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Dr. Robert W. Buckingham

Robert W. Buckingham, a Yale graduate, is a professor of Public Health & Health Sciences at the University of Michigan-Flint, formerly appointed inaugural Executive Director/Dean of the School of Public Health with the University of Saskatchewan, in 2009. He has authored more than 12 books and many scientific referred papers, with the most recent being a book entitled, “Understanding Loss and Grief for Women; A New Perspective on Their Pain and Healing”, published by Praeger Books in May 2017 and five books on hospice care, including, “Care of the Dying Child” published by the Continuum Publishing Company, which was translated in seven languages.

Dr. Buckingham, helped pioneer the development of the first Hospice in the U.S. and considered one of the “Founding Fathers” of hospice in North America. He was the first Director of Research of hospice in Connecticut in 1974, and subsequently founded another 81 hospice programs worldwide, including a hospice for children afflicted with HIV/AIDS in Thailand. For his humanitarian work in the field of hospice care for children with AIDS, has been awarded the Ivanosky Prize in Humanitarian Medicine by the Russian Institute of Virology in 1992. In 2014, Dr. Buckingham was awarded the Nelson Mandela Award for Academic Leadership from Harvard University.

In 2008, Dr. Buckingham helped develop La Clinica Esperanza in Honduras, which serves the public health needs of poor, disadvantaged and marginalized populations. Dr. Buckingham has developed new collaborative research and scholarly exchanged programs with Mahidol University in Thailand, Hawassa University in Ethiopia, as well as the Nelson Mandela Institute of Science and Technology in Arusha, Tanzania and locally, with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan.