

Dr. Hu Yeping, who has worked very closely with Fr. George McLean, OMI, for many years, has forwarded email messages of condolence she has received. They give a picture of Fr. George's influence and impact, and also how he was loved and appreciated.

While a professor of philosophy for decades at Oblate College and Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., Fr. McLean founded the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP) in 1983. These emails are from some of the many people who participated in the work of the RVP.

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From: Thomas Menamparampil <menamabp@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 2:21 AM

I am deeply grieved to learn of the departure of Fr. George McLean. We shall miss George a great deal. I had fondly been hoping that he would keep guiding us for a number of years more. I am glad I was able to meet him more than once and collaborate with him for a few years. May he rest in peace. And may the values he stood for continue to thrive.

Thank you for the mighty help you gave him over the years.

Thomas Menamparampil

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From: Kuruvilla Pandikattu <kuru@kuru.in>
Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 2:54 AM

I miss his guiding and inspiring presence. Let us pray for him and hope that his mission will be continued with the same vigour and dedication.

God bless him!
Kuruvilla

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From: P.H.A.I. Jonkers <P.H.A.I.Jonkers@uvt.nl>
Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 2:57 AM

Dear Hu and other friends of George,

Thanks for letting me the sad news that Father George McLean passed away yesterday. I have known George for several years and I admired the way in which he managed to unite people from very different geographical, cultural, and religious backgrounds on the intellectual reflection of values that are of vital importance in these times of major cultural changes. His

intellectual open-mindedness, which is quite exceptional for a person of his age, and his generous personality are a great example for me. My prayers go to George's sister, the Oblate family, and last but not least to you, Hu. You have collaborated with him so closely and assisted him when his health was declining, so that, especially for you, this loss must be tragic.

As far as the continuation of the precious work of RVP is concerned, if I can be of any help, please let me know. With every good wish, Peter Jonkers

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From: **Anthony Savari Raj** <ansraj65@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 3:29 AM

Dear Hu Yeping,

Very tragic news indeed and it must be so particularly to you - the close collaborator of our beloved friend Fr. McLean.

Sincere condolences and prayers!

At a loss for words.....

Raj

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From: **Indra Choudhuri** <indraushac1@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 4:18 AM

Dear Hu,

When I was leaving Boston last year after the conference, Professor Mclean knocked at my door in the morning and said, 'let us have breakfast together.' It was his way to say good bye to me but I was very much intrigued. There were many occasions in the past when he said good bye to me and others after the conference was over but never like this on the departure day.

Hu, you will have to believe me this small incident has bugged me all these seven-eight months. Why, why did he come to say good bye to me because he had had a premonition that it would be our last meeting. He loved Indian Philosophy and after my presentation at Boston, he remarked that listening to you, I was reminded of my Madras days.

In the Upanishads it is said , Yasya chaya amritam yasya mrittu: He, the Supreme Reality is the ambrosia and also death. His death is nothing but reaching the ultimate stage of Supreme Bliss.

Indra Nath Choudhuri

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From: **Ouyang Kang** <kouyang@mail.hust.edu.cn>

Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 6:31 AM

Subject: RE: George F McLean

Dear Ms. Hu and All:

I am very sad and surprise to know the bad news of Professor George McLean!

Professor George McLean is really a very kind, responsible, eminence and holy man!
We all got great benefit from his great contribution to the cross-culture communication and international academic exchange of RVP!

I am sorry for that I do think my English is not good enough to express all of my respect and yearning to him!

On behalf of the Institute of Philosophy of Huazhong University of Science and Technology, and on the name of my wife and I myself, we deeply grieve Professor McLean!

Please help us to donate the flowers to him with our deepest sadness and most respective felling!

We do wish that RVP will become more glorious and brilliant!

With best regards to all!

Ouyang Kang and Meng Xiaokang

from Wuhan, China

Prof. Dr. Ouyang, Kang
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Wuhan, Hubei 430074
P. R. China

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From: Oliva Blanchette <oliva.blanchette@bc.edu>

Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 1:50 PM

Dear Yeping,

My sincerest condolences to you especially, George's closest collaborator and inspiration for so many years in the work of the CRVP, and to the OMI who stood behind him in Tewksbury in this work to the very end, and to those of his family who remain to grieve his loss.

Thank you for appraising me of George's death, which I suspected was coming these past few years, ever since he moved back to the infirmary in Tewksbury, but which he never let on was coming as he continued to work behind the scene for the greater glory of the World Spirit, the ideal of his life's work, in which you had so much to do.

I will not be able to attend the calling hours on Mon., but I shall try to make it to the funeral mass on Tues., and hope to see you there and then. Maybe we can talk about carrying on with the great work of open mindfulness that George was so good at fostering on a worldwide scale, even into the most remote communities and cultures.

Let us hope and pray that this great work will continue to spread wherever the human spirit breathes.

Oliva Blanchette

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From: **wangxinsheng** <xswang@fudan.edu.cn>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 1:43 AM

小胡好！惊闻Father

Mclean辞世，痛苦不已。在华盛顿的一幕一幕，在国内交流的场场景景，浮现在脑际，一切就像在昨天一样。这事我同诗鹏沟通了一下，准备发一个正式的唁函，由你转给相关委员会。Father的勤勉工作的精神和带着慈悲之心宽容一切的垂范令人终身难忘。王新生

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From: **Daniel Dei** <hdanieldei@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 3:02 PM

Dear Hu,

I am extremely sorry for this great loss. I will always remember this wonderful person who was like a mentor to me. May his soul rest in peace and my prayers be with him.
Yours,

H. Daniel Dei

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From: **Dalia Stanciene** <daliastanciene@yahoo.fr>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 1:59 PM

Dear Hu,

My sincere condolences on the passing of professor Rev. George F. McLean. It is a great loss to me personally and everybody who knew him.

Professor George F. McLean considerably contributed to the development of Lithuanian philosophers. He used to invite them to international seminars and conferences covering the costs of their visits. He also published their research works in international publications. Many young Lithuanian philosophers received recognition and became renowned scientists and teachers because of his help and belief in their achievements.

I remember when prof. Basia Nikiforova, prof. Rita Serpitytė, prof. Jurate Morkuniene and me were invited to participate at the international conference in Bulgaria. It was a restless historical period. Several years had passed from the collapse of the Soviet Union and there still were different political and military conflicts in the Eastern and Central parts of Europe. Lithuania at that time was already an independent country, but the economic situation in the country was very difficult. Because of that we decided to go to Bulgaria by train as that was the cheaper travelling way. We arrived at the Budapest and had to change trains and via Serbia go to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. But it turned out that when we crossed Serbian border we found ourselves in the military zone. The train was stopped and we were made to get out and were detained. The authorities wanted to imprison us because we illegally crossed the Serbian border but after long negotiations we were allowed to return back to Budapest. We had to buy other tickets via Romania and then in Romania again had difficulties on the border as we did not have Romanian visa. However, the frontier officers took into account that we were going to the international conference in Bulgaria and let us go. We were late at the conference.

Prof. George F. McLean responded sincerely to our travel experience. He decided that safety was of primary importance and therefore bought plane tickets Sofia – Vilnius for us to have a safe journey home.

Prof. George F. McLean had a sensitive soul. He always extended a helping hand and was a talented educator who managed to develop in others personal moral values and who fostered the communication between different cultures and beliefs in the pursuit of universal goodness.

I believe that the pursuit of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy which was started by Prof. George F. McLean will continue and we, his followers, will aid and forward his aspirations.

Professor Dalia Marija Stanciene
Lithuania

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From: angelli tugado <angli620@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 12:35 PM

Dear Hu,

I was so saddened to hear of the passing away of such a gentle, generous, and great person. He worked tirelessly in bringing people from different parts of the world to dialogue over things that truly mattered to humankind. I will never forget him who was a mentor to many.

My deepest condolences. Eternal rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Angelli

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Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 12:18 PM

Subject: Re: George F. McLean

Tragic news! Professor McLean has always been an inspiring model of spirituality and intercultural dialogue.

I'll keep dear memories of the interesting debates and stimulating exchanges with Father McLean. My sincere condolences!

Prof. Anna Krasteva

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From: Rahim Nobahar <r_nobahar@hotmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 11:17 AM

Dear Dr. Hu,

Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of Father McLean. Many from different parts of the world, would, certainly, miss him terribly. For me, personally, he was a light in the darkness of the world and a spirit in the corpus of the material life. May Allah shower him with his great mercy. I think a large number of distinguished people must come together to be able to continue his sacred path and do a part of what he was doing sincerely and persistently.

With all best wishes,

Rahim

Rahim Nobahar (PhD)

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Shahid Beheshti University
Tehran, Iran.
<http://www.rnobahar.ir>

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From: yuriy <yuriy_us@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 10:50 AM

Dear Hu, Colleagues,

Please accept our condolences. We have lost a great friend, colleague, and philosopher. He was at the same time professor and Father. Really he was a person of distinguished humanity. We have done a lot with his advice, guidance, participation – conferences, seminars, publications.

Nur Kirabaev, Yuriy Pochta
Moscow

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
Moscow

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We lost one of the greatest person whom I ever saw in the life. He included so many spiritual and intellectual abilities that their light allowed many people to become much better. Today the world needs such people who creates bridges of communication between cultures, the people, religions and intellectual traditions. I will always remember You and to support all your ideas in my social and intellectual actions.

Prof. Pulat Shozimov
University of Central Asia

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From: S R Bhatt <srbhatt39@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 4:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: George F. McLean
To: "Hu, Yeping" <Huy@cua.edu>

Let us name the Council after Late Prof. G. McLean.
S.R.Bhatt

On Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 11:46 AM, Пламен Матеев Макариев <makariev@phls.uni-sofia.bg> wrote:

Dear friends,

Let me share with you a suggestion. Why not give the Center for the Study of Culture and Values the name "George F. McLean"? I do hope that the Center will continue its precious activities and bearing the name of its founder, the great visionary and missionary, George McLean, these activities will remind all people of his admirable deeds.

Prof. Plamen Makariev, Sofia University

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From: Tadeusz Buksiński <tabu@amu.edu.pl>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 3:04 AM

Dear Hu Yeping

My condolences because of the Rev. George F. McLean death. Father McLean was the man of dignity and love, open to everybody and ready to help everybody. All people felt happy being together with Him. Rev George Mc Lean was the essential part of my professional and personal life. Thanks to Him I have created the team of researchers in Poland which has cooperated with the people from all over the world. He did much for my country influencing the independent philosophical activity during the communist period and after collapse of communism. He will be missed.

