



LCC INTERNATIONAL
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ANNUAL REPORT



2025-2026

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Faculty and Staff, 2026

MISSION

LCC International University provides Christian liberal arts education within a diverse learning community that transforms people for servant leadership.

VISION

To be the leading Christian liberal arts university in Europe, renowned for its flourishing academic community, spiritual vitality, and global impact.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We began this year with a staggering statistic.

1,000,000.

That was a conservative estimate of the number of kilometers traveled by our students and our faculty and staff to start the year together! That was 25 times around the earth at the equator. That was 620,000 miles (for those who function best in miles). From across the street and around the world.

Those were not random kilometers that brought random people together in a random place. Those one million kilometers represented incredible protection by our faithful God. They represented an orchestrated set of decisions, conversations with family and friends, steps outside of our comfort zones, and tearful goodbyes and joy-filled hellos bringing all of us together in this place called LCC.

The result? We were all here for a reason. Each of us **matters**.

Our year of **matter**ing together included:

- Watching our 3000th graduate cross the stage at Commencement
- Celebrating the research publications and presentations of our faculty
- Sharing cultures
- Honoring thesis defenses
- Worshipping in chapel across Christian traditions

As you walk through the pages of this Annual Report, notice the themes that emerge when we view each other as people who **matter**. Notice what happens together – the collaboration, the partnerships, the service, the peacebuilding.



This year has ended with a lot of celebrating. We are excited about the new Learning Commons. Join us for lunch or coffee or a lecture or a special event.

My personal celebrations include retirement on July 31, 2026 after 25 years of service at LCC. What a privilege it has been. It is hard to imagine my life without the daily engagements on campus. But I'm grateful that God has brought Ken and Amy Stoltzfus back to LCC. Ken begins his presidency on August 1, 2026. I wish him all the very best as he assumes the leadership of LCC, a university with a continued compelling mission and vision.

- Thanks a million, to each person who is part of the global LCC community.
- Thanks a million, to those of you who are generous donors to LCC. Our students have been impacted.
- Thanks a million, to those of you who are faithful in prayer for the LCC community.
- Thanks a million, to our partners in Klaipeda, in Lithuania, in Europe, in North America, and around the world. We are better together.

May we look back with gratitude and forward with anticipation. God has brought us to this place as people who **matter**. May we journey together as evidence of His faithfulness.



I offer this prayer, attributed to St. Brendan, as my final thought – for all of us.

*Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.*

*Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.*

*Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.*

*I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.*

*Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count
for You. AMEN.*

Marlene

Marlene Wall, PhD

President (until July 31, 2026)

President Emerita (from August 1, 2026)

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

During the May 2, 2026, Commencement Ceremony, the Board of Directors awarded the title of President Emerita to Dr. Marlene Wall in recognition of her distinguished service and lasting impact on LCC International University.

In presenting the honor, Board Chair Roger D. Friesen shared the following remarks:

"We have the distinct privilege of pausing to honor a leader whose name has become synonymous with the spirit, growth, and resilience of LCC International University. We occasionally find a leader who doesn't just manage a campus but shapes its soul. For over two decades—first as academic vice president and then as president—Dr. Marlene Wall has been that leader for LCC.

Under Marlene's guidance, LCC didn't just endure; it thrived. She expanded our academic horizons, championed a diverse student body from dozens of nations, and steadfastly anchored this institution in its core mission of Christian values, dialogue, and peacebuilding. She looked at a changing world and ensured that LCC remained a beacon of hope and transformation.

But if you ask the faculty, staff, alumni, or the thousands of students who have walked across our campus, they will tell you that Marlene's legacy isn't just measured in strategic plans or enrollment numbers. It is measured in her open door. It is measured in her uncanny ability to remember names, to listen deeply, and to extend grace and courage in equal measure. She has modeled for all of us what it means to lead with a servant's heart.

The title of President Emerita is not merely a retirement honor. It is a permanent designation reserved for those who have rendered exceptionally distinguished service, and whose wisdom we wish to keep close to our hearts as we move into the future. It ensures that while Marlene may be stepping down from the daily execution of the presidency, her relationship with LCC remains lifelong."





Inga Verbutienė, Migration Director, received the **2025–2026 Staff Excellence Award** for her exceptional dedication to supporting LCC students through the migration process. With professionalism, expertise, and genuine care, she helps students navigate complex regulations while creating an atmosphere of trust and reassurance. Her commitment to students, willingness to support colleagues, and positive presence have strengthened both the LCC community and the student experience.



Elena Šiaudvytienė, Director of the Center for Research on Faith and Human Flourishing/Assistant Professor, received the **2025–2026 Faculty Research Excellence Award** for her consistent research contributions and academic engagement. Through published articles and conference presentations, she has advanced important conversations on integral ecology and just transition, bringing interdisciplinary perspectives grounded in Catholic social thought. Her dedication to research and her efforts to promote scholarly collaboration have enriched the LCC community and strengthened the university's research profile.



Kevin Doremus, Lecturer in International Relations and Development, received the **2025–2026 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award** for his commitment to student-centered, research-driven teaching. Drawing on his doctoral research, he connects course material to current global and regional developments, helping students engage with real-world issues while developing strong analytical skills. Through innovative teaching practices, thoughtful mentorship, and dedicated support of student learning and research, he has made a significant contribution to the academic experience of LCC students.

EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

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UKRAINE – Dr. Marlene Wall, President of LCC International University, and Dr. Travis Myers, Vice President, Academics (interim), visited Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv, where LCC representatives met with colleagues to strengthen institutional connections and explore opportunities for continued academic collaboration. The visit highlighted the growing partnership between LCC and UCU since 2015 through shared learning, research, and community engagement.

02

SOUTH KOREA – Henrika Ruginè, Lecturer in the Business Administration Department, participated in a faculty mobility exchange at Handong Global University (HGU). During her visit, she delivered guest lectures on European Union–United States trade relations and circular economies, inspiring thoughtful discussions with students.

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POLAND – Femi Odebiyi, Lecturer in International Business Administration, and Dr. Lauren Rosenberg, Assistant Professor of International Relations and Development, participated in the *Ukrainian Catholic University International Staff Week* in Wrocław. This experience strengthened the understanding of comprehensive internationalization strategies, including global classroom development, COIL methodologies and strategic partnerships.

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UNITED KINGDOM – Dr. Julianna Giannoutsou, Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations & Development and Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Philanthropy – Academic Journal*, represented the journal and the Institute for Philanthropy & Civil Society during a visit to the University of Oxford's Gradel Institute of Charity. During the visit, discussions focused on nonprofit ethics as a distinct field of research and practice, exploring how ethical frameworks shape leadership, accountability, and impact within the nonprofit sector.

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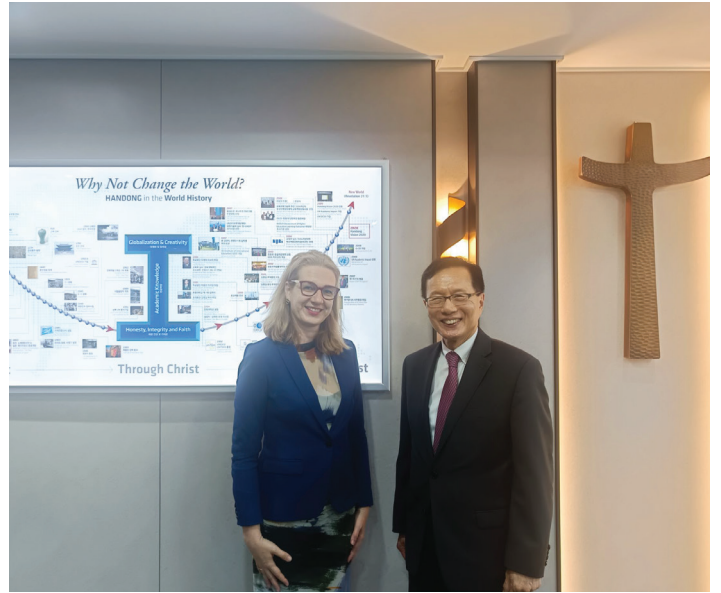
THE NETHERLANDS – Dr. Michelle Howell, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Julija Gaiduk, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, visited Christelijke Hogeschool Ede University (CHE), where they met with colleagues to discuss research collaboration, innovative teaching practices, and ways universities can cultivate transformative education that promotes human flourishing and resilience in society.

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HUNGARY – Dr. Mary Shepard Wong, Director at MA TESOL, visited Károli Gáspár University (KRE) in Budapest. During the visit, Dr. Wong observed English language teaching classes, attended MA TESOL student presentations, and engaged with faculty on topics related to research, teaching practices, and international collaboration.



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STRENGTHENING LOCAL CONNECTIONS

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The **BMDA SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AWARD** from the Baltic Management Development Association recognized the university's transformative impact on values-based and intercultural education. The award highlighted LCC's commitment to developing socially responsible leaders through the diverse international community, servant leadership philosophy, and dedication to fostering dialogue, civic engagement, and long-term societal impact. Dr. Travis Myers, Interim Academic Vice President, accepted the award on behalf of the university during the BMDA Conference, which unites 70 members from 27 countries.

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At the **FESTIVAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL THOUGHT** in Klaipėda Dr. Tricia Van Dyk, Associate Professor of Philosophy and member of the Theology Department, contributed to academic dialogue through her presentation of her paper *Reconciling Reason and Experience: Kant and Dooyeweerd*. The event brought together local philosophers who passionately discussed questions of reason, experience, and human flourishing, reminding participants that the pursuit of wisdom is a lifelong journey.

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At the **LAKMA CONFERENCE** LCC faculty contributed presentations on artificial intelligence, 21st-century skills development, and differentiation through technology, fostering discussion on the evolving role of AI in education and human-centered learning. Dr. Robin Gingerich is a member of the board of the Lithuanian Association of English Language Teachers (LAKMA).

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The **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS (ICANN 2025)** featured the participation of Maria Lam, Ph.D., Chair of the International Business Administration Department, who represented LCC at the conference hosted by Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania. During the event, she contributed to discussions on neural networks, ethics, and innovation, while also building connections with the AI Association of Lithuania and researchers from across Europe.

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VEDA VIDUS, a Klaipėda-based non-governmental organization, provides support to individuals affected by various forms of violence and works to create long-term positive change in society. LCC, a founding supporter of VEDA VIDUS, has been connected with the organization since its establishment in 2003, united by a shared commitment to supporting individuals, strengthening communities, and promoting well-being.

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At the **ESU 2026 NATIONAL ENGLISH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**, held annually at LCC, talented high school students from across Lithuania delivered speeches inspired by this year's theme, *The light of one candle is transferred to another candle* by Yosa Buson. The event showcased thoughtful reflections, creativity, and strong public speaking skills, encouraging discussion on leadership, inspiration, and the positive influence individuals can have on others.



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STUDENT PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

Students at LCC engage in transformative learning experiences beyond the traditional classroom through research, international collaboration, and real-world problem solving.

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POSTERS IN PARLIAMENT, the first event of its kind in Lithuania, was hosted by LCC at the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania. Students and recent alumni joined participants from universities across Lithuania to present research on sustainability, technology, and social issues, emphasizing collaboration, innovation, and civic engagement within a united Europe. The event was organized as part of the project Posters in Brussels, which connects universities across Europe and will culminate in the presentation of student research at the European Parliament in Brussels.

02

The **SHARK TANK-STYLE** pitch event brought Business and Its Environment students into the spotlight as they presented creative ideas to improve LCC to a panel of campus leaders serving as the “sharks.” From confident pitches to quick thinking during the Q&A session, students embraced the challenge. This is what learning looks like at LCC: challenging, creative, and deeply formative.

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The **CHANGE THE WORLD MODEL UNITED NATIONS (CWMUN)** conference in Rome gave six LCC students and faculty member Dr. Andrew Williams the opportunity to engage in global policy discussions and negotiations with peers from around the world. Lasha Sharadze and Solomia Boichuk received the “Best Delegation” Award in their track and, together with other LCC students, contributed to drafting a food security resolution that was adopted unanimously.

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INNOWAVE TOURISM HACKATHON brought together nine International Business Administration students to collaborate on innovative solutions addressing real challenges in the tourism sector. Competing alongside students from across the Klaipėda region, two LCC teams participated in the event, with one team earning third place for a digital tourism application developed during the competition.

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STICKY TAPE advertisement competition gave LCC students the opportunity to showcase their creativity, professionalism, and innovation. Viktoriya Nahapetyan earned third place, while two LCC teams were recognized in the Best Selling Advertisement category.



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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Students can engage in a wide range of activities and leadership opportunities throughout the year, fostering personal growth, community building, and global awareness.

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TEDxLCC UNIVERSITY is an annual, student-led and independently licensed event that provides a platform for students, faculty, and staff to share ideas, experiences, and perspectives. Centered around the theme *The Art of Becoming*, this year's event was more than just a series of talks; it was a journey explored through every story, every insight, and every voice on stage.

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The **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** is a student leadership initiative held each year to foster growth through service, mentorship, and leadership. At the award ceremony, student leaders and mentors came together to celebrate the dedication, growth, and impact of those who have helped shape the LCC community, while looking forward to the next generation of leaders stepping into the journey ahead.

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GLOBAL VILLAGE united the LCC community for the biggest cultural celebration of the year. From delicious food representing nations around the world to vibrant performances of singing, dancing, and theatre, the evening was filled with joy, unity, and celebration. The event beautifully reflected the diversity that makes LCC such a special place.

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100 DAYS BEFORE GRADUATION is a tradition at LCC that brings students together to pause, celebrate the journey, and realize how close the next chapter really is.

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MUG & MUFFIN 2026 invited LCC women to gather for a warm and meaningful morning. With coffee, tea, and homemade muffins in hand, students, faculty, and staff shared honest, deep, and powerful conversations around the theme *Own Your Worth*.

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CLOSING ASSEMBLY & COMMUNITY BBQ brought moments of reflection, gratitude, and recognition of community achievements through awards. For the first time, the celebration also continued on the Learning Commons South Patio with hot dogs, music, and time together as a community, creating a joyful close to the year.



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STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The Study Abroad and Student Exchange programs are integral to LCC's identity and educational model.

During the traditional trip to the Baltic capitals, Fall 2025 students made a stop in Riga to explore the Old Town and gain insight into Latvian culture and history. No less important than appreciating the Art Nouveau architecture was exploring a variety of book and souvenir shops and trying Latvian cuisine, as the group set out to decide which of the Baltic countries serves the best pink soup.



FALL 2025 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED:

 Belgium
 France
 Germany

 Hungary
 South Korea
 Netherlands

 Spain
 USA



During one of the coldest days in January, the Spring 2026 student cohort visited Kaunas. The sunny weather brought them great joy as they began the day with a workshop, *How is a Skudutis (panpipe) born?*, where they crafted and played our own traditional Lithuanian instrument. They then continued exploring Kaunas churches, monuments and museums, and enjoyed time in some of the cozy coffee shops.

