

Richard and Catherine Ranger will depart for Uganda on June 17, to serve God's Kingdom at Uganda Christian University. They will fly via Amsterdam, arriving the night of June 18 (it's a long trip, even in the jet age). Their virtual commissioning service on Zoom on May 15 was a time of joyous prayer, presided over by Father Ed and Bishop Ed Little. Friends of the Rangers joined not only from our All Saints family, but from as far away as Uganda, Alaska, Chile, and Hawai'i.

Even though Richard & Catherine “downsized” back in late 2019 by moving from their townhouse in Southwest DC to a one-bedroom apartment in Silver Spring, they have further downsizing to do, since they plan to head to Uganda with three large pieces of luggage each, one air-shipped crate - and, of course, Trooper, their dog. Generous Uganda friends have already booked a room for Richard and Catherine on the night of their arrival at the historic Lake Victoria Hotel in Entebbe, so that they won’t have to make the 63-kilometer trip - after midnight - around metro Kampala all the way to Mukono where the UCU campus is located. Once on the UCU campus, Richard and Catherine will live in a faculty apartment, so they will be able to enjoy “walking to work” among the community of scholars in the “Centre of Excellence in the Heart of Africa”.

Catherine will serve in UCU's John Sentamu Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Her vision is to support students and faculty in their Christian call as advocates, so all Ugandans, even “the least of these,” are seen as entitled to dignity and to justice. Working with colleagues on the Law and Business faculties, Richard will apply his 40-year career in energy and resources to enhance the teaching of legal, business, environmental and stakeholder issues relating to energy and resource projects. Richard's vision is to encourage students' rigorous inquiry into development issues from a Christian ethical perspective. He desires to prepare UCU graduates for leadership roles in the global economy. Together they will assist UCU in developing rising African leaders who share the university's core values of Christ-Centeredness, Diligence, Integrity, Stewardship, and Servanthood.

Richard and Catherine anticipate spending between three to five years working at UCU, supported through SAMS-USA, Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders. SAMS sees a global Anglican family walking together in the way of Jesus to spread Kingdom change throughout our communities, and throughout the world. Like all who serve in mission, Richard and Catherine welcome your prayers and will continue to require financial support during their tenure at UCU. Information about how to support their mission work may be found through SAMS' website at <https://samsusa.org>. Members of the Parish are already among their mission partners. They have already started sending periodic newsletters by email; those interested in receiving them may contact them by email at ranger907@gmail.com and cranger907@gmail.com.