Professor Tadeusz Buksinski, Poznan

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From: Robert Badillo <rpbadillo@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 2:43 PM

Dear Hu,

Thank you for informing of the passing into eternal life of our most dearly beloved and venerable servant of God Fr. George McLean. I am leaving to Tewsbury on Monday on an afternoon flight (itinerary below) and will concelebrate the Mass on Tuesday before returning to New York. Maybe you will come as well.

We give thanks to God for creating such a beautiful and gentle human being who has done so much good for so many. We also give thanks to God for you and your dedication to forwarding the work he started.

Receive fraternal greetings,

Fr. Robert

Fr. Robert Badillo, M.Id
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Pastor, Parish of Our Lady of Solace-St. Dominic
Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy, St. John's University 718-863-3282
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From: Cholpon Alieva <alievach@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 12:45 PM

Dear Hu,
Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that father McLean left our world...
I am deeply mourning with you.
Father McLean found a way to the heart of each of us.
Thanks to his dedicated work, philosophical dialogue develops over the world, including in
Central Asia, in Kyrgyzstan.

Thank God that we were lucky to meet with true scholar, philosopher and humanist.
Father McLean - the great Teacher of the Dialogue in the modern world. His personal example,
his works and ideas inspire us every time.

Father McLean is always with us, in our minds, in our efforts to promote dialogue.

My low hearty bow and eternal memory about great Teacher - Father McLean.

Eternally grateful
With love,
Cholpon Alieva

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From: 龚群 <gongq@ruc.edu.cn>
Date: Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 11:06 AM

胡老师：

惊悉Father Mclean

驾鹤西去，不胜悲痛。我们失去了一位尊敬的长者，无比慈祥善良的长者，无比优秀、卓越的哲学家，全球哲学领导者、组织者，我敬爱的老师。遗憾的是我不在美国，不能给Father Mclean

送最后一程，如有可能给办理者说上敬上一个花圈，可以什么方式将款汇去，我一定办理。

尊敬的胡老师，我能理解您此时的悲痛心情，望节哀顺变，多保重。

原主护佑Father Mclean的在天之灵，安息吧。

龚群

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From: spz <shipengzou@126.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 11:07 AM

胡老师：

惊悉麦克林先生仙逝，十分哀痛！先生慈悲宽厚、哲识卓越、人格高尚，其所从事的跨文化交流事业及其贡献必将永载史册，先生此去，自国际价值与文化研究与交流事业的巨大损失。

今天中午同王新生一起，缅怀先生之恩情，悲恸不已，也觉不能前来华府为先生送行，颇为遗憾。我们也决定分头撰写中英文唁信，即发给您。

邹诗鹏 9月9日

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From: Yang, Fenggang <fyang@purdue.edu>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 10:49 AM

Yeping and Xiaowen,

No words can express my sorrow for the loss of Fr. McLean, a godly man who changed my life dramatically, a great mentor who helped to guide my life and career.

I have just purchased plane tickets. Joanne and I will arrive in Boston 8:16 am on Tuesday September 13, and return at 9:00 pm the same day (we have too many things going on here at Purdue at this time, so have to get back quickly). This should allow us to go to the funeral mass at 11 am and the burial in the afternoon.

I have also reserved a rental car at the airport. Xiaowen, you may ride with us if you are going and if the times of arrival and departure are close.

I couldn't locate the IHMR on the map. But Tewksbury is a small town, so we should be able to find it upon arrival.

May the Holy Spirit be with you all and sustain all of us during this difficult time.

Fenggang

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From: umut asanova <umut.asanova@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 10:18 AM

Subject: Mourning on death of Father McLean

Dear Hu!

Yesterday night I got your letter with the sad information...

We have lost our Father McLean... We will never hear his calm voice, listen to his wise, deeply outlined words, enjoy his profound thoughts, witness his simplicity and at the same time humane greatness, admire his incredible creativity in bringing us, representatives of different cultures, together and making us understand each other...

What a unique Man he was, our Father McLean! How masterly and lovingly he tried to bring close all the religions of the world through making us unearth that hidden unity beyond the seemingly borders, crucial differences.

What a great Goal he had, our Father! To empower Peace through broadening our consciousness, purifying our hearts, thus developing clear understanding of ourselves and of others.

This very short period of life gifted by God to you, dear Father, was so meaningful, so enriched with divine tasks been clearly aware since your early youth. You have indeed completed your human Mission in serving Humanity, thus serving God ! You are now back to your Owner!

Dear Father McLean, thank you for all your kindness, generosity, untiring activities to process real dialogue between cultures, to reveal their true values, to invoke the most substantial, the most eternal, the most wonderful - Love!

Rest in peace, dear Father! We will follow your spiritual Way! Your life will be a beautiful example for us and future generation!

With Love,

Umut Asanova, from Kyrgyzstan, Honorable Professor of the Bishkek University of Humanities.

Member of the Academic Board of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy,
Washington, CUA at present: from Lesotho, Africa

Dear Hu!

I am expressing my deep condolences to you and Dr.Howard and his daughter! You are
right those persons who are now in the most mourning

state being so close to Father McLean. May Father McLean' s spirit be always with you!

Grieving with you, Umut

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From: Mihaela Pop <pop.mihaela.a@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 5:26 AM

Subject: Re: My deep mourning over the passing of Father McLean

It is a very grieving news. I met Fr. McLean for the first time in Lviv in 1997. He looked as a
very kind and understanding person and later on I got convinced that he really was. I do hope
that CRVP will find the right path to continue his projects. God bless his memory.

Mihaela Pop

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From: Basia Nikiforova <bnikiforova@hotmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 4:43 AM

Dearest Hu,

The death of Father McLean is a huge loss for all us and for me personally. I met him around 30
years ago and all this time he was mentor, researcher and best manager who organize highest
level of theological and philosophical life and activity around the world.

Father McLean was lover of tolerance, democracy, cultural and religious pluralism what is so
important for Eastern and Central Europe and Lithuania. I am sure that you and your colleges
will develop his great tradition and activity.

Sorry so much.

Dr. Basia Nikiforova, Lithuanian Culture Research Institute.

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From: Balaganapathi Devarakonda <balaganapathid@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 3:05 AM

Subject: Remembering Prof. McLean

Dear Ms. Hu,

I am sorry to note the sad demise of Fr. McLean who has been inspiring scholars all around the world. I remember my interactions at Catholic University of America, DC. I fondly remember him for his love for Indian knowledge system.

I pray to God in his memory.

May his soul rest in Peace.

I am sure your able leadership would take RSVP forward in cherishing and realising the goals and ideals of Fr McLean.

Regards

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26.. several emails forwarded together and shared among George's colleagues and students....

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Prof. Plamen Makariev, Sofia University

From: Warayuth Sriwarakuel [warayuthsrw@au.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2016 6:07 AM
To: 'Manuel Jr. B. Dy'; 'Gerardette Philips'
Subject: RE: George F. McLean

The world has lost one of the greatest scholars in interfaith dialogue, mutual understanding, and harmony. Rest in peace forever, father. Your dedication, self-sacrifice, kind-heartedness, broad-mindedness, and hard work will be always impressed in our hearts. We will carry on your mission.

With the greatest condolences,
Warayuth Sriwarakuel

From: Manuel Jr. B. Dy [mailto:mdy@ateneo.edu]
Subject: Re: George F. McLean

Rest in our Father's bosom, Fr. George. Thank you for the gift of your work and your life, of yourself. I will always hold you dear in my life.

Manny Dy
Ateneo de Manila University

On Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 10:02 AM, Gerardette Philips
<gerarscj@gmail.com<mailto:gerarscj@gmail.com>> wrote:

Dear Friends,
We thank God for Father George McLean's life. His spirit lives on in all of us who received a great deal from him.

May he now enjoy eternal rest and eternal life as he meets his God to whom he gave his life as a priest.

Regards,
Sr.Gerardette, rscj

On Sep 9, 2016 8:51 AM, "Golam Dastagir"
<m.g.dastagir@gmail.com<mailto:m.g.dastagir@gmail.com>> wrote:

Dear Friends,
I am deeply shocked and saddened at the demise of Father George McLean. He was a great scholar in philosophy, theology, and inter-religious dialogue. He was also a well-organizer. In association with local scholars, he has organized numerous conferences, seminars, and workshops across the globe on cultural values and global peace through inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogues. I remember the month-long seminar on "Faith and Reason" in 2008 which I participated in with some fine scholars around the world. He organized this event and invited us in a bid to give us an opportunity to exchange views and opinions with scholars in philosophy, especially Islamic philosophy, and I can candidly claim that I learned a great deal from it. I am indebted to Fr McLean. His death is an irreparable loss to the world.

I pray to God for the salvation of his departed soul. May He rest his soul in eternal peace.

Golam

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“Your soul is so close to mine
That what you dream, I know. ...
I know everything you think of: your heart is so close to mine!”
— Rumi<<https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/875661.Rumi>>

On Thu, Sep 8, 2016 at 4:11 PM, Husain Heriyanto
<husain_heri@yahoo.com<mailto:husain_heri@yahoo.com>> wrote:

It is so pitiful to receive this information. Though knowing Father McLean's health has long declined, I remain was devastated knowing this sad news.

".... To God Almighty we belong, and to Him is our return ..."
(Inna lilLahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un)

Father McLean is a very good man, a wise scholar, a humble clergyman, a tireless advocate for dialog of cultures for the sake of mutual understanding, wisdom, and humanity.

I strongly believe that God is always and will be always with him. May God's grace and blessings always devoted to him.

My deep mourning over the passing of Father McLean ..!

Yours
Husain Heriyanto
Jakarta, Indonesia

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From: Brena Gian Luigi <gianluigibrena@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, September 9, 2016

Dear Hu Yeping,
I remember with affection Fr. George and pray for him and for you too ! I pray also for the continuation of his Council and his work, which I greatly appreciate!

Yours sincerely
Fr. Gian Luigi Brena

28..