Fall 2025 3 Study Abroad | 31 Exchange
 Spring 2026 7 Study Abroad | 13 Exchange
 Summer 2026 14 Study Abroad

SPRING 2025 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED:

 Indonesia
 France
 Germany

 Hungary
 South Korea
 Georgia

 Spain
 USA

LCC MOOSE BASKETBALL

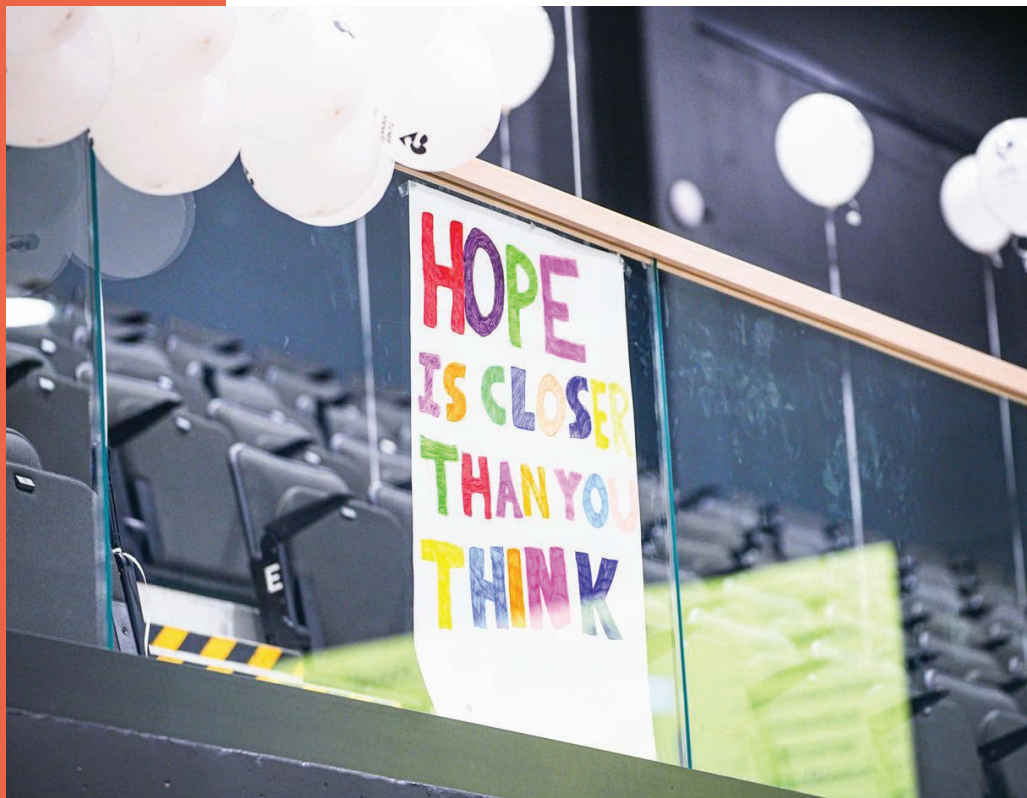
The LCC Moose Basketball program is built on the strong integration of academics and athletics, developing student-athletes who excel both on the court and in the classroom.

The **LCC Moose Men's Basketball** team had a historic season under head coach Gytis Krugelevičius in his third year with the team. Competing in the RKL (Regional Basketball League) the Moose won the league cup championship for the first time in LCC history and also finished in 5th place overall. The team gained recognition through appearances on national television.

The **LCC Moose Women's Basketball** team finished the season in 4th place in the top Lithuanian league and also earned 4th place in the Baltic Cup, demonstrating resilience, growth, and competitiveness throughout the year. Under new head coach Lina Brazdeikytė, the team balanced academics and high-level competition while continuing to reflect the strength of LCC's student-athlete model both on and off the court.



During the October 27 Women's Basketball League game, LCC organised the social initiative You Are Not Alone to raise awareness about suicide prevention and promote emotional well-being. The event began with an inspiring message from Father Mindaugas about the strength of community, while students created encouraging posters reminding people that support is always nearby. The initiative demonstrated how sport can strengthen bonds and bring a light of hope.



On March 1, in commemoration of International Wheelchair Day, LCC hosted a wheelchair basketball exhibition match featuring the Vilnius disabled sports club - Atrama. This day aims to draw attention to the wheelchair as a symbol of freedom of movement, promote the integration of people with disabilities, reduce social exclusion, and address the problems of inaccessible infrastructure.



CELEBRATING ALUMNI WHO INSPIRE



DOVILĖ URBANAVIČIENĖ, RECIPIENT OF THE 2026 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Dovilė Urbanavičienė (Class of 2007), now a CEO and a manager of Forest School (Miško Mokykla) in Klaipėda, Lithuania, was honored for her contributions and societal impact through her entrepreneurial educational model. Reflecting on her experience, she shared: "What LCC has really provided me in my professional path is actually the sense and understanding of community, that it's more just gathering people together, that it's actually living together ... from all around the world under one roof ... at LCC."

Dovilė's Miško Mokykla portrays LCC's international distinctive, welcoming international children and training educators from across Europe.

ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES

The Alumni Lecture Series featured six lectures delivered by LCC alumni who have earned doctoral degrees. The series provided opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to engage with alumni scholars and practitioners, learn from their research and professional expertise, and strengthen connections within the LCC community.

- Dr. Gražina Bielousova (2005), Duke University Graduate School
- Dr. Ruta Buivydaite (2014), University of Oxford
- Dr. Audra Skukauskaitė (1996), UC Santa Barbara
- Dr. Julija Gečaitė-Stončienė (2014), Lithuanian University of Health Sciences
- Dr. Lina Toth (2001), University of Wales
- Dr. Denis Ivanov (2012), Corvinus University of Budapest

Total alumni 3002
BA countries 62
MA countries 17



35 YEARS – 35 STORIES PROJECT

As LCC moves toward its 35th anniversary, the *35 Years – 35 Stories* initiative was launched. The project highlights the experiences, achievements, and impact of LCC alumni from different generations, countries, and professional fields. Through personal stories shared throughout the anniversary year, the initiative celebrates LCC's legacy, strengthens connections with alumni, and recognizes the diverse ways graduates contribute to their communities and professions around the world.

