

IONA Missions **Handbook 2011**

Mission Statement

We need men well trained, well educated, to work in the interests of the churches. {RH, April 28, 1896 par. 7}

You are to make...a center for missionary effort, from which work can be carried forward successfully. The Lord desires this center to be a training school for workers, and nothing is to be allowed to interrupt the work.... You must select as helpers men who can carry the work forward solidly and thoroughly, laboring for the conversion of the whole being, body, soul, and spirit. A solid foundation, laid upon gospel plans, must be laid for the building up of the church. —Letter 150, 1901. {Ev 385.6}

IONA BIBLE TRAINING PROGRAM

IONA Bible Training Program is a 20-week course (see “2010-2011 Schedule” for start time). At IONA, students will learn core Bible subjects (see “Course Descriptions”), the science of Biblical interpretation, as well as the art of preaching and teaching.

Classes are in blocks (4 weeks per block), allowing students to focus on one Bible subject at a time. This will also benefit short-term students wanting to learn specific subjects.

After training, students are encouraged to support their local churches in the areas of teaching, preaching, personal ministries, and public evangelism. With the aid of inspired principles, students can implement effective methods in winning souls for the kingdom of God.

COURSE CURRICULUM

Bible Subjects

Studies on the Sanctuary
Righteousness by Faith
Prophetic Interpretation of Daniel
Prophetic Interpretation of Revelation

Course Descriptions

Studies on the Sanctuary

A study of the earthly and Heavenly Sanctuary, focusing on the work of Christ as our Sacrifice and High Priest, comparing the type and antitype of the sanctuary services and feasts. Special attention is given to the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Righteousness by Faith

A study of righteousness by faith in light of the life, death, resurrection, and High-Priestly ministry of Jesus Christ for our salvation. Much emphasis will be given on the study of the Epistle to the Romans.

Prophetic Interpretation of Daniel

An in-depth study on the book of Daniel, paralleling the prophetic messages found in Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12, and examining the future end-time application of the stories.

Prophetic Interpretation of Revelation

An in-depth study on the prophetic book of Revelation. This subject is divided into two blocks. The first comprises chapters 1-11, seeing the connection between the Seven Churches, the Seven Seals, and the Seven Trumpets. The second block covers chapters 12-22, seeing the final conflict between Christ and Satan, and the restoration of eternity. Special emphasis is given on the Three Angels' Messages.

2011 Schedule

Sanctuary

January 10 to February 04

Righteousness by Faith

February 07 to March 04

Prophetic Interpretation of Daniel

March 07 to April 01

Prophetic Interpretation of Revelation Part 1

April 04 to April 29

Prophetic Interpretation of Revelation Part 2

May 02 to May 27

Daily Schedule

Monday-Friday

Worship: 8:30-9:00 am

Bible Class: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Group Study/Discussion/Practical Training: 2-5:00 pm (Mon-Thu)

STUDENT POLICIES

Housing

Students will be responsible for their own housing. Recommendations will be provided upon request. Please call (909) 746-8768, or email training@ionamissions.com for more information.

Meals

Students are responsible for all meals. IONA encourages every student to be knowledgeable and practical on how to prepare healthy and balanced meals.

Transportation

IONA encourages students to bring their own vehicles for personal usage and outreach purposes. If personal vehicles are brought, please ensure that the vehicle is properly maintained, licensed, and insured.

Morning Worship

At IONA, we believe it important to begin our day with God together. Corporate worships are held with the expectation that students will attend all worship sessions and be on time. Students will also be given opportunities to lead out in morning worship.

Sabbath

All students are encouraged to regularly attend church. Opportunities for Sabbath School teaching, preaching, training, and/or other church-related activities may be available for students.

Standards

All students are expected to live in harmony with Biblical principles, and to adhere to the standards and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Personal Devotion

All students are greatly encouraged to have their personal devotion time with God.

Attendance

Attendance for all scheduled classes, outreach projects, and other school-related programs are required. If a student needs to be absent from any of the above, arrangements must be made and approved by the Administrator. Tardiness and/or

absences becoming a habitual practice may lead to expulsion.

Sabbath observance

The Sabbath hours, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, are sacred and joyous times for spiritual renewal, public worship, and Christian fellowship. Secular activities (shopping, business, and distracting amusements) are to be avoided during this time. Attendance at worship services is required, unless arrangements are made to accommodate special circumstances.

Dress

Dress and grooming should be modest, neat, and clean. Please do not wear torn jeans, sleeveless tops, skin-tight, or low-cut apparel. Jewelry of any kind, including rings, bracelets, bands, and other costly decorations should not be worn. While participating in class and community outreach, a professional or professional-casual look is expected. Ladies are to wear skirts.

Relationships

All students are expected to maintain a high standard of moral purity, avoiding the appearance of unwholesomeness and inappropriate attentions to the opposite sex. Due to the short duration of the course, students are requested to refrain from dating while studying.

Prohibited items

Under no circumstances will any firearms, recreational drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, pornography, gang symbols, or occult items be permitted in the housing, cars, or possession of IONA students. Discovery of such items is grounds for immediate dismissal without a refund.

Absence

Please obtain permission from the IONA teaching staff before you are excused from the training program.

ADMISSION

All students that are applying to study at the IONA Bible Training Program must be 18 years of age or older (or high school graduate), and willing to follow the guidelines of the IONA Handbook.

Application

- Send your application with three references and a recent photograph of yourself.
- The admissions committee will review your application.
- When the application review is finalized, you will receive a notification of decision.

Financial Costs

Tuition

- 4 weeks (1 block) – \$400
- 8 weeks (2 blocks) – \$800
- 20 weeks (full-term) - \$2000

For questions or more information on financial assistance, please call (909) 746-8768, or email training@ionamissions.com.

Housing*

- Single student – shared room \$200-\$300/month
- Single student – unshared room \$400-\$500/month
- Married couples – \$700-\$1000/month (studio or one bedroom apartment)

*These costs are estimated. Costs may vary depending on location. Costs do not include utilities, food, and gas.

Student Dismissal

IONA reserves the right, without a refund, to dismiss any student who consistently fails to abide by the policies and guidelines as outlined in this handbook.

Registration

Students should arrive for registration on the published beginning date for their respective sessions. To register, students must have submitted an application and been accepted to the IONA Bible Training Program.