From: Jurate Baranova <jurabara@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, September 9, 2016

Deeply, deeply sorry. Wonderful person. Holy. It seems that I still hear his voice, his wisdom.
Rest in Peace our Dear Professor, we'll never forget You

Jūratė Baranova

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From: S R Bhatt <srbhatt39@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Dr. Hu

I am extremely pained to learn about the sad demise of our Reverend Father G.McLean.
He was a wonderful person and a great erudite scholar.
In India we shall have a seminar in his honour and memory.

S.R.Bhatt

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From: Warayuth Sriwarakuel <warayuthsrw@au.edu>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016
Dear Hu,

I am highly shocked and saddened with the demise of Fr. McLean. I intend to meet him in the 24th World Congress of Philosophy in Peking in the next two years. Last time we met in Athens, and he still looked healthy then. May God welcome and receive him in Heaven and stay with Him for good. Thanks a lot for the information about his life. I will post it in the bulletin board. Hope you are doing all right.

Best regards,
Yuth

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From: Asha Mukherjee <ashamukh@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016
Subject: George F. McLean

Dear Friends,

I am shocked, grieved and saddened by knowing that Fr. McLean is not with us as embodied soul but he will always remain with each one of us with the love, affection he showered on us always.

He brought the whole philosophy world together by the highest academic exchanges and extended piece, love, brotherhood and friendship across all borders. May his soul rest in piece in heavenly abode!

He lives and always live in his lifelong work and dedication through the meetings, publications and dialogues. Our biggest task is to continue the work through the path he showed us.

My deepest regards are always with Fr. McLean.
Asha

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From: Gadis Arivia <g.gadis@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016
To: Husain Heriyanto <husain_heri@yahoo.com>, Yeping Hu <huy@cua.edu>

Dear Hu,

I just saw Pak Husain's email, my deepest condolences for the passing of Prof. McLean. I will never forget his kindness and warmth. The Department of Philosophy, University of Indonesia was so fortunate to host an event with Prof. McLean in 2005.

I will be in the US this winter, I hope we can meet up.

Best,

Gadis Arivia

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From: <vsolomou@cc.uoi.gr>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016
Subject: George F. McLean
To: Yeping Hu <huy@cua.edu>

Dear Hu,

Your message concerning the death of our beloved Father McLean filled me and my family with great sorrow. We are really shocked! For me Father McLean was a great intellectual and one of the best persons I have ever met. I will never forget his kindness to me and his love for all the human beings. He was indeed the personification of christian love!

Please accept our deepest condolences.

Kiki, Nikos, Antigoni, the rest of our family
and Helen Karabatzaki

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From: David Kaulem <kaulem9@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Hu, Yeping,

It is indeed with deep shock and sorry that I learn of the passing of Prof. Fr, George McLean. He was a good man. He was a fine human person. He mentored me and many people especially those who cared about human development and culture. He understood what it meant to bring cultures together. He had such a wide social imaginary that he challenged many to see how cultures could engage, dialogue and speak and listen to each other. I am grateful to have met him. May his soul rest in the comfort of his creator.

I know that you worked closely with him. You came to understand his vision and supported his journey. Thank you for all the work you have been doing. My prayers are for you to accept what has happened with grace and peace. It will be difficult, but I pray for your continued support for the work of our dear academic professor, spiritual Father, cultural friend and social companion.

May his soul rest in peace.

My best wishes

David

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From: Mamuka Dolidze <mamuka_dolidze48@yahoo.com>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Mrs. Hu

I and my wife and all my family express deep condolences on the death of our beloved person Father George McLean, He was certainly good man, nice and very kind, His life was full of love and good deeds . We are sure that everyone who knew him has the same feeling of sorrow. .

As a philosopher, theologian and public figure he was the remarkable person of our times. We will bear his memory in our hearts.

Mamuka, Tamara, Givi, Levan, Nino

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From: <wamalaed@chuss.mak.ac.ug>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Dr.Hu,

We have received with great sadness the passing on of our friend, mentor and indefatigable leader who has steered the affairs of RSVP from its infancy to an international organization that it is today. On behalf of the Makerere University Philosophy fraternity, please accept and pass on

May the the almighty grant the soul of the deceased eternal peace.

Sincerely,
Wamala Edward

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From: Tina Bochorishvili <tinageorgia@yahoo.com>
Date: Friday, September 9, 2016

Dear Hu,

Please accept my heartfelt sorrow and condolences; Father McLean will be terribly missed. He was a man of distinguished humanity. All of us loved him and he will be cherished in our memories forever. For everything he has done for us in life, we owe him our eternal love and the promise we will never forget him. May God grant him peace and the well-deserved rest.

Tina from Georgia

Prof. Dr. Tinatin Bochorishvili
Deputy Director General
Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation
Tbilisi, Georgia

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From: Gripaldo Rolando <drgrips@yahoo.com>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Hu:

It grieves me to hear that my mentor and friend in philosophy has passed away. My heartfelt condolences to his loved ones and relatives. May he rest in peace.

I would like to dedicate a page in the January 2017 issue of *Philosophia: International Journal of Philosophy* by quoting extensively from your letter, if you will permit.

Best regards,

Rolando Gripaldo

39..

From: 贾丽民 <jialm959@163.com>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

胡老师：

您好！收到您的来信，得知Father已经去世，我夫妻二人心情十分低落。一下子就想起跟随他学习的点点滴滴，他对学问和对人的态度，让我感到他是一位大师、一位仁者、一位具有大爱的学者，我非常荣幸能够在生命中有过跟随他学习的经历。他对世界各民族之间的文化交流做出了巨大的贡献，在未来的人类社会发展中他的影响将不断地展现出来。对Father的去世，我内心深处感到遗憾的是去年没有能够去拜访他。

愿Father在天堂中幸福！我记得我曾经问过他，您去了世界上这么多的地方，您最喜欢哪里？他说maybe heaven，所以我希望他能在天堂中快乐！

胡老师，我们深知您与Father的感情挚深，请您节哀！希望有机会在国内与您相聚。

丽民&唐卓

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From: Dermot Moran <dermot.moran@ucd.ie>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Cc: Luca Maria Scarantino <luca.scarantino@iulm.it>

Dear Dr. HU Yeping,

Thank you for your email which I received this morning while I am in Wuhan, China.

I am deeply saddened to learn the news of the death of our beloved friend Rev. Professor George McLean. I had corresponded with him during the summer but had not heard from him lately.

Prof. McLean was a great friend and supporter of the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP), of which I am President.

On behalf of FISP, I would like to convey our deep condolences to you, to his colleagues, to his family, and to the members of his religious order, the Oblate Fathers.

If you have the address of members of his surviving family, I would like to write to them personally.

Thank you and condolences

Dermot

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From: Juan Carlos Scannone <jcscannone@hotmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016
Subject: George F. McLean
To: "Hu, Yeping" <huy@cua.edu>

Dra. Hu Yeping

Estimada Doctora, con gran dolor recibí la noticia del fallecimiento del P. Mc Lean, pero espero que ya esté con Cristo y su Santísima Madre. Hoy voy a ofrecer la misa por su eterno descanso.

Con mis más sinceras condolencias y en unión de oraciones, suyo en Cristo,
P. Juan Carlos Scannone S.I.

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From: Dr. Robert Rehak <robert.rehak@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Mrs. Hu Yeping,

Please accept our sincere condolences. It is a very sad news for us. He was an exceptional person and did with your help extraordinary things.

From Prague,

Robert

Dr. Robert Rehak

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From: Dariusz Dobrzański <dobrzan@amu.edu.pl>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Hu,

I do not know, how to begin me email, but I think that only simple words are correctly. Dear Prof. McLean was for me, unique type of person. His uniqueness, was for me special kind of feeling, emotion, always, after even small talk with him I felt a little better person. Maybe is only coincidence, maybe not but I'm happy that he leave us before meeting in Poznan. We will thinking about him, about his work and about you.

All the Best

We are in touch.

Dariusz.

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From: G.A.F. Hellemans <G.A.F.Hellemans@uvt.nl>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Hu,

Though not totally unexpected, the news of the passing of George has affected me deeply. Normally, I don't really know how to conduct myself in front of someone whom I admire. That's the case when I meet, for example, Charles Taylor or Jose Casanova. But with George, I felt at ease from our first encounter. I experienced him as a gentle father, curious about what one is doing, having the gift of appreciating almost every utterance a person is making as a worthwhile contribution. He was living the dialogue he was propagating.

I prayed today with George in mind and I will do this also in the days and weeks to come. My thoughts are also with you, Hu. You knew him so well as you worked with him for so many years. I offer you my condolences and my support.

May God bless both George and you.

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45.

From: Vensus George <vensussac@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Miss Hu,

Greetings from Vensus!

I am sorry to hear about the demise of Fr. George McLean. My hearty condolences!

His death is a great loss for the academic community and particularly for CRVP. I have known him from the early 1980's when I was a graduate student at the Catholic University. I have learned much from his academic spirit by doing my graduate research under his guidance. He has instilled in me a desire for research. We need to continue his academic legacy.

I will continue to assist the institute, as my other commitments permit, as I have done in the past, to promote his academic legacy.

With kind regards

Vensus George SAC

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From: William Sweet <wcpsweet@gmail.com>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Subject: George F. McLean

To: Yeping Hu <huy@cua.edu>

Dear Dr Hu; Dear all

I share deeply in your sorrow and grief at this difficult time.

George was a man of prodigious energy and, even when his health obliged him to go to Tewkesbury, it seemed to slow him down only a little. He was always organising, planning, and writing. It is difficult to believe that we will not see him again in this life. He was a model of grace, humility, and dedication to others - and a model philosopher.

I first met George in 1974, though I came to know him well only in the late 1990s. Though we all know that all must pass, it is still a shock to me. I am going to need some time to digest this news.

Dr Hu, I want you all to know that, if I can be of any service, please call on me. I will try to call you later today

Yours

Will

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Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5 Canada

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From: sebastian velassery <velassery1953@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Ms. Hu,

Thanks for the mail informing me about the sad demise of my mentor and loving guide. I have been reminded of my days with him in the O.M. I. residence. In fact, he was especially good and kind to me in all my academic ventures. One of my books "Death and Transcendence: A Cross-Cultural Journey" was dedicated to him and at that time, he asked me: 'Sebastian, you are making me aware of my death'. I remember fondly and pray for the noble soul of McLean.

