

APLA

The Asia-Pacific Leadership Academy



Lifelong Learning



OVERVIEW

God's grace has been showered generously through the Asia-Pacific Leadership Academy (APLA).

Engendered by the need for leadership training in the Asia-Pacific Region, the APLA was birthed in 2008 as a training school for ministry. It offers various courses in mixed distance and seminar format. A diploma is awarded with the completion of a certain number of courses.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

MINISTRY TRACK

a track for those who are church supported leaders

SHEPHERDING TRACK

for more mature disciples who can be trained to fill shepherding roles, some of whom may ultimately be appointed elders

ELECTIVE TRACK

individually customized type track to further train those who serve in a variety of leadership roles.

Track 1 (Ministry Track) Courses:

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Homiletics
- Church History
- Romans
- Christian Evidences
- Paul's Ministry and Message
- Prophecy



Track 2 (Shepherding Track) Courses:

- Sound Doctrine and Church Discipline
- Marriage and Family I; Marriage and Family II
- Regaining Emotional Health
- Building Healthy Relationships
- Leadership Development



SALIENT POINTS OF THE APLA APPROACH

MIXED DISTANCE AND FACE-TO-FACE COMPONENTS

online and seminar approaches used; feedback given as coursework progresses; diploma cannot be completed through online interaction only.

PROMOTION OF GOOD RETENTION

assignments spread out & given before and after a four-day seminar; focus on mastery of at least one key book

LOCAL ADAPTATION

segments of certain courses address indigenous contemporary issues; real-time translation during lectures also possible

FACULTY

MAIN TEACHER: Gordon Ferguson

Education:

Northwestern State University,
Preston School of Preaching,
Harding University School
of Religion

Experience:

- Taught full-time in the Preston School of Preaching from 1974-1978, and part-time in the same school for an additional three years
- Preached for Churches of Christ in Texas, Washington State, California, Massachusetts and Arizona, beginning in 1974 until the end of 2008
- Served as founder and instructor for New England School of Ministry 1996-2003
- Author of eleven books and a number of study guides and audio presentations published by Discipleship Publications International
- Now focuses fully on his teaching ministry in Phoenix and in many countries



ASSOCIATE TEACHER: John Oakes

Christian Evidences

Education:

University of Connecticut,
University of Colorado-Boulder



ASSOCIATE TEACHER: Rolan Monje

Old Testament, Church History

Education:

University of the Philippines,
University of London,
American Bible College-Florida





WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT APLA

"The Old Testament class helped me understand God's love in many ways. Also, the class helped me grasp the whole picture of history that allows me to understand deeper the Old Testament."

**Hai, church leader from
Saigon, Vietnam**



"I was especially impacted by Gordon's lesson on God's grace... Enrolling for this course has indeed been a blessing to me and has made me grow in my love and knowledge of God."

**Orwen, lawyer from
Cebu, Philippines**

"I was three months pregnant when I first enrolled in APLA. Physically, it was a bit challenging. However, it was worth it because I had a great time learning together with my husband. It helped me to have a deeper relationship with God and understanding about the Bible. I thank Gordon and the team who sacrificed to make APLA possible."

**Tarn, businesswoman and housewife
from Bangkok, Thailand**



"To me the most helpful part is to see God's love throughout thousands and thousands years. The great forgiveness and patience of God to his people really amazes me."

**Chivin, campus intern from
Phnom Penh, Cambodia**



APLA ENROLLMENT FACTS:

TOTAL ENROLLEES TO DATE: 175

COUNTRIES AND NUMBER OF CHURCHES REPRESENTED:

- Cambodia (3)
- Laos (1)
- Myanmar (2)
- Philippines (22)
- Thailand (3)
- Vietnam (2)
- U.S.A (2)

STUDENT PROFILES:

- About 89% of the enrollees are married.
- About 70% of the enrollees are more than 10 years old as disciples.
- About 35% are church staff.

UPCOMING COURSES IN 2013-2014

- Regaining Emotional Health
- Pastoral Epistles
- New Testament Greek