Full stories and interviews are available for preview on LCC news page - <https://lcc.lt/news>.



ALUMNI REUNIONS

Dublin, Ireland | **November 2025**
Liepāja, Latvia | **March 2026**
Kyiv, Ukraine | **March 2026**
LCC, Lithuania | **May 2026**

Alumni Reunion in Kyiv, Ukraine





ALUMNI REUNION



24 NATIONALITIES



MAY 3, 2026





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GIVE FORWARD

The President's Legacy Project



HONORING THE LEGACY

For twenty-five years, Dr. Marlene Wall has shaped LCC International University with courage, compassion, and unshakable commitment to Christian education. As she steps into retirement, the *President's Legacy Project* — **Give Forward** — invites the global LCC community to honor her leadership with a \$10 million initiative that expands the reach, vision, and impact of LCC for decades to come. This is our moment to celebrate her legacy by investing in the students, programs, and spaces that embody the mission she faithfully carried forward.

PROPELLING US FORWARD

Your gift honors Dr. Wall's legacy not through memorializing the past, but by *propelling forward* the mission she championed: preparing young people to lead lives of character, service, and hope.



ADVANCE

academic innovation
and global program
development



EXPAND

student scholarships
and support services



STRENGTHEN

campus spaces that
foster community
and learning



INVEST

in emerging opportunities
that amplify LCC's mission
for years to come

25 Years of Leadership – The Legacy of Dr. Marlene Wall
LCC International University

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sABXtm03NYg>



MARLENE'S



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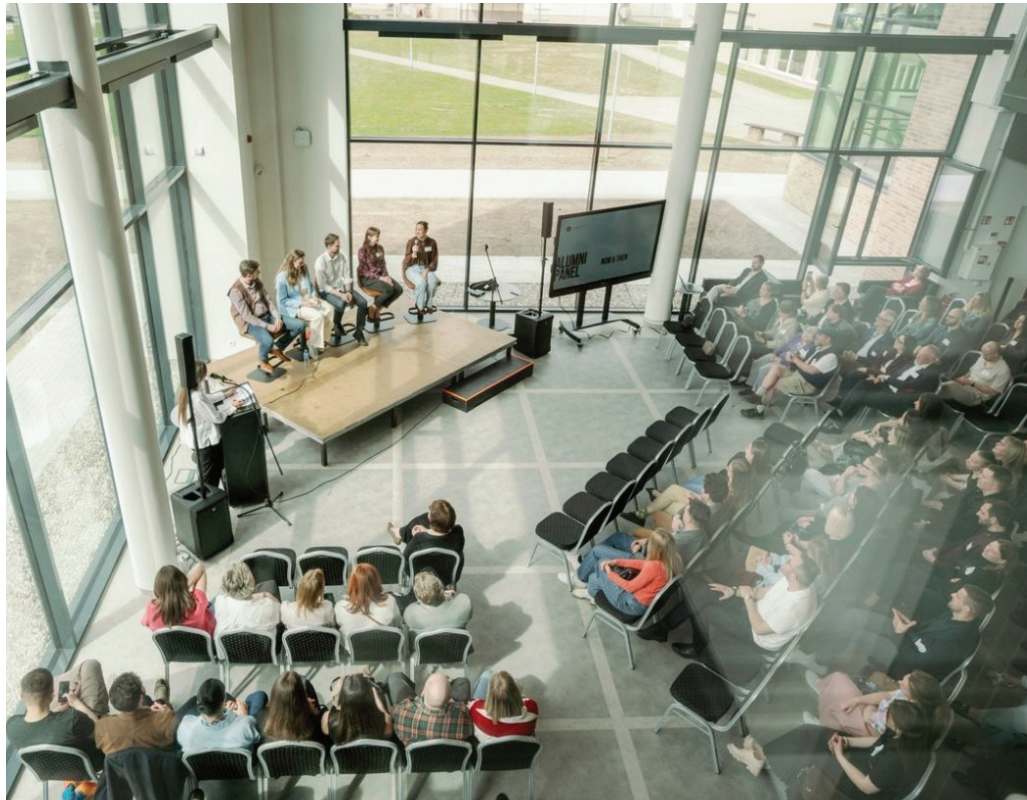
TO HONOR





LEARNING COMMONS OPENING

The Learning Commons officially opened on April 30, 2026 as a multifunctional space at LCC International University. Created in response to a 2018 campus needs assessment, it provides students with more room to study, meet, relax, and build community. Designed to become the center of campus life, it hosts everything from quiet conversations and study sessions to conferences, dinners, and peace initiatives.



"The name Learning Commons is especially fitting for LCC. This is not simply a new building; it is a shared space that reflects who you are as a university and what you stand for. At LCC, learning is not confined to classrooms or to individual achievement. It is rooted in community, shaped through dialogue, and directed toward service and leadership."

