

World Citizens who Embody “Mastery for Service”

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Kwansai Gakuin’s founder and first Chancellor was Walter R. Lambuth, an American citizen who was born in China and traveled around the world to share God’s love as a preacher, medical doctor, teacher, and administrator. Still remembered as a “World Citizen,” Dr. Lambuth was no longer at Kwansai Gakuin when our school motto, “Mastery for Service,” was introduced in 1912 by our fourth Chancellor, Dr. C.J.L. Bates. However, Dr. Lambuth surely embodied this motto throughout his life. Not only did he study diligently to excel in his subjects of medicine and theology, he was constantly trying to learn more about the people, cultures, and languages of the countries where he lived and worked. Furthermore, his motivation was always to serve others.

As most of you may know, Kwansai Gakuin’s mission statement was created recently to describe our school’s identity and its reason for existence. The kind of people we are trying to nurture, from kindergarten to graduate school, are those who, like Dr. Lambuth, have a global perspective, and are motivated to develop their abilities to serve others. Many of our faculty, staff, alumni, and students have been excellent models of this ideal, and it is our goal to carry on inspiring world citizens for the twenty-first century.

In the Bible, Jesus said that we should love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. I believe the

meaning of this passage relates closely to “Mastery for Service.” By making the most of our God-given gifts in body, mind, and spirit, we can express our love and thanks to our creator. However, it is not only the relationship between God and ourselves that is important. Jesus was careful to remind us that our ties to others should also be based on love, the most profound motive for service. When Jesus went on to explain who are our neighbors, he told the story of the good Samaritan. Without giving the details of the story, the point Jesus made was that regardless of differences in culture, status, race, or religion, those who have compassion for others are the good neighbors.

Dr. Lambuth was a good neighbor to people in many different countries, and to people with many different points of view. I hope that we can aspire to follow in his footsteps by mastering our God-given abilities and using them to serve our neighbors.

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