal, Assisi Strategy, LLC

10:30AM - 11:00AM

Break and visit exhibits in the Maloney Hall Pavilion

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Breakout Sessions Group 1

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Breakout 1A: Standing Together in Partnership, Maloney Hall, 203

Speakers

- Yasmine Vaughan, Technical Advisor for Global Health and Missions, Helping Children Worldwide. *Radical Honesty, Radical Courage, and Radical Collaboration: How Embracing These Three Principles Can Expand Your Impact*
- Nkatha Njeru, Executive Director, Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP), and Dr. Njekadoun Ndilta, Board Chair, ACHAP. *When the Center Must Hold: The Role of Network Organizations in Partnerships*
- Dr. Tonny Tumwesgiye, Executive Director, Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau. *Managing a Seamless Transition from International to Local USAID-Implementing Partners. The Experience of Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau*

Moderator: Dr. Perry Jansen, Vice President, African Mission Healthcare

Breakout 1B: NCDs and NTDs: Partnerships, Navigating COVID, and Improving Quality of Life, Maloney Hall, 204

Speakers

- Evelyn Gathuru, Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning Officer, Christian Health Association of Kenya. *Strengthening Partnerships With Community, Faith-Based Health Facilities and the Global Community for Early Diagnosis and Access to Care and Treatment for NCDs in Kenya*
- Simon Ssentongo, Biostatistician and MEL Lead, Africa Christian Health Associations Platform. *Tackling Hypertension in the Era of COVID-19: Lessons From Healthy Heart Africa Programme in Côte D'Ivoire*
- Jim Oehrig, Vice President of Integral Mission and Partner Engagement, American Leprosy Missions, presenting on behalf of Dr. Shyamala Anand, Senior Advisor for Neglected Tropical Diseases, American Leprosy Missions, India. *Addressing the Quality of Life of People With Severe Disability Related to Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) in India*

Moderator: Dr. Beth Good, Assistant Professor and Program Director, Eastern Mennonite University Master of Science in Nursing Program

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DID YOU KNOW?

A Fishbowl Format is designed to maximize interaction and engage multiple speakers! After speakers share highlights of their abstracts, they will sit in a circle and they will be joined by audience members - two at a time - for a brief discussion. Speakers will finish with closing remarks.

Breakout 1C: How to Motivate Community Volunteers and Workers: With or Without Compensation? FISHBOWL FORMAT, Maloney Hall, 326

Speakers

- Ruth Kayima, Health and Gender Coordinator for East Africa, World Renew. *Motivating Community Health Volunteers: Exploring Stipend Free Models for Sustainable Community Health Programming in Bangladesh, Kenya and Uganda*
- Rita Nabwone, Program Manager/WASH and Nutrition Officer, Africa Christian Health Associations Platform. *Community Health Volunteers in Kilifi, Kenya: A Catalyst for Health Service Uptake and Agents of Change*
- Judy Amoke, Program Manager, Faith to Action Network. *Let's talk! Interfaith and Intergenerational Partnerships for Adolescent and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights*
- Devina Shah, Senior Technical Advisor, World Relief. *Partnering with Volunteer Mothers in Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, and South Sudan*

Moderator: Dr. Henry Perry, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, Co-chair of CCIH Community-Based Prevention and Care Working Group

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Lunch and Mingle

Take your boxed lunch and sit with colleagues - make new connections in open space or classrooms with topical themes.

Lunch Discussion Topics

- WASH/IPC: Facilitated by Deirdre Church, CCIH, Maloney Hall 204
- Challenges and Opportunities for Health Ministry in the 10-40 Window: Facilitated by Dr. Kris Prenger, Interserve USA, Maloney Hall 326

1:00PM - 1:30PM

Visit exhibits in the Maloney Hall Pavilion

DAY TWO

Devotion

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit [through factional motives, or strife], but with [an attitude of] humility [being neither arrogant nor self-righteous], regard others as more important than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3, AMP)

We must not overlook how Paul frames this call to humility to the Philippians: “not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.” Paul advocates a mindset that seeks to give up one’s personal wants, out of concern for advancement of others. By putting the needs of others first, believers pursue the kind of humility that leads to mutual love.

Paul isn’t speaking here to an individual, but writing to a community. Part of what makes humility possible for me, by the grace of God, is looking out for the interests of others. I also know by the same grace others are likewise looking out for my interests. It is only as we are humbled by perfect love of Christ, that we find ourselves able to humbly love others like Jesus. Heavenly Father, it is our desire to do nothing out of selfish motives or ungodly incentives. Instead, with humble heart, we pray we would truly value others.

Lessons from failure and conflict as suggested in: Philippians 2:3

In Philippians Chapter 2 Verse 3, God has assured us through His Son, Jesus Christ, of our inestimable value and worth to Him. Pride is a destructive force and can cause conflict. It causes us to put our needs and feelings above the needs of others. Jesus tells that “Whoever is the greatest should be the servant of the others”. If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored.

To be healthy we must handle conflict in the Biblical way, when we do so, we will find that good can come out of it. God’s Word tells us that He expects several things from us in regards to conflict resolution: humility, forgiveness, love, and action. Humility is the key to conflict resolution. When conflict is handled well, it can actually bring us closer together into a deeper level of love, trust and forgiveness, rather than divide us. For example, Jesus frequently entered into prophetic debate with the religious leaders who were trying to trap him and then accepted invitations to eat in their homes. Even on the cross, He connected to his enemies by asking his Father to forgive them. Remember that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).