With kind regards and prayers,
Sebastian Velassery

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From: Tomas H <tomas.halik@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Hu,

I am just reading with great regret the sad news of Father George's death.

I will keep alive the memory of the great man, distinguished scholar and wonderful priest, bridges-builder, one of those people we need so much just now in our hard times. I am very thankful that I had the pleasure and honour to know him.

We will do our best to continue in his noble activities at CRVP. I pray for him and I am sure he will help us from heaven.

I spent the fall semester at Notre Dame last year, now I am back in Prague and I hope to return to Notre Dame for the fall semester next year.

I will remember George at the altar of the Lord and also you, dear Hu, are in my prayers.

Tomas

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From: <vonabbarno@aol.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Hu Yeping,

I heard from the Oblate seminarians I teach here in Buffalo about Fr. McLean's passing away. The world will miss his giant spirit and passion for Culture and Philosophy. But especially for you, please accept my deep sympathy on your loss. If you have time please let me know what is planned for a service.

Take care.

John

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From: <yuxm1948@sina.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

To Yeping Hu
To someone concerned

I was really shocked as I got to know that the revered Fr. Mclean has gone.
He is a great man of our era. I think he is a Saint I have ever touched personally. He made his merit not only in communicating cultures among the peoples of the world, but in fulfilling a perfect personhood.

He has made a great influence on me and I will keep his memory in my mind forever.
May he rest in peace!

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Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences,
China

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From: Geeta Manaktala <geetamanaktala@hotmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Ms Hu,

Words seem inadequate to express the sadness i feel about the demise of our Professor McLean. we are all shocked. We all the members of the Council are here to support you in your grieving process.with sincere sympathy.
your's

Geeta Manaktala

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From: Charles Taylor <cmt111111@aol.com>
Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

The news comes as something of a shock. Mutual condolences; It's a great loss for all of us. He will indeed, be in my prayers charles

Charles Taylor
cmt111111@aol.com

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From: Herta Nagl <herta.nagl@univie.ac.at>

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2016

Dear Yeping,

with deep sorrow did we read the sad news Brigitte Buchhammer sent us. We have first met Father McLean in the early 1980s at a symposium of the International Society of Metaphysics in Nairobi, Kenya, and kept in touch with him since then. We always greatly admired his persistent efforts to promote philosophical dialogue, especially with, and in, regions on the globe that had not been adequately included in the more visible current debates. Personally, we are most grateful for the kind and understanding way in which he used to take up our concerns. We will miss him very much, indeed. We last talked to Father McLean in March 2015, when he gave a talk and received honours so well deserved at the Gregoriana in Rome.

Now our warmest sympathy goes out to you. Our thoughts are with you in these time of mourning - we know well what a big loss this is for you. Also we would like to express our very best thanks for your continuous commitment that made it possible for Father McLean to continue his work under increasingly painful circumstances.

Most cordially,
Herta and Ludwig

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From: Tskhldh <tskhldh@yahoo.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Subject: from Luong Dinh Hai, IHS VASS

Dear leaders of CRVP,

Dear leaders of CUA,

Dear colleagues in the CRVP and in the CUA,

I am very sorry to hear of Prof. G. F. McLean's passing. Although, the rule of life is that the getting old can bring senior health challenges, but I still feel that the Prof. G.F. McLean's passing is very distressing. Prof. G.F. McLean has had great contributed to the development of the philosophy of international relationship between Vietnam and United State America. He is a wonderful example on the scientific spirit of passion, of great kindness and tolerance, of human values as well as the friendships among countries.

I would like to send my deepest condolences to all colleagues of CRPV and CUA to his family in this great loss. Please, Goodbye Prof. G.F. McLean.

May his soul rest in perfect peace.

With much love and prayers!

Thanks and regards,

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From: Pham Van Duc <ducphilosophy@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 7, 2016 at 7:58 PM

Dear Dr. Hu,

I am very sorry to hear of the death of Professor McLean. On behalf of myself, all scholars and students of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences I would like to offer our sincere and heart-felt condolences to you.

I will never forget his kindness. May God give him eternal rest and you the strength to bear the great pain.

With my deepest sympathy.

Pham Van Duc

Đã gửi từ iPhone của tôi

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From: Phong Tran <ttuanphong@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Dear Dr. Hu,

It was with great sadness that I learnt about the death of Professor McLean. I feel a real loss in his passing and want to extend my sympathy to you and the relatives of Professor McLean. Please accept my sincerest condolences.

Sincerely yours,

Tran Tuan Phong

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From: Sophie Cloutier <scloutier@ustpaul.ca>
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Hello Hu,

I just heard about the sad news. I know you were working very closely with Father McLean, so I wanted to express my deepest sympathies. I am thinking of you in this sad moment...

May he rest in peace and he will be missed, but his work and his person will continue to inspire us.

Best,
Sophie

58..

From: Hoang Thi Tho <hopminhtho@yahoo.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Dear Hu YePing,

Mrs. Hanh has just informed us that in DC, Father McLean has passed away today!
It is a great shock for all of us who has admired Father McLean's virtue, knowledge and his great contributions for the development of the world philosophy in globalization age!
I am deeply grieved to his bereavement, and I want to express my sincere condolences in his passing away to the God!

Dear Hu, receive from me the deepest thymathy.

Yours,
Hoang Thi Tho

59..

From: Sirajul Islam <siraj_tuli@yahoo.co.in>
Date: Friday, September 9, 2016
Subject: Deep mourning for sudden demise of father McLean

Dear Hu

I was not ready at all to hear this news that father McLean left us. It is a fatal shock to me to know that our Father McLean is no more with us. He left this mundane world for heavenly abode on 6th. He was one of my guardians, occasionally I received his meticulous counsels and suggestions for various academic matters. His friendly gesture, amiable disposition and rich scholarship in subject attracted me lot.
Still I am not able to believe that he is not with us. I express my deep mourning for his sudden demise. May God grant him perfect peace and tranquility for his departed soul.
With regards
Sirajul Islam

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From: spz <shipengzou@126.com>

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016
Subject: 麦老唁信

胡老师：

麦老同我们这边诸同仁有着非同寻常的友谊，对他的离世，大家十分难过。
附件是复旦大学哲学学院的唁信（中英文），现发给您。
也请您节哀保重！

邹诗鹏即日。

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From: Wilhelm Danca <wilhelm.danca@gmail.com>
Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016
Subject: Fwd: George F McLean

Dear Hu,

Thank you for informing me about the last ours on earth of Father George. My spontaneously reply is that I am thankful to God for I met this great man. Requiescat in pace!
For him, I remain open to continue his inspiration, collaborating with RVP.

God bless him!

See you soon,

Wilhelm Danca

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From: edward alam <edwardjosephalam@yahoo.com>
Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016
Subject: Fr. McLean
To: Yeping Hu <huy@cua.edu>

Dear Hu,

Just heard the news! What can I say? My deepest condolences to you before anyone else. Please let me know the details of the final hours when you have a chance. Praying for you. . . feeling with you. . .we had a group here in Nigeria these last few weeks, and I just told them all about Fr. McLean. God rest his dear soul in peace!

Edward

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From: Lenehan Katia <katiaho@hotmail.com>
Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016
Subject: My condolences
To: 胡業評 <huy@cua.edu>

Dear Hu,

I am very sorry to hear the bad news!

I knew this day would finally come, but I still feel shocked and saddened when I heard about it. loosing important people in our life is never a easy thing to endure.

Continuing what he dedicated his life to is the best thing, I believe, we can do and we should do Just remember my prayers are with you and the Oblate family.

love,
Katia

63..

From: selvam <sipasel@rediffmail.com>
Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016
Subject: Professor Fr. George McLean

We heard the sudden demise of Professor Fr. McLean, (87) President of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP), Washington DC. through our friends from India and abroad. A committed academician, a close associate of senior Philosophers of India like Professor TMP Mahadevan, Prof. R. Balasubramanian, Prof. S. R. Bhatt and many others, McLean's love for Indian Philosophy something remarkable and fascinating. He was a student of Prof. TMP Mahadevan and R. Balasubramanian in the Centre for Philosophy at Chennai for sometime and learnt the Advaita with great interest and love. He lectures on Gadamer, Ricoeur and Tillich at the Madras University is always remembered both by the faculty and students. He used to be a foreign examiner for many of the Ph.D. theses in spite of his declining health. The academic community has lost a lovable person who has dedicated his entire life for philosophy, values and Intercultural understanding. He once said: "It is that of the many people, each proceeding along its own way marked out by its own culture, but all converging toward the Holy Mountain in which God will become All in all." He has brought out 200 volumes on various themes of philosophy and inter-cultural and cross-cultural understanding under the theme, "Cultural Heritage and the Foundations of Social Life". The themes he has chosen for the month-long Annual seminars during August-September every year were directly connected to social problems. The ICPR, New Delhi has honoured him by inviting him as the Visiting Professor

(foreign) in the year 2004. He is a symbol of love, dedication and simplicity. Scholars from different regions of the world—Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and Central and South America were influenced by his writings and philosophical understanding.

Dear McLean, we remember you with gratitude because of your love for philosophy is something which one never can forget. Scholars throughout the globe pay their homage to him and the philosophers in India are also sending their heartfelt condolences to the members and well-wishers of the RVP, especially to Dr. Hu Yeping who had been assisting Professor Mclean as Executive Director.

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From: Yasien Mohamed <ymohamed@uwc.ac.za>
Date: Sun, Sep 11, 2016 at 11:49 AM
Subject: RE: George F. McLean

It is with great sadness that we hear of the demise of a great philosopher of our time. Professor George McClean, a living philosopher, who taught us to value philosophy as a way of life, and not as a mere intellectual exercise. He exemplified this in his simplicity, humanity, and humility. His death is a great loss to the philosophical and religious world. I was privileged to have spent time with him in Washington, with a group of other Islamic philosophy academics from all parts of the world. I also had the privilege of traveling with Professor McClean to Indonesia, where we delivered papers at ten conferences in five cities. It is through his encouragement that we established the International Society of Islamic Philosophy, with Professor Goolam Reza Aavani as its president, and the International Journal of Islamic Philosophy, of which I was the co-editor. God has granted Father McClean a long active life in the service of humanity. May his soul rest in peace.

Yasien Mohamed
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Representative of the International Society of Islamic Philosophy [Southern Africa]