Canadian Ambassador, Jeanette Sautner





LEARNING COMMONS



DEDICATION



APRIL 30, 2026



CENTER FOR DIALOGUE AND CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION



LCC's Peace Center, grounded in Christian faith, offers opportunities for building bridges of trust, transforming relationships, and equipping communities. The Center aims to strengthen, transform, and sustain servant change agents towards the creation of a more just and peaceful world.

CREATING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE



Students, scholars, practitioners, business leaders, and civil society representatives from around the world gathered at LCC for the international peace conference *Creating Resilient Communities for Peace and Justice: Roles of Business and Civil Society*. Hosted by the Center for Dialogue and Conflict Transformation, the four-day conference explored the connections between peace, economic prosperity, community resilience, and social responsibility through keynote presentations, workshops, discussions, and storytelling activities. Bringing together participants from diverse countries and professional backgrounds, the event fostered dialogue, strengthened international cooperation, and highlighted the importance of collective action in building peaceful and resilient communities, with keynote contributions from Dr. Dorothy Nyambi, Chief Executive Officer of Mennonite Economic Development



LIGHT THROUGH THE DARKNESS

The exhibition was organized at LCC to commemorate the 4-year anniversary of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Through stories and perspectives from the Ukrainian LCC community, the exhibition invited visitors to reflect on the ongoing impact of war, while reminding us that hope and resilience remain even in times of darkness.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAYS

The LCC community marked International Peace Days by welcoming two international activists: a peacebuilder from Musalaha, an organization working to bridge divides in Israel/Palestine, and Dr. Geke Van Vliet, a German scholar, and climate peace activist. The two-day program included discussions on the Israel/Palestine conflict, human rights, peacebuilding, and nonviolent social change. It also gave the opportunity to engage in a panel discussion exploring the challenges and joys of activism in today's world.



BUILDING CONNECTIONS ACROSS BORDERS

The Peace Center team members participated in the first exchange visit of the Nordic Council of Ministers mobility project in Liepāja, Latvia, hosted by Radi Vidi Pats. The visit offered valuable insights into prison volunteering, rehabilitation, and social reintegration practices through meetings with prison and probation professionals, as well as participation in a creative workshop with inmates. The exchange strengthened collaboration among partners from Latvia, Sweden, and Lithuania and created new opportunities for future projects.



INSTITUTE FOR PHILANTHROPY AND CIVIL SOCIETY



The Institute for Philanthropy and Civil Society, founded in 2013 and the first of its kind in Lithuania, exists to research and promote the love and service of neighbors and communities. A research agenda is being built with fellows and partner universities in the multidisciplinary study of the philanthropic sector. The Institute also conducts events on campus to promote philanthropic understanding and action among students. This dual emphasis supports LCC's desire to be a flourishing academic community rooted in Christian faith that produces graduates who serve society.

Andy Williams, PhD

*Director, Institute for Philanthropy and Civil Society
Co-Editor, Philanthropia*

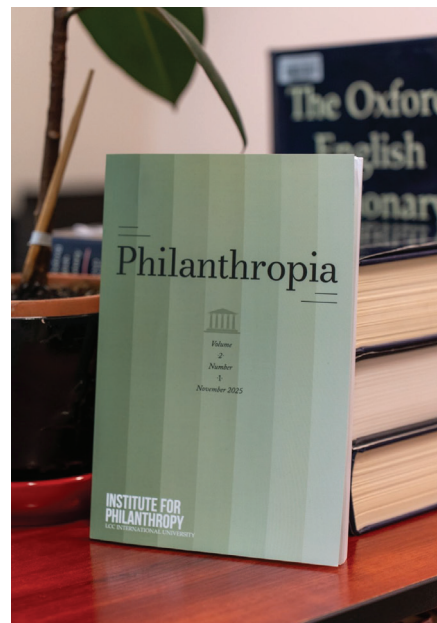
LCC FACULTY PRESENT RESEARCH AT INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI

- Dr. Elena Šiaudvytienė explored integral ecology and the concept of a just transition toward sustainable practices.
- Dr. Andy Williams discussed his upcoming publication on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Dr. Job Morales examined the problem of evil in Confucian philosophy.

The Institute for Philanthropy and Civil Society released the 3rd and 4th issues of *Philanthropia*, further strengthening its role as a platform for advancing scholarship and dialogue on philanthropy and civil society.

<https://philanthropia.lcc.lt/index.php/1/issue/view/6/18>

<https://philanthropia.lcc.lt/index.php/1/issue/view/5/16>



CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON FAITH AND HUMAN FLOURISHING



The Center for Research on Faith and Human Flourishing (CFHF) exists to advance LCC's mission through research and academic engagement. The CFHF is interdisciplinary and encourages diverse approaches to any questions about faith and human flourishing. LCC enjoys affiliations with North American networks such as the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) and is well positioned to participate in projects funded by external agencies. Opportunities for CFHF research partnerships include: faculty exchange, research fellowships, and assistance in applying for public and private research grants.

Dr. Elena Šiaudvytienė

Director, Center for Research on Faith and Human Flourishing

RESEARCH PAPERS PRESENTED BY DR. ELENA ŠIAUDVYTIENĖ

- *Epistemological Attentiveness of Central and Eastern Europe: A Path to Ecological Conversion* at the 19th Humanistic Ecology Conference *Environmental Philosophy and Ethics in the Face of the Ecological Crisis* in Warsaw, Poland.
- *Learning Forward: Integral Ecology as a Paradigmatic Framework for IPE* at COST Action SHiFT 2025 Conference *Envisioning Actionable Transformation for Climate Resilience and Societal Change Through Transdisciplinary, Anticipatory Dialogues and Sustainability*, in Chania, Crete.
- *Poverty as Knowledge: Franciscan Epistemology and Integral Ecology in IPE Education* at the conference *At the Roots of Economic Ethics: 800 Years of Poverty and Wealth in the Name of Francesco*, in Assisi, Italy.
- *Integral Ecology as an Epistemological Framework for Teaching International Political Economy* at the international symposium *Universities as Change Agents in Sustainable Development*, in Tallinn, Estonia.

FACULTY RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

The Center for Research on Faith and Human Flourishing launched a monthly Faculty Research Seminar series to provide a forum for faculty to present ongoing research, receive interdisciplinary feedback, and foster academic dialogue.

- Jurgita Gogoi - *Inclusion as Relational Practice: A Narrative Inquiry into the Emotional Workload of Lithuanian Educators and Support Specialists*.
- Giedre G. Norman - *Researching Everyday Peace Through Adapted Documentary Theatre Performance - The Gift*.
- Dr. Tricia Van Dyk - *Still Resisting: Reformational Christian Philosophy as a Critique of the Pretended Autonomy of Theoretical Thought*.

DONOR STORIES

AUŠRA JAKUBOVIENĖ A DONOR STORY - IN THEIR OWN WORDS

My journey with LCC began in 1992, and I can trace many of the most significant opportunities and blessings in my life to the education and community I found here.

At the time, choosing to enroll in a newly established, unaccredited North American-style liberal arts university felt like a remarkable leap of faith. Looking back more than three decades later, I can say without hesitation that it was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

What began as a personal journey has become a family legacy. Today, LCC's community includes more than 3,000 alumni around the world, and I have had the privilege of seeing that legacy continue through my own daughters. One studied at LCC as a full-time student, while the other has served as an SLI teacher and resident assistant. Watching them discover the same sense of purpose, faith, and community that transformed my own life has been one of my greatest joys.

Today, serving on LCC's Board of Trustees is both a privilege and a meaningful opportunity to give back to the institution that has given so much to me and my family. Every student who walks through LCC's doors arrives with untapped potential, and every scholarship, program, and act of generosity helps unlock that potential.

I am living proof of what an investment in LCC can accomplish. The education I received here shaped not only my career but also my character, my family, and my lifelong commitment to serving others. As we look to the future, I hope others will join in investing in LCC's mission so that generations of students can experience the same life-changing transformation that began for me in 1992.



GARRY AND TAMARA ROEHR

A DONOR STORY - IN THEIR OWN WORDS

For more than three decades, we have had the privilege of watching LCC International University grow from a bold dream into the remarkable institution it is today. Our connection began through our family friends Art and Leona DeFehr, who were among those at the very beginning of LCC and played an instrumental role in helping establish the university.

In about 1993, Art and Leona invited me (Tamara), as a young adult, to travel with them to Lithuania. Looking back, I realize they were investing not only in LCC, but also in the next generation of people who would come to care about its mission. Those were pioneering days. Lithuania was still finding its footing after the Soviet era, and LCC was just beginning to take shape.

Since then, Garry and I have attended many LCC gatherings in Winnipeg, often hosted by Art and Leona, where we've been inspired by the extraordinary community of people who have invested their time, talents, and resources in the university.

I visited again with our daughter, Signe, in early 2020, where Marlene arranged for several students to show us around campus and share their experiences. Although we were in Klaipėda for less than 36 hours, it left a lasting impression. Garry also visited while travelling in Europe for business and was honoured to speak in several classes.

We continue to support LCC because we have seen, from the very beginning, what can happen when people are willing to invest faithfully in others. What started as an ambitious vision has become a thriving international university with a remarkable ripple effect. Students arrive from many countries, learn alongside one another in a Christ-centred community, and then return home equipped to lead and serve.

As descendants of families who left Europe to build new lives in Canada, we have often reflected on how different our own opportunities might have been had history unfolded differently. Supporting LCC is one small way for us to help create opportunities for others, and we are grateful to have witnessed—and in a small way participated in—the extraordinary story of LCC.



2025-2026 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

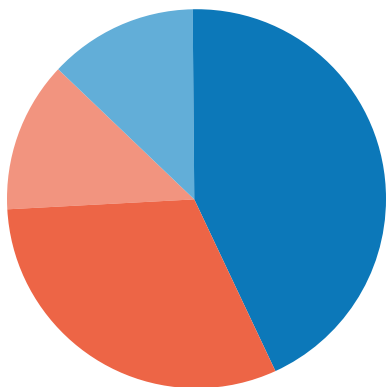
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is the estimated value of the contributed services of faculty/staff, and other volunteer services (not included in the annual budget).

LCC is a debt free institution.

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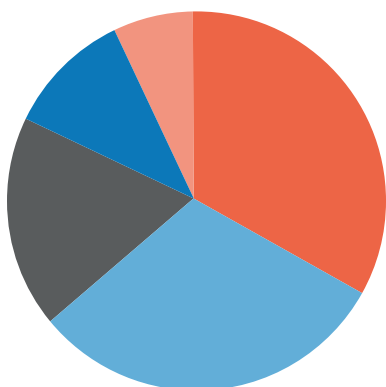
Income - USD



Tuition	43%
LCC Annual Fund	31%
Residence Hall Income	13%
Other Income	13%

4,335,691

Expenses - USD



Institutional Support	33%
Instructional Expenses	31%
Maintenance of Plant	18%
Academic Support	11%
Student Services	7%

*Government grants of EUR 448,178 / USD 385,099 covered expenses in Instructional Expenses (28%), Student Services (51%), Academic Support (14%), and Institutional Support (7%).

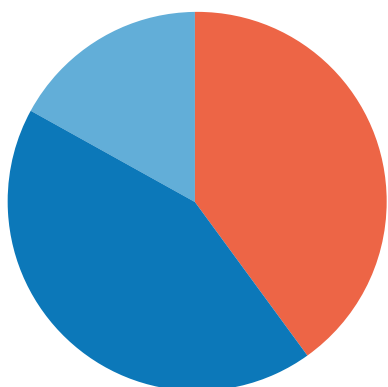
ANNUAL FUND

1,213,671 USD

Annual Fund Donations

The main purpose of the Annual Fund is to sustain the operations of the university and to ensure the funds to offer scholarships and high-quality education to students who otherwise would not be able to afford it. Many students find it very hard to pay the full yearly tuition plus living expenses. Our goal each year is to invite donors to the Annual Fund, evaluate the individual need of each student, and provide financial support, enabling them to experience the North American style education at LCC. We are grateful for each individual gift, which impacts the transformation of these future leaders.

Donations to Annual Fund by Region



Canada	40 %
USA	43 %
Europe	17 %

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY FUNDING

Erasmus +

245,270 EUR

EU funding for student and staff mobility across international universities.

Basketball Klaipėda Municipality

110,500 EUR

City funding for women's basketball. Funds available for programs and scholarship.

Research Funding

201,000 EUR

Lithuanian Ministry of Education, Science and Sports

Incentive Funding for LCC Academic Performance

322,000 EUR

Lithuanian Ministry of Education, Science and Sports

STUDENT NEED

Most of our students, from developing economies, and war-affected countries, require significant financial assistance in order to afford a university education.

The average GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) of the top 10 countries where LCC students come from is 2 times lower than in the USA.

Source: International Monetary Fund 2026, June.

USA	94,430
Canada	70,010
Lithuania	61,050
Russia	52,480
Kazakhstan	48,250
Latvia	45,480
Belarus	35,620
Georgia	33,990
Armenia	27,020
Ukraine	22,440
Iraq	14,380
India	12,800

439,785 EUR

amount distributed
to students as financial aid
through Annual Fund

4,130 EUR

annual tuition
for BA students

55 %

percentage of students
who received financial aid

*All amounts are in USD

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Endowment funds provide long-term financial stability, help to support students who are in financial need, attract and retain faculty and staff, and contribute resources to various initiatives and projects on campus.

Named Endowment Funds

Currently, 23 named endowment funds are in place, with annual interest income helping students with their tuition and faculty with their research. Named endowment funds are activated at 25,000.

Hinderliter Endowed Faculty Fellowship Fund
Myrl Nofziger Endowed Scholarship Fund
Ted & Marylene Thiesen Endowed Scholarship Fund
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Jayco Unrestricted Endowment Fund
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Timothy & Willemina Palmer Endowed Scholarship Fund
Evelyn Thomsen Endowed Scholarship Fund
Peter & Joan Enns Endowed Scholarship Fund
Allon & Doris Lefever Technology Endowment
Canadian Venture Fund
Steve and Chris Van Zanen Christian Service Endowed Scholarship Fund
Norm and Sharon Ewert Endowed Scholarship Fund
Bob and Carollyne Collier Endowed Scholarship Fund
Marlene Wall Legacy Endowment Fund

ENDOWMENT PERFORMANCE

We are excited to see the growth of our endowment funds.

Endowment Market Value at Year End 2025-2026	2,322,990
	US Charity (USD)
	8,111,536
	Canadian Charity (CAD)

Endowment Market Value at Year End 2024-2025	1,630,826
	US Charity (USD)
	7,460,945
	Canadian Charity (CAD)

Endowment Market Value at Year End 2023-2024	1,458,778
	US Charity (USD)
	6,233,236
	Canadian Charity (CAD)

HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society honors the legacy of generous donors who wish to strengthen the university through estate plans.

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Number of donors in LCC Heritage Society

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THANK YOU FROM THE LCC ADVANCEMENT TEAM.



Marlene – a world traveler always comes home.

Marlene Wall - President

Joel Altena - University Chaplain

Marius Tamolis - Director of Basketball Programs

Lilija Druktenė - Director of Development

Jelena Stewart - Director of Alumni Relations



Joel - a stop in adventures around the world:
C.S. Lewis' writing desk at The Kilns.



Lilija – favorite destination is the padel court.



Marius - the best stories start with a basketball.



Jelena - completing the 5 km Hope Run in
Klaipėda.

58 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT LCC THIS YEAR.



Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Czechia, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Serbia, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS:
470 BA
12 MA





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UNIVERSITY

PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO LCC

With gratitude for **Dr. Marlene Wall's** 25 years of leadership, LCC International University looks ahead to a new chapter under the leadership of **Dr. Ken Stoltzfus**.



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