Reflection Questions:

1. What is my reflection of Philippians 2:3?
2. What does it mean to count others more significant than myself?
3. How does God want me to handle conflict and respond to failures?
4. How should I, as a Christian, respond to the problems caused by conflict?

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1:30PM - 2:30PM

Breakout Sessions Group 2

Breakout Session 2A: Embracing People With Disability With Compassionate and Purposeful Love, Maloney Hall, 203

Speakers

- Jodene M. Louw, Senior Office Administrator, The Methodist Church of Southern Africa, *People Living With Disabilities in My South African Context*
- Cynthia Bauer, Executive Director, Kupenda for the Children. *Partnering With Community Leaders To Improve the Lives of Vulnerable Children*
- Dr. Nathan Grills, Public Health Physician and Professor at Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne. *Disability and International Health: Creating Space for People With Disability*

Moderator: Dr. Josue Orellana Guevara, Director for Health, Nutrition and WASH, ADRA International

Breakout Session 2B: Solid Foundations: Facilities, Labs, and Systems Behind Excellence in Care, Maloney Hall, 204

Speakers

- Patricia Kamara, Executive Director, Christian Health Association of Liberia. *The Establishment of CHAL Drugs Supply Unit and Mini Lab*
- Amy Hewitt, Grants Coordinator for Grants Acquisitions, and Management, Cure International. *Facilities and Construction Initiatives and the Impact on Quality of Clinical Care and USAID ASHA-Funded Projects*
- Hannah Sekayi Mafunda, Health Program Coordinator, Zimbabwe United Methodist Health Board. *A Shared Value Approach To Improving Health Systems: A Case of Strategic Partnerships Between Faith-Based and Academic Institutions To Support Health System Sustainability Through a Biomedical Engineering Programme*

Moderator: Laura Berry, Director of Business Development, Blessings International

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Breakout Session 2C: Want a Strong Health Program? Start With Humility.
FISHBOWL FORMAT, *Maloney Hall, 326*

Speakers

- Evans Mwananyambe, Assistant M&E Officer for CMMB CHAMPS (Children and Mothers Partnerships), Zambia. *Challenges With Launch of Mobile Data Collection Leads to Better Integration With MOH System in Zambia*
- Micha Chaudhury, Technical Officer for WASH, General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church and Carlos Ernesto Aguilera Miranda, Director of Operations, Engineers In Action. *Ex-Ante Evaluation Methodology Based on Sustainable Livelihoods for Wash Projects in South America*
- Linda Marie Mathurin, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB) Haiti. *Why Pregnant Women Do Not Deliver at Sainte Rose de Lima Health Center in Gris-Gris, Côtes-de-Fer*
- Lanre Williams-Ayedun, Senior Vice President of International Programs, World Relief. *Localization Through USAID New Partnerships Initiative*

Moderator: Sarah Borger, Vice President of Programs and Operations, LifeNet International

2:30PM - 2:45PM

Break and visit exhibits in the Maloney Hall Pavilion

2:40PM - 4:00PM

Visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

If you want to join us to visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, meet CCIH staff member, May Poduschnick, at 2:40PM in the Maloney Hall Pavilion. We'll walk to the shrine and have a seated 20-minute overview tour, followed by a short self-guided tour of the lower level.

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4:30PM - 6:00PM

Young Professionals Mixer

Relaxing opportunity for attendees 35 and under to meet and connect with each other. Meet CCIH staff, Hannah Fields and Carolyn O'Brien, at the Starbucks Reserve at 655 Michigan Avenue, just outside of campus. *(Drinks and food are at your own expense.)*

5:30PM - 7:00PM

Dinner at Garvey Hall for dorm residents on Catholic University Campus

Breakfast and dinner included with lodging. If you are not staying on campus a limited amount of meals are available for purchase.

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Plenary 2: *Humility: Lessons from failure and conflict – What do we do when things don't go to plan?*
June 6 | 9:00 - 10:30 am

Breakout 1C: *Partnering with volunteer mothers in Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, and South Sudan*
June 6 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Breakout 2C: *Localization through USAID's New Partnerships Initiative*
June 6 | 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Breakout 4C: *Couple-focused program provides model for partnership between church-based programs and community service providers for the uptake of family planning services in Burundi*
June 7 | 11:45 am to 12:45 pm

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7:00AM - 8:00AM

Breakfast for dorm residents in Garvey Hall

Breakfast and dinner included with lodging. If you are not staying on campus a limited amount of meals are available for purchase.

7:00AM - 9:00AM

Housing Check-out at Millennium Hall

This is for those who are checking out on Wednesday.

8:00AM - 9:15AM

Worship, Devotion, and Communion | Maloney Hall, 203

- Devotion led by Dick Day, MSc, CCIH Board President, and Senior Vice President of Programs and Volunteers, CMMB
- Communion led by Reverend Dan Irvine, ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church, Haiti Country Director for World Hope International

9:15AM - 10:00AM

Plenary 3 | Maloney Hall, 203

- Presentation of the CCIH 2023 Hope in Health Award presented by Dr. Mwai Makoka, Programme Executive for Health and Healing, World Council of Churches
- Appreciation of CCIH's Five Working Groups

10:15AM - 11:15AM

Breakout Sessions Group 3



DAY THREE

Devotion

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2, NIV)

We are each in a unique, God-given “life race.” It is not a short sprint on a flat oval track where we can see the course; it is more akin to a long marathon with ups and downs and many twists and turns. The course is laid out, but we cannot see it all.

Our race is likely punctuated with both pain and euphoria – with times when we have “hit the wall” and considered dropping out of the race, and times of breakthrough and success. Fortunately, God makes it clear that we are not running this race alone: we are God-guided, with a light on our path (Psalm 119:105); we are God-empowered, with the promise of renewed strength (Isaiah 40:31); and we are God-encouraged with a great cloud of witnesses to cheer us on (Hebrews 12:1a). Sustaining our clarity of purpose, remaining grounded in our passion, and persevering with God’s power and with encouragement of others are all critical to our success in running the race set before us.

We are so glad that you are with us this week. I hope it has been a time of rich encouragement to you – a brief respite in your race for refreshment and refueling. May Jesus bring you hope.

Reflection Questions:

1. How would you describe the “race” that you are in?
2. In the Psalms, David reflects on God’s past goodness, especially in times of trial. What are some specific points along the way where you can see God empowered or encouraged you? For example, who has he brought into your life to encourage you in this race – to cheer you on as part of your “great cloud of witnesses”?
3. What does it practically mean to “fix our eyes on Jesus” for hope and perseverance? (Hebrews 12:2a)

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Breakout Session 3A: Partnerships with Religious Leaders: Stories and Strategies, Maloney Hall, 203

Speakers

- Dr. Patrick Mbusa Kabagambe, Senior Clinical Technical Advisor, Uganda Episcopal Conference - Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UEC-UCMB). *Leveraging Catholic Faith Structures for Community Engagement To Reduce Risk of Ebola Virus Disease: Messaging and Practices in Uganda*
- Celine Bankumuhari, Head of External Relations, Faith to Action Network. *South Kivu's Faith Organizations Form Interreligious Partnership to Advance Family Health and Wellbeing*
- Dr. Godfrey Kway, Project Manager, Christian Social Services Commission. *Partnering and Mobilizing Faith Leaders From the Local Communities To Reach the Unreached to End HIV in Tanzania*
- Jane Kishoyian, RMNCAH/FP Programmes Coordinator, Christian Health Association of Kenya. *Improving FP Uptake in Marginalized Communities in Turkana and Narok Counties in Kenya Through Community-Based Interventions*

Moderator: Dr. Allison Ruark, Assistant Professor, Applied Health Sciences, Wheaton College



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Breakout Session 3B: Want to Increase Immunization Rates? Start with Involving the Faith Community, Maloney Hall, 204

Speakers

- Ruth Gemi, Program Manager and WASH/Nutrition Officer, Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP). *Faith on the Frontline of COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake: A Case of Faith Actors' Role in Overcoming Vaccine Hesitancy and Building Vaccine Confidence in Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe*
- Yoram Siame, Director of Advocacy Planning and Development, Churches Health Association of Zambia. *Delivering Child Vaccination to Communities with Mobile Livelihoods*
- Bishop Dinis Matsolo, Executive Director, Inter-Religious Platform for Health Communication (PIRCOM). *Religious Leaders Are Calling For Action: A Campaign To Boost COVID-19 Immunization for Adolescents and Youth*
- Ikenna Nwakamma, Technical Specialist for Prevention, Care and Support, Caritas Nigeria. *Achieving Social Inclusion in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Through Faith Community-Led Interventions*

Moderator: Carolyn O'Brien, Program Advisor, CCIH

Breakout Session 3C: Let's Get Disaster Ready, Maloney Hall, 326

- An interactive discussion to help CCIH chart a way to respond and bring members together to coordinate actions after a disaster.

Moderator: Dr. Anne Peterson

11:15AM - 11:45AM

Break and visit exhibits in the Maloney Hall Pavilion

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Breakout Sessions Group 4

Breakout Session 4A: Strengthening Resilience Through Mental Health,
Maloney Hall, 203

Speakers

- Stacy Saha, Former Director, MIS-Research, LAMB Project, World Mission Prayer League. *Adverse Childhood Events and Mental Illness Among Adolescents in Rural Bangladesh, Current Status, and Exploration of Interventions To Address an Unmet Need*
- Beth Reece, Spiritual Director/Hospital Chaplain, CMMB. *Resilience and Restoration in International Health: Tools for Post-Traumatic Growth*
- Dr. Jason Paltzer, Executive Director, The Meros Center. *A Study of Resilient Recovery Ministry on Physical and Spiritual Outcomes*
- Valsa Anne Augustine, Psychologist and Project Development Officer, Schieffelin Institute of Health Research and Leprosy Centre, India. *Compassion Fatigue and Burnout in Health Care Workers*

Moderator: Dr. Paul Frank, Senior Advisor, SIL Lead

Breakout Session 4B: What Works? Lessons Learned from Disaster Response on Three Continents, Maloney Hall, 204

Speakers

- Rachel Bernard, Haiti Country Coordinator, The Dalton Foundation - Haiti Health Network. *How the Haiti Health Network United and Encouraged the Haitian Healthcare Community To Endure Crisis*
- Irma Priskila Sopamena, Program Director, Church World Service. *Accessing Health Care for the Refugee Community in Jakarta, Indonesia: A Decade of Learning*
- Melissa Yakubu, Regional Safeguarding Coordinator for West Africa, World Renew Nigeria. *MNCH Program Implementation in a Nigerian Conflict Zone: Community Partnerships With the Local Church and Village Development Committees*

Moderator: Louise Hart, Director of Programmes, International Health Partners UK

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Breakout Session 4C: How Churches and Christian Networks at the Local and Global Level Persevere to Bring Health to All, FISHBOWL FORMAT, Maloney Hall, 326

Speakers

- Dr. Christian Isichei, Founder and Consultant Pathologist, Faith Alive Foundation and Hospital, Nigeria. *Community Empowerment Through Holistic Health and Social Services Using HIV-Positive Mothers as Mentors*
- Prava Chhetri, Health and Nutrition Program Officer, World Relief. *Couple-Focused Program Provides a Model for Partnership Between Church-Based Programs and Community Service Providers for the Uptake of Family Planning Services in Burundi*
- Dr. Lucy Kingangi, Health Systems Strengthening Technical Officer, Global Health Unit, General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. *Collective Legacy of Church and Community in Restoring and Sustaining Hope and Health in Communities-In-Constant Crises and Conflicts in Sub-Saharan Africa – The Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church's Response Model in Nigeria and East Congo of the DRC*
- Dr. Josephine Aidan Balati, Director of Health Services, Christian Social Services Commission. *Where There Is a Will, There Is a Way: Renewing Our Focus and Staying the Course To Attain Justice, Fair Access, Equitable Distribution of Resources To Meet the Changing Needs of Our Global Population*

Moderator: Maddie Orange, Senior Project Manager, International Business & Technical Consultants, Inc.

12:45PM - 2:00PM

Lunch and Mingle

Take your boxed lunch and sit with colleagues - make new connections in open space or classrooms with topical themes.

Lunch Discussion Topics

- Mental Health: Facilitated by Hannah Fields, CCIH, and Deirdre Church, CCIH, Maloney Hall 204
- Climate Adaptation: Facilitated by Carolyn O'Brien, CCIH, Maloney Hall 326

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**Dr. John
Nkengasong**



**Vuyelwa T. S.
Chitimbire**



**Father John
Varghese**



Justin Narducci



Bruce Compton

2:00PM - 3:15PM

Closing Plenary

Message from Ambassador Dr. John Nkengasong, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Health Diplomacy, the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief

Perseverance in Tough Times: How Do Leaders Cope?

Leadership always requires specific strengths, such as strong relationship building, innovation, decision-making, conflict management, and the ability to adapt quickly to changing circumstances. The past few years and the lingering COVID pandemic have tested all of us, and brought new pressures on leaders; making perseverance even more critical than before. In this session, we'll ask faith-based health leaders how they navigate those times and keep perspective and persevere during immense change and uncertainty.

Speakers:

- Vuyelwa T.S. Chitimbire, Executive Director, Zimbabwe Association of Church-related Hospitals
- Father John Varghese Thekkekara, PhD, Associate Director, St. John's Medical College Hospital, Bengaluru, India
- Justin Narducci, President and Chief Executive Officer, CURE International

Moderator: Bruce Compton, Senior Director, Global Health, Catholic Health Association of the US

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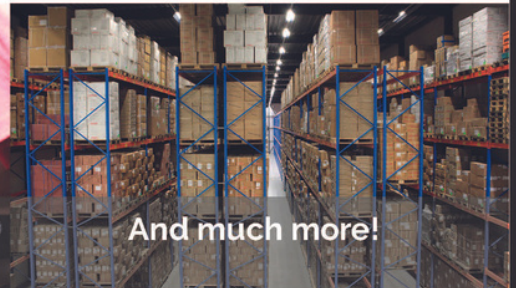
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Speakers and Moderators

Carlos Aguilera

Carlos Aguilera is an Environmental and Development Engineer specializing in the management of development projects. He has technical and social experience in the implementation of comprehensive Water, Sanitation, Health, and Hygiene programs in Bolivia and Ecuador, and is also skilled in the use of monitoring and evaluation tools for development programs in rural communities. He is the current Director of Operations for Fundación Ingenieros En Accion (Engineers in Action) and also serves as the Country Director for Engineers Without Borders, USA in Ecuador.

Judy Amoke

Judy Amoke is the Program Manager at Faith to Action Network. She is a seasoned development specialist with over 13 years of experience in spearheading high impact and complex evidence-based development projects. She also has technical competencies in gender and social inclusion, sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and monitoring and evaluation. Judy has worked for UKAID Direct Fund, Save the Children, and UNDP Somalia. She holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of York and is a certified program management specialist.

Valsa Augustine

Valsa (Anne V. Augustine) began her career as a psychologist at Christian Medical College, Vellore and has been working as a psychologist, counselor, and trainer for the past 35 years. She has worked at Schieffelin Leprosy Hospital, where she is now a Project Development Officer. Valsa's research is focused on the stigma of Leprosy, and she has been published in several international journals. She serves as a facilitator and trustee for Transform for Life and as a trustee and camp counselor for J Team. Her husband, Augustine, served as Hospital Administrator at Schieffelin Leprosy Hospital and died while serving in Liberia during the Ebola outbreak. The Augustine Fellowship was set up in honor of his work.

Celine Bankumuhari

Celine Bankumuhari is the Head of External Relations at Faith to Action Network. She is an experienced leader in advocacy and campaign programs, with her work spanning across Africa for the past 19 years. She has held various roles throughout her career, working as a Senior Advisor for the Danish Refugee Council, a Staff Member for the UN Agency for Migration (IOM) at the African Union Commission (2018-2021), and Regional Humanitarian Advocacy Adviser and Chief of Party for OXFAM. Celine also has a background working with faith actors.

Josephine Balati

Josephine Balati is the Director of Health Services at the Christian Social Services Commission based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. For the past 15 years, Josephine has carried out several health sector special assignments, consultancies, and training seminars in eastern and southern Africa. Her areas of expertise and interests are in health systems development, quality management, health financing, community involvement in health, public and private service delivery, and management and evaluation of health programs. She has served in multiple countries and is a member of various health sector technical working groups. Josephine also serves on various boards and committees at several institutions.

Speakers and Moderators

Cynthia Bauer

As the Executive Director of Kupenda for the Children, Cynthia Bauer has devoted her life to making the world a more just and loving place for people with disabilities. In 2003 she founded Kupenda for the Children, an organization that transforms harmful beliefs surrounding disability to those that improve the lives of children. This happens by engaging local leaders as disability advocates. As a person with a disability herself, Cynthia often gives public talks where she shares her life story and plays guitar to demonstrate what is possible when opportunities are available to everyone.

Rachel Bernard

Rachel first visited Haiti on a short-term mission trip in 2004 which completely transformed her life. Two years later she moved to Haiti and over the next decade worked passionately in program development and management. She returned to Canada with her new family in 2016 to work alongside her husband, pastoring the church she grew up in. God opened the door for Rachel to step back into work in Haiti with the Dalton Foundation in January 2022 as the Haiti Country Director. The Dalton Foundation strives to bring quality healthcare to Haitians and facilitate collaboration between organizations working there.

Laura Berry

Laura Berry is the Director of Business Development for Blessings International, an FDA approved, 501(c)3 pharmaceutical distributor licensed in 48 States and serving over 140 countries per year. Laura has served in the pharmaceutical distribution industry for 30 years in both the commercial and non-commercial sectors. Laura has a Master in Cross-Cultural Ministries degree from Dallas Theological Seminary as well as a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dallas.

Sarah Borger

Sarah Borger is the Vice President of Programs and International Operations at LifeNet International. With more than 18 years of leadership, international development, and health programming experience, Sarah leads the organization's impactful programming and provides operational leadership to all of LifeNet's country programs. Prior to joining LifeNet, she held numerous leadership, technical design, and quality assurance roles. These roles included Director of Health Programs for Food for the Hungry, Maternal and Child Health Specialist for World Relief, and Director of Operations/ Director of Quality Assurance for a University of California, San Diego Medical Center program. Along with her extensive experience, her educational background includes a Master of Public Health from Boston University's School of Public Health, Department of International Health.

Mark Brinkmoeller

J. Mark Brinkmoeller guides diverse organizations, communities, and their leadership toward bipartisan support and successful advocacy for development, health, religious freedom, and humanitarian work in the United States and worldwide. He specializes in organizing partnerships beyond the usual suspects. He currently leads efforts in support of the Catholic Initiative for WASH in Healthcare Facilities, support of Freedom of Religion and Belief for Religions for Peace International, Zomi Innkuan USA, and other organizations. He served as Director of the USAID Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives as a presidential appointee of the Obama Administration.



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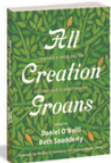
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Micha Chaudhury

Micha Chaudhury is the Technical Officer for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) for the Global Health Unit of The United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Ministries. He has a background in medical anthropology and humanitarian health, and his current work supports communities as they strive to meet their needs for clean water, sanitation, and hygiene around the world.

Prava Chhetri

Prava Chhetri is a Global Technical Advisor for Health and Nutrition Programs across Asia and sub-Saharan African countries at World Relief. For the past 20 years, Prava has worked with international organizations in the complex areas of development, humanitarian aid, and emergency response to epidemics. In her role at World Relief, Prava provides a broad range of technical leadership and expertise to effectively deliver family planning, nutrition, HIV and TB interventions, and reproductive, maternal, and newborn care. She holds a master's degree in sociology.

Dick Day

Dick has more than 35 years of experience in international development. In his current role as CMMB's Senior Vice President for Programs and Volunteers, Dick provides strategic guidance and support to all overseas operations and is leading the agency's localization initiative that will organizationally transform CMMB. During his USG career, Dick served as: Peace Corps' Director for Africa, overseeing operations in 25 countries and more than 3,000 volunteers; Managing Director at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, where he led the design of large-scale infrastructure programs; VP and COO at the US African Development Foundation, overseeing all headquarters operations and programs in 13 countries; and USAID's Head of Strategic Planning, Budgeting, and Outreach for Africa.

Paul Frank

Paul Frank is the Director of Professional Service Engagement for SIL International. He has a PhD in linguistics and 40 years of experience in international development focused on minority language communities. He is also the director of SIL's Bloom Program, a platform that is being used to create books in hundreds of languages, including health materials. Paul was a co-founder of SIL LEAD, a subsidiary of SIL International focused on providing language expertise to external partners and clients. Both SIL and SIL LEAD are institutional members of CCIH.

Atul Gawande

Dr. Atul Gawande is the Assistant Administrator for Global Health for USAID. He is a renowned surgeon, writer, and public health leader. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris Administration, he was a practicing general and endocrine surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a professor at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He was founder and chair of Ariadne Labs, a joint center for health systems innovation, and of Lifebox, a nonprofit making surgery safer globally. He also co-founded CIC Health, a public benefit corporation supporting pandemic response operations nationally.

Speakers and Moderators

Evelyn Gathuru

Evelyn Gathuru is a Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning (MERL) professional with 10 years of experience strengthening MERL systems, enabling data-driven decision making and learning while driving adaptive programming. She leads the MERL component of NCDs, RMNCAH, and Health Systems Strengthening programs at the Christian Health Association of Kenya. She holds an Honors BSc Degree in Human Biology and Sociology, a Post-Graduate Diploma in Project Management, and certification in Monitoring & Evaluation and Gender Analytics. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Project Management. She is passionate about NCDs, Sexual and Reproductive Health, human-centered inclusive program design, and collaborative learning and adaptation.

Ruth Gemi

Ruth Gemi is a public health officer with a clinical and environmental background. She has seven years of experience in TB/HIV, MCH, IPC/WASH, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Nutrition Programming. She has worked with non-profit organizations and faith-based organizations in the areas of advocacy, health systems strengthening, and emergency and development operations. Currently, Ruth is a WASH/Nutrition officer and is coordinating the IMA-Funded CoV-FaB project being implemented in eight countries by the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP), an umbrella organization for Christian Health Associations (CHAs) whose mandate is to support the health care systems of member CHAs.

Beth Good

Beth Good is an Assistant Professor and Program Director for Eastern Mennonite University's Master of Science in Nursing program. Beth earned her PhD in Nursing Science and Research and a Masters in Public Health Nursing from Widener University. Beth has extensive experience working internationally with Mennonite Central Committee as the Global Health Coordinator as well as other international assignments. She and her family have lived in DR Congo and Kenya. Beth's experience is in the areas of public health in vulnerable settings, HIV/AIDS education, trauma awareness and resilience, sexual gender-based violence, and intercultural awareness and humility.

Nathan Grills

Professor Nathan Grills is a Public Health Physician at the Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne. He works on community health and disability largely in the context of India with various FBOs. Nathan has a personal and professional interest in disability. Academically, he established the Melbourne-India Disability Research Initiative which works with the Government of India. Programmatically, he established the Samvedna Community Based Disability program in India and has overseen the establishment of a national network of Christian organizations responding to disability. Personally, Nathan's daughter, Abby, has intellectual disability.

Louise Hart

Louise Hart is the Director of Programmes for International Health Partners (IHP), a global health INGO based in the UK. IHP specializes in coordinating donations of medicines and medical supplies, working with partners around the world to help people in disaster-hit and vulnerable communities to access the healthcare they need. Louise has many years of experience in the humanitarian and development sectors, previous roles include working for Christian Aid, Plan UK, and WaterAid.

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Amy Hewitt

Amy Hewitt is a Grants Coordinator for CURE International and serves on CCIH's Board of Directors. She has expertise in international development, especially in administration, program/project design, grant acquisition/management, and creating processes to deliver strategic solutions for programs and their intended beneficiaries. Her portfolio has focused on health system strengthening, building capacity, assessing appropriate and sustainable medical equipment distribution, disaster relief, and developing, managing, and stewarding relationships with institutional grantmakers. She designed and manages CURE's participation in USAID's Limited Excess Property Program (LEPP) and has an active role in the management and reporting of grant-funded projects and programs.

Christian Isichei

Dr. Christian Isichei is the Founding Coordinator of Faith Alive Foundation-Nigeria, headquartered in Jos, Plateau State. In 1996, Dr. Isichei returned from a Fogarty grant at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, to Jos with a vision to drastically improve healthcare and social and educational services for the underprivileged/poorest of the poor in Nigeria. Dr. Isichei also works with the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH) as a consultant and teaches undergraduate and post-graduate medical students as a Professor of Chemical Pathology at the University of Jos and Bingham University.

Perry Jansen

Dr. Perry Jansen is a family physician who served with SIM in Malawi from 2000 to 2016. He founded the Malawi non-profit hospital Partners in Hope (PIH). After realizing his goal of handing PIH over to Malawi leadership, Dr. Jansen attained his MPH, emphasizing global health leadership. He is now the Vice President at African Mission Healthcare, leading initiatives to strengthen mission hospitals to expand medical education and strengthen indigenous healthcare leadership. He also serves as the Medical Director for Southwest District Health in Idaho, where he oversees programming related to HIV/TB and STIs.

Patrick Mbusa Kabagambe

Dr. Patrick Mbusa Kabagambe is a Ugandan Public Health Specialist and medical doctor with over 10 years of experience in programming and technical work serving thousands of individuals towards HIV/AIDS and TB control in Uganda by 2030. His work at the Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB), the medical department of the Uganda Episcopal Conference, also extends to other diseases of public health concern, such as COVID-19 and, more recently, the September 2022 Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in Uganda. His experience has demonstrated the strategic position held by the church as a key player in health promotion and disease control.

Patricia Kamara

Patricia S. Kamara is the Executive Director of the Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL). She is responsible for the day-to-day running of the network organization of faith-based health facilities with 80 members and a secretariat of 28. Patricia represents the organization as a representative of faith-based health facilities at the MOH meetings, chairs the committee on health at the Liberian Council of Churches, and is a cardinal member of the Women in Peace Building network. Patricia holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a master's degree in public health. She is an elder in her church and a motivational speaker on women's issues.

