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"THE MOST POWERFUL MEANS OF TRANSFORMATION: EDUCATION"

The background image shows a top-down view of several hands in white sleeves reading open books on a dark wooden table. The scene is lit with a warm, golden light. In the bottom center, there is a small rectangular inset image showing a landscape with a waterfall and trees.

**The Lifelong Benefits
of Education:**
Why It Matters More Than Ever.



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BISHOP ARMANDO TAMEZ GENERAL SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“The most powerful means of transformation: Education”

Praise the Lord

The Christian Education Journal, “CEJ”, has the objective of informing about the most relevant projects and programs that the CE Secretariat is developing, intending to promote the participation and collaboration of the districts, congregations, and the entire apostolic membership. This will benefit the entire Apostolic Assembly through the various coordinations, a complete collaboration of participation, dedication, and great efforts, which are the guidelines that will build the apostolic academic culture that will lead us to new horizons of education and training.

I thank our Bishop President, Felipe Salazar, for his advice and support in the establishment and development of the educational vision, as well as each director, coordinator, and member of the different committees of the different areas of Christian Education for the dedication, commitment, and effort they show in each of their responsibilities, thank you very much.

To you who have this manual in your hands, for being part of it, for being involved and collaborating in the expansion of the church through academic programs, thank you very much.

With gratitude,
Bishop Armando Tamez
Secretary of Christian Education





EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Minister Alex Tarin, Executive Assistant

Praise the Lord,

It is not enough to simply state that serving the Department of Christian Education as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Christian Education, Bishop Armando Tamez, is an honor. Serving God's people is truly a passion of mine, and I am privileged to contribute to the growth and development of the Church through Christian education. This ministry is a vital key to the spiritual and personal development of believers, empowering them to deepen their faith and commitment. Under Bishop Tamez's leadership, we are witnessing the powerful impact of this mission unfold before our eyes.

As we continue to break barriers and achieve new milestones, I am humbled to be part of the progress and growth within the Christian Education Department and the Apostolic Assembly during such a pivotal time. My responsibilities include tending to Bishop Tamez's administrative needs and supporting the varied work of the department. From developing homeschool resources to curriculum writing and beyond, I am honored to navigate the dynamic and evolving tasks of this role. I want to express my gratitude to all the coordinators and their committees for their tireless dedication. Your work makes an invaluable difference in our shared mission.

I am also privileged to serve as the Christian Education Bookstore Manager, where I aim to ensure the smooth operation and continuous improvement of resources for the Apostolic Assembly. Special thanks go to Minister David Garcia, CE Bookstore Clerk; Dr. Janae Quezada, IABC Dean; Sister Gladia Pacheco, IABC Administrator; and Dominic Moschetti, Digital Promotions Coordinator, for their behind-the-scenes efforts. Your commitment is essential to the success of the bookstore and the broader initiatives of the Christian Education Department.

Recently, the Christian Education Bookstore has seen significant and exciting updates. These include the implementation of a new digital system and website, an expanded selection of English books, new church resources such as certificates, and multiple digital publications. These enhancements are designed to better serve our community and equip the church with vital educational tools.

As we move forward, my goal is to continue serving with excellence and dedication, ensuring that our work in Christian education remains impactful and inspiring for all. I encourage every member of the Apostolic Assembly to engage and contribute to building a stronger future for the generations to come, while addressing the needs of the present.

If you wish to serve in any capacity within the Christian Education Department, please reach out to me at atarin@apostolicassembly.org.

Respectfully in Christ



THE LIFELONG BENEFITS OF EDUCATION: WHY IT MATTERS MORE THAN EVER, ESPECIALLY TO THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER

The importance of education is universal, but it holds unique significance within a Christian context. For Christians, education isn't just about acquiring knowledge but about shaping character, understanding one's purpose, and fulfilling a divine calling. Here's why education matters now more than ever for Christians:

1. UNDERSTANDING GOD'S CREATION AND HIS WORD

Intellectual Engagement: In today's world, understanding complex ideas about science, society, and culture allows Christians to better engage with and contribute to society. By studying and comprehending the world, Christians gain insight into the intricate details of God's creation, deepening their awe and understanding of His handiwork.

Biblical Literacy: Education provides Christians with tools to dive deeper into the Bible, understanding its historical and cultural context. Knowledge of language, history, and theology allows believers to interpret scripture accurately and apply it thoughtfully.

2. STRENGTHENING FAITH AND CONVICTION

Building a Robust Faith: In an age where faith is often challenged, a well-rounded education empowers Christians to critically analyze arguments and defend their beliefs with grace and intelligence. A strong foundation in philosophy, apologetics, and ethics prepares Christians to navigate skepticism and engage in thoughtful discourse.

Living Out a Christ-Centered Life: Education can deepen a Christian's ability to live out biblical principles. For instance, knowledge about social justice, history, and ethics enhances understanding of how to serve and love others practically, aligning with Jesus' teachings on compassion and empathy.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 - Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.



