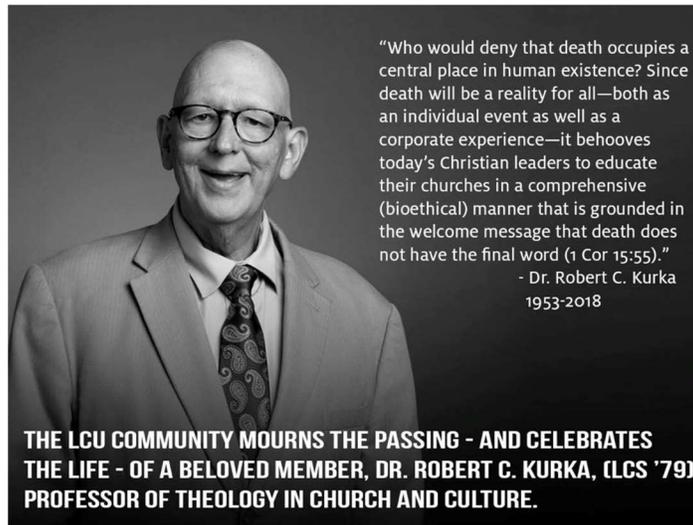


A Special Tribute to Dr. Robert Kurka

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Dr. Robert Kurka, Professor of Theology in Church and Culture at Lincoln Christian University (LCU), passed on 3/31/18. He was a great Christian man and personal friend of myself and of RMSMT. It was because of my association with Bob that we started down the road that God has led us to today with our school.

My association with Bob began when we were classmates at Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln Illinois in the late 1970s. After graduating from LCU I did not have much contact with Bob for nearly 30 years. During that time Bob began teaching theology at LCU and became their World View expert. In 2007, Bob and I were invited by Dr. John Oakes to speak at one of Dr. Oakes’ Apologetics Conferences in Orange County near Los Angeles. During that seminar, Bob and I were roommates. We were not originally assigned to be in the same housing unit together but I believe God orchestrated that situation for his glory to establish RMSMT. It was there that I was able to talk with Bob and catch up on the past 30 years and was able to share with him my vision of helping train ICOC leaders and disciples in a deeper manner through offering graduate studies in the Bible in an online format. Bob encouraged me to talk with Dr. Tom Tanner about this as he thought Dr. Tanner would be glad to help with this. Dr. Tanner was also a classmate

of both of Dr. Kurka and myself when we were in school at LCU and was now dean of the new LCU online graduate school (Hargrove School) at LCU.

Shortly after that meeting with Bob at the Apologetics Conference, I contacted Dr. Tanner and he very warmly provided a way for us to teach courses to our ICOC students for credit in Denver through Lincoln Christian University. Dr. Tanner authorized our first class (Christian Ethics: The Sermon on the Mount and Beyond) which was taught here in Denver in 2008. After this first course, I worked with Dr. Tanner giving input for creation of the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABT) program at LCU which I felt would be of benefit to our ICOC leaders around the world. As a result of this relationship, we at RMSMT were allowed to teach here in Denver the first four courses of that program even before it was fully set up. These courses were taught from the Fall of 2009 through the Spring of 2011. Once the program was fully operational at LCU, LCU invited Dr. Steve Kinnard, Dr. Douglas Jacoby, and myself to be LCU Adjunct Professors in the LCU MABT program, positions which we are still honored to serve in today.

In 2012, because of changes in accreditation requirements, LCU could no longer allow us to teach their courses here in Denver. In place of this, LCU offered us the option of transferring our RMSMT courses taught in Denver and online worldwide into their MABT program through articulation agreements if we would set up our own school authorized by the State of Colorado. This we did and RMSMT was established and approved to offer Master's Degree credits and Master's Degrees by the State of Colorado in 2014.

As a result of all of this, we now have our own bonafide school and continue our relationship with LCU today. Dr. Bob Kurka taught World View classes in our school as a special lecturer in our Christian Apologetics course and has given me guidance for our programs. All of this sequence of events began when Bob and I were assigned (I believe perhaps providentially) to be roommates at the Orange County Apologetics Conference over 10 years ago in 2007. I am so appreciative of Bob in all of this. RMSMT and our association with Lincoln Christian University exist today as a result of Bob and his encouragement. Bob was a great, humble, gentle Christian man, a Christian Church preacher and elder, a wonderful man of God, and a very much missed beloved friend. We at RMSMT thank God for Dr. Robert Kurka!