Speakers and Moderators

Ruth Kayima

Ruth Kayima is the Health and Gender Coordinator for East Africa for World Renew and provides technical support for teams and partners in the design and implementation of community-based programs. She holds a degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from the University of Nairobi and a Master of Public Health from The Makerere University College of Health Sciences.

Lucy Kingangi

Dr. Lucy Kingangi is a Health Systems Strengthening Technical Officer with the Global Health Unit in the United Methodist Church's (UMC) General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM). She is a physician with a Master of Public Health and 14 years of experience in clinical, public, and global health in Kenya and the US. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she supported the pandemic response working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and screened passengers at the JFK Airport in New York City, New York. Her professional interests are Global Immunization, Health Equity, and Health Systems Strengthening.

Jane Kishoyian

Jane Kishoyian is a Kenyan Registered Community Health Nurse with a master's degree in public health from Vrije University of Amsterdam. She is currently working with the Christian Health Association of Kenya (CHAK) as the Programme Coordinator for RMNCH/FP and has worked with the organization for the last six years. She is responsible for strategic leadership in RNMNCH/FP and is currently coordinating related programs supported by donors, such as the Gates Foundation, Packard Foundation, and Bread for the World. Jane previously worked with the Ministry of Health as a District Public Health Nurse and District AIDS/STI Coordinator before joining CHAK in Nairobi.

Godfrey Kway

Dr. Godfrey Kway is a public health specialist with 10 years of experience in the health sector, particularly health system strengthening in the private health sector. He has worked as a health technical advisor for the Network of Faith-based Hospitals under CSSC and he is currently managing a sustainability project for a faith-based health facility funded by USAID. The facility aims to support faith-based health facilities to become managerially and financially sustainable while providing quality and affordable health services.

Hannah Mafunda

Hannah Mafunda is a registered nurse practitioner with over 33 years of experience working in the health sector in Zimbabwe. She serves as the Health Board Coordinator for the Zimbabwe Episcopal Area Health Board. The board oversees the health work of two annual conferences, three hospitals, 12 rural health centers, health related facilities, and community programming. Hannah's work requires serving as a liaison with the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health and Child Care, the global health unit of the United Methodist Mission Agency, and other national and international health organizations seeking partnership.



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Linda Marie Mathurin

Linda Mathurin has been working as a monitoring and evaluation officer for 10 years. She specialized in maternal and child health programs and HIV programs as well. She has worked at CMMB since 2017. She has been involved with all CMMB Haiti programs monitoring, including the prosthetics and orthotics training program for amputees, the ongoing project with people with Leprosy and malaria program., the GF-funded malaria program. She has been directly involved in starting up the Haiti site of CMMB's holistic, self-funded CHAMPS program. It addresses the social determinants of health via a health education and economic empowerment program (supported by Community health workers and Agricole agents), as well as deficiencies in local facilities—CMMB Haiti has built a new hospital in the CHAMPS area in a vulnerable town named Côtes-de-Fer; and Linda has coordinated the monitoring and Evaluation Unit since then.

Dinis Matsolo

Dinis Matsolo is Bishop of the Methodist Church of South Africa and Executive Director of PIRCOM, an inter-religious platform for health communications. He has been working in the public health field for 16 years. Dinis is the former General Secretary of the Christian Council of Mozambique and currently serves as President of the Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation National Commission. He has been involved in various peace-building initiatives in Mozambique and Africa. He was invited by the World Bank in the United States to present its perspective of large-scale engagement of FBOs for development.

Joel Mercado

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Rita is the Program Manager/WASH and Nutrition Officer at the African Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP). She is a dedicated Public Health Nutritionist with over eight years of experience in designing and spearheading context-specific strategies, aimed at improving the lives of the most vulnerable populations. She has demonstrated success in the integration of Nutrition and WASH interventions in Reproductive, Maternal Health, Child Health, and HIV/TB programs in INGOs in Africa. Rita also has experience coordinating and providing technical assistance on COVID-19 projects in private and public health sectors in Kenya and other health organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa. Rita's expertise is in public health programs, program management, and collaborative learning and adaptation.

Speakers and Moderators

Justin Narducci

Justin Narducci serves as the President and CEO of CURE International. He is responsible for developing long-term strategy and direction, leading innovative change, growing the network to reach, serve and heal more children, and building impactful relationships and partnerships for CURE's network of Christian pediatric hospitals. He joined CURE in June 2020 and brings over 15 years of faith-based nonprofit leadership and international business experience to the position. Justin began his career with The Boeing Company and most recently served as President/CEO of Lifewater International. He has an MBA in International Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management and a BS in Business Administration from Arizona State University.

John Nkengasong

Dr. John Nkengasong is the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy. He leads the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). In 2017, he was appointed as the first Director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) headquartered in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Through his leadership, a framework for moving Africa CDC into a full autonomous health agency of the African Union was established. He also led the COVID-19 response in Africa, helping to secure 400 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines at the height of vaccine scarcity.

Jim Oehrig

Jim Oehrig is American Leprosy Missions (ALM) Vice President of Integral Mission & Partner Engagement. Collaborating with regional directors and teams, Jim fosters relationships with the organizations and churches where ALM works, creating the conditions for partnerships to flourish. Jim works to ensure that ALM implements programs in ways that honor God and uphold people's dignity. Jim's expertise includes integral mission, community health development, capacity cultivation, NGOs, member care, and inter-organizational collaboration. He earned his B.A. from Houghton College and a M.A. in Latin American studies/international development from the University of Connecticut. He did post-graduate work at the Centre for Development Studies at Swansea University, Wales.