3. BEING SALT AND LIGHT IN THE WORLD

Influencing Society: Educated Christians are well-equipped to bring Christ-centered perspectives into various fields like science, education, politics, and business. By contributing thoughtfully to these areas, they embody the call to be “salt and light” in the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

Living Out the Great Commission: Education provides Christians with skills and knowledge that can be used in missionary work, community service, and other forms of outreach. Understanding different cultures, languages, and philosophies enables believers to connect with people from diverse backgrounds effectively.

Matthew 5:13 - Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

4. PURSUING VOCATION AS WORSHIP

Vocational Clarity: For Christians, work is more than a career; it’s a calling. Education can clarify one’s vocation and provide skills needed to excel in their field, whether it’s teaching, medicine, engineering, or ministry. Pursuing a vocation in light of Christian values becomes an act of worship and a means to glorify God.

Serving Others with Excellence: Education trains Christians to serve others competently, bringing excellence to every task. This dedication is a testimony to their faith, fulfilling the commandment to love one’s neighbor as oneself.

Romans 12:10 - “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

1 Peter 4:10-11 - “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.”

5. LIFELONG LEARNING REFLECTS THE NATURE OF GOD

A Journey of Transformation: Education is a lifelong process that mirrors the Christian journey of sanctification—the continuous process of becoming more Christ-like. As Christians grow intellectually, they develop humility, patience, and perseverance, characteristics that align with their spiritual growth.

Reflecting God’s Wisdom: God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Christians who pursue education reflect a God-given desire to seek truth, embody wisdom, and use their abilities for the common good.

James 3:17 - “But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

CONCLUSION

For us Christians, education is a sacred duty and a powerful tool for living a meaningful, purpose-driven life. It enables us to understand God, serve others, and engage thoughtfully with the world. In these challenging times, where truth and values are often questioned, a well-rounded Christian education is more crucial than ever. It serves as a foundation for a life that glorifies God, benefits society, and fulfills the Great Commission.



INTERNATIONAL APOSTOLIC BIBLE COLLEGE



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Dr. Janae E. Quezada, Dean

The mission of the International Apostolic Bible College (IABC) is to offer an Apostolic Christian education that transforms men and women through a combination of education and action (EduAction). This approach enables students to surpass learning goals and fulfill their mission in Christ. Through its District and Online Campuses, IABC provides essential theological and biblical training to certify students seeking ordination in Apostolic ministry. Additionally, it addresses the need for comprehensive Christian education for all members of the Apostolic Assembly, fostering a deeper understanding, nurturing, and continued growth in their Christian journey. These foundations create a strong discipleship program that ensures integration and continuity for future generations. Through the IABC's commitment to this divine mission, spiritually mature men and women, equipped with strong Apostolic values, will be empowered to teach others with faith, integrity, and excellence.

As the Apostolic Assembly embraces Christ's mission to, ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..."*** (Matthew 28:19-20), the IABC serves as a platform for discipleship and prepares believers to teach those who have been baptized how to live according to Christ's commandments. Each course and instructor has the potential to transform students' lives as the Word is imparted and explained.

The IABC team is dedicated to enhancing and expanding the quality of education offered at each District Campus through on-campus, online, and special programs, ensuring that students across the United States and beyond can access Apostolic education.

For the upcoming year, the administration's goals include:

1. Developing comprehensive policies and procedures manual for all campuses.
2. Implementing an electronic database accessible to all IABC students and staff.
3. Expanding the online program to include Spanish and Bachelor's degree courses.
4. Launching support programs within the IABC in 2025:

A. Marketing initiatives (graphics, videos, promotions) C. Staff development for directors and instructors E. Technology training sessions (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)	B. Scholarship program D. Writing assistance programs and training for students F. Seasonal digital bulletins (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)
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With the collaboration of IABC Directors, alumni, and the Christian Education staff, we will continue to extend our reach by offering newly developed curriculum courses, specialized programs, and enhanced educational quality. To achieve the expansion of programs, strengthen student support, and develop new training materials, we need your help. We are looking for IABC alumni and individuals with educational degrees and experience. With your support, we can build an educational program that disciples and equips believers to fulfill their mission in Christ.

If you would like to be a part of this transformative mission, please contact the IABC team at jquezada@apostolicassembly.org or gpa-checo@apostolicassembly.org. | ***"The most powerful means of transformation: Education."***



FAITH MEETS FLEXIBILITY: A NEW ERA OF THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING

Pastor Steven Rodriguez, IABC Online Coordinator

The mission of the International Apostolic Bible College is to offer Apostolic Christian Education that transforms lives, equipping men and women to exceed learning goals and fulfill their mission in Christ through a dynamic blend of education and action.

To support this mission, our asynchronous online program is designed to serve members of the Apostolic Assembly who may face challenges such as distance from their district Bible college campus, demanding work schedules, language barriers, or the need to complete courses for graduation and ordination requirements.

Year 1	Year 2
Introduction to Theological Studies	Book of Acts
Introduction to Hermeneutics	Church Administration
Introduction to Homiletics	History of the Apostolic Assembly
Apostolic Doctrines & