



FRIENDS OF FORMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Supporting Quality, Values-Based Higher Education in Pakistan.

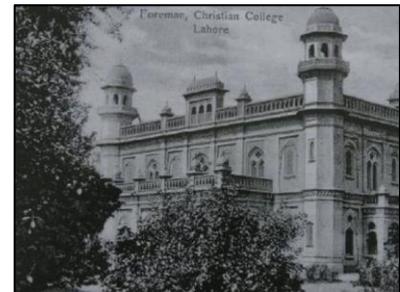
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Background on Forman Christian College

Strategically located next to Afghanistan, Iran, China, and India, Pakistan is the second largest Islamic country in the world. It is home to 220 million people, many who are illiterate, in this nation that has enormous potential and nuclear capabilities. Human capital is Pakistan's greatest asset, and quality education is highly prized but limited in availability. Very few Western style schools exist, and the opportunities for Christians are severely limited. Yet, in Pakistan today stands one of the great answers to the modern tensions between Islam and Christianity--Forman Christian College. Educating men and women to think for themselves in the best of the liberal arts tradition, this 158-year-old school has a record of promoting interfaith harmony and academic achievement. Supporting Forman enormously benefits the Christian community who can find employment there and a path to education for their sons and daughters. Support for Forman also encourages a more peaceful future for Pakistan and the world, if their graduates can rise again to prominence in the corridors of power and shape the future of this troubled area of Asia for good.

A Short History of Forman Christian College.

In 1864 in the ancient cultural center of the India Punjab, Lahore, American Presbyterian missionary Charles Forman founded a school for boys which became Forman Christian College. As a pioneering educational mission, Forman began training Muslim and Christians together in an interfaith model. Women were admitted early in the 20th century as the school became a co-educational liberal arts college. Forman students came from all rungs of society and rose to



prominence at the highest levels of office in India and Pakistan. Prime Ministers, Generals, and Supreme Court Justices could be counted among its ranks as alumni. Pakistan was formed in 1947, and Forman did its part to show that education could happen with peace and harmony between different faiths as all students learned under the same motto, *"by love serve one another."*

In the 1970s all private education was nationalized by the government of Pakistan, and Forman lost its American leadership and Christian underpinning. Most maintenance was neglected on this beautiful 108-acre campus in Lahore. A process of Islamization was begun and education deteriorated. Yet, the church in Pakistan fought for the return of this college; and after winning a Supreme Court case establishing the Presbyterian ownership of the land, a campaign was begun to reclaim Forman's Christian heritage. One famous graduate was rising to power



Dr. Charles Forman

at this time, becoming the head of the army and eventually President of the country, Pervez Musharraf. In 2003, he returned the school to the Presbyterian Church; and **Friends of Forman** was formed to support the newly appointed American President, Dr. Peter Armacost, and the many needs of reestablishing the high standards of this famous school.

The school Dr. Armacost took over in 2003 was in shambles. Buildings were falling into ruin, faculty had to be recruited, and student standards needed to be raised. The heroic task of rebuilding that was started under Dr. Armacost was continued with steady improvement and growth under the next rector, Dr. James Tebbe. Today Forman is once again becoming a premier liberal arts college in Pakistan under Christian leadership and direction. Enrollment has mushroomed from 3,500 students to over 8,400 students. Ambassador (ret.), Dr. Jonathan Addleton became the third American rector of the school in October of 2020. Christian enrollment is at 11.8% in a country where they make up only 1.5% of the population. Students are accepted to study abroad, often on full scholarship. Graduates are getting hired, helping brothers and sisters attend school, and growing in faith, financial security, and civic contributions. Over 300 faculty, many leaders in their fields, are challenging the student to work hard and do their best. In 2021 Forman Christian College was accepted to apply for US accreditation for its degrees under the New England Commission of Higher Education. The PCUSA and FCCU board has asked Friends of Forman to hold the Forman property in trust for the college through a U.S. holding company. This transfer should be finalized in 2022.



The Needs and Role of Friends of Forman

Since Christians are often the poorest and least educated members of society in Pakistan, most of them need some form of scholarship to attend Forman. The majority of money for scholarships is raised in Pakistan. Christians in the West have been helping us to provide scholarships for about 800 Christian students. Scholarships can be designated for men or women, Christians or Muslims. The average cost of one year of tuition in the Baccalaureate program is \$2,500. We are still remodeling dormitories for female students, building a modern campus center, and remodeling housing for staff, all of which are part of the fundraising goals of Friends of Forman. We also fund the Rector's salary and travel in the U.S.

Friends of Forman Christian College is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit run by a Christian Board of Directors who are mostly Presbyterians. Fifteen percent of gifts given to Friends of Forman is used to pay for operating costs, salaries, licenses, etc. Audited statements are available to all donors, and funds come from all over the U.S. and a few other countries. Our support comes from individuals, about 40-50 church partners, and over a dozen grant-making organizations.

For communications, our rector produces a monthly update, we publish and send two newsletters a year to our partners (one in the spring and one in the fall), plus an Annual Report (released in September). We also send periodic emails but limit them so as to be welcomed by our readers. The staff of Friends of Forman consists of a fulltime Executive Director, fulltime Development associate/grant writer, parttime bookkeeper, and CFO. We also have a media consultant under contract for our publications and web design. Our business office is housed by Peachtree Church in Atlanta, GA.