Kate Onyejekwe

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Josue Orellana Guevara is a physician and holds a Master of Public Health, with a focus on maternal and child health. He joined the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in 2002 and has held various positions within the global ADRA network, acquiring extensive experience on the front line and at a managerial level globally. In 2018, he took the role of Director for Health, Nutrition, and WASH at ADRA International. He has also led interventions to promote healthy behaviors and best practices in maternal and child health, and non-communicable diseases, including lifestyle programming.

Jason Paltzer

Dr. Jason Paltzer is the Executive Director of The Meros Center and a visiting professor at Wisconsin Lutheran College. He has 20 years of experience working alongside global faith-based health organizations to develop, implement, and study community strategies integrating spiritual and physical determinants of health. His research focuses on behavioral screening and intervention for use in community-based settings that leverage community and faith-based partnerships for recovery and prevention. His MPH is from the University of Minnesota and PhD in Population Health Sciences is from the University of Wisconsin. He has worked in sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

Henry Perry

Dr. Henry Perry has five decades of engagement in global community health work. He is a Founder of Curamericas Global, with which he has been working since 1979. He has extensive experience related to planning, managing, and evaluating community health workers and community health programs in Bolivia, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Madagascar, and many other countries. He is the author and co-author of more than 250 articles in scientific journals, book chapters, books, and other documents. He is currently semi-retired, supporting students and research at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

Anne Peterson

Dr. E. Anne Peterson is a global health consultant with extensive experience in global health leadership, policy, strategy, and direct program implementation. She has held various positions within the global health field, including serving as Assistant Administrator of USAID's Global Health Bureau, overseeing all of USAID's global health programs in maternal and child health, AIDS, family planning, health systems and the launch of the Bush administration's PEPFAR program to respond to HIV/AIDS. Anne also served as CCIH Board President. She is currently a global health consultant with recent consultations for NextGenU, Medical Teams International and USAID.

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Speakers and Moderators

Irma Priskila Sopamena

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Beth Reece

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Allison Ruark

Dr. Allison Ruark is a social epidemiologist who earned her master’s at Oregon State University, was a research fellow at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, completed a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (while a Harvey Fellow), and did postdoctoral studies at Brown University. She has spent significant time outside of academia working as an independent consultant with non-governmental and faith-based organizations, particularly in Africa. Her main areas of research and expertise are behavioral HIV prevention, gender-based violence, and the impact of couple and family relationships on health.

Stacy Saha

Stacy Saha is a nurse, midwife, and epidemiologist (MSc from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) who has worked at the Lutheran Aid to Medicine in Bangladesh (LAMB) rural integrated health and development project since 1993. From 2006 to September 2022, she led the management information systems and research department (MIS-R) at LAMB. Stacy’s research interests include adolescent mental health, adolescent sexual and reproductive health – including gender-based violence, and improving health access for poor and marginalized groups.

Yoram Siame

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Karen Sichali Sichinga

Karen Sichali Sichinga is the Executive Director of the Churches Health Association of Zambia (CHAZ). Under her leadership, CHAZ has held an unbroken record of Global Fund Principal Recipient status in Zambia for 20 years. During this time, CHAZ has gained government and donor confidence plus the reputation as a leading and accountable Health NGO. Karen is a graduate of the University of Alberta, Canada and the University of Leeds, England. She holds a master's degree in International Public Health. She has spent the last 30 years working in the field of public health.

Vuyelwa Tenjiwe Sidile-Chitimire

Vuyelwa Tenjiwe Sidile-Chitimire, MSc, MBA is the Executive Director of the Zimbabwe Association of Church-related Hospitals (ZACH). She has more than 30 years of experience in the health sector. Vuyelwa has a BA from Adelphi University in New York and a joint MSc/MBA degree from Arnold and Marie Schwartz School of Sciences in New York. She is a qualified health management specialist and served as the Under Secretary in the Ministry of Health. She is the immediate past President of the Zimbabwe National Institute of Consultants and is a Certified Management Consultant.

Eeva Sallinen Simard

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Devin Shah

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Simon Ssentongo

Simon Ssentongo has over 10 years of experience in providing technical leadership and strategic direction for program Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) activities and Indicators to capture project performance results and providing effective, accurate, and timely monitoring, evaluation, and reporting for health programs. He has worked and collaborated with both International and local not-for-profit organizations including various Christian Health Associations in Africa. He currently works as an MEL officer for the Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP). Previously, Simon has worked with Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Save the Children International, and Management Sciences for Health (MSH).

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Nancy Tenbroek

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John Varghese

Father John Varghese (MHA, MPhil, PhD) is currently serving as the Associate Director of St. John's Medical College Hospital in Bangalore, India, which is a 1800 bedded teaching hospital. He is also a professor in the department of Hospital Administration. His doctoral research was on the mission hospitals in India and the sustainability of their mission while being inclusive of the poor. He has more than ten publications and has conducted several sessions for the leaders of missionary healthcare organizations. He is also a member of the technical advisory committee to the Government of India, Department of Health Research on Health Technology Assessment and Hospital Costing.

Yasmine Vaughan

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Lanre Williams-Ayedun

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