

Samuel J. Goolsarran



The ELCG elected Mr. **Samuel J. Goolsarran as Vice President** of the Executive Council and this Church. A long-standing member of the ELCG, he remembers his Sunday School days from the age of four, and “a battle struggle” he had within his family, when at the age of 13, he wanted to be baptized; the family relented and he was baptised on 20 October 1957 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fyrish Village, Corentyne, Berbice where he was born and attended primary school. He has been active throughout his life in the Church as a Sunday school teacher, and youth leader at the district and national levels.

At the national level, Samuel J, Goolsarran served for many years in the Executive Council of the ELCG as member, Treasurer for 11 years, and Secretary for 6 years. At the international level, he served on the Executive Council of the Lutheran World Federation from 1984 until 1997.

Samuel J. Goolsarran, who had completed 6 courses from the Ecumenical Guyana Extension Seminary, holds a Bachelor’ of Arts Degree from the University of Guyana and a Masters (MSc.) Degree from the University of London in *Industrial Relations and Personnel Management*. As a national and International Civil Servant, he worked throughout his professional working life in the Guyana Public Service, the Caribbean Community Secretariat, and the United Nations International Labour Organization, and now in the private sector in Guyana.

ELCG Martin Luther Award: On the 500th Anniversary of the REFORMARION, 2017, he was awarded by the ELCG its first “**Martin Luther Award of Excellence** in recognition of his commitment, faithful service and the spirit of the living Reformation within the ELCG”.

The Living Loehe Award: On 20 May 2018, Wartburg Theological Seminary conferred on Samuel J. Goolsarran **the Living Loehe Award** for the *qualities of dedication, quest for excellence, evangelical warmth, and servant devotion*.

The Golden Arrow of Achievement Award: In October 2017, Samuel J. Goolsarran was appointed a Member of the Order of Service of Guyana, and awarded the **Golden Arrow of Achievement** for long and distinguished service *in the field of Industrial Relations and Labour Administration*.

He is married to Jhula, and they have three children and three grand children; and loves gardening.