

# Principal's Welcome

Dear Friend,

We are delighted you have chosen to study at All Nations. Whether you are located globally, locally or anywhere in between, you are now part of a vast family that spans more than 60 years and spreads out across the world. So a very warm welcome to this extensive, heart-centred community.

We hope that you can have a good rest before you start so that you will be refreshed, recharged and ready to engage with your studies.

## Start date

If you are studying on campus, please arrive at College on your designated start date. Please refer to your offer letter and the arrival information for specific arrival times.

## Helping you with orientation

We aim to cover most of the general orientation to the College and the course before classes begin. Campus learners - please attend all orientation sessions in person. For Remote Access Learners your orientation programme sessions will take place on Zoom.

Please be available to participate in the orientation programme fully.

We know that starting a new course and living in a new community will be a big step of faith for you. It may be an encouragement to know that many people go through the same experiences as they begin training for Christian ministry. Take this time to reassure yourself of God's call.

There are many essential details to familiarise yourself with, even before your first tutorial begins! We have provided spaces within the orientation programme to help you settle into college life and connect with staff and other students. I would encourage you to use our Barnabas scheme to assist you in this transition period. You will also find participation with your Tutor Group an essential part of community life at College.

## Community life

Our goal is to make your time with us enjoyable and profitable. As part of an international community of mature students, we seek to avoid having too many community 'rules'! The main principle that governs our life together is to let all our conduct be guided by mutual love and consideration for each other. This is particularly important when people from many different countries and cultures study together.

Please don't be surprised if you find yourself challenged by strange or unexpected things other people say or do. Christians all over the world have many different customs, opinions

and traditions. A significant part of the benefit of studying with All Nations is to learn to appreciate other cultures and to see one's own through the eyes of others. I guarantee you will learn as much from your fellow students as you will from your tutors!

How much you get out of the course depends on you. You have chosen All Nations because we seek to provide comprehensive mission training for the whole person. We are concerned not only about your academic training, but also about your practical preparation and spiritual growth. You will be assigned to a personal tutor, who will meet with you regularly to encourage you in all these areas.

We know that you are coming here with a desire to serve the Lord to the best of your ability, and we will be praying that your time here will be the best possible preparation for you.

Do encourage your church and other Christian friends to pray for you and the life and work of the College.

In Jesus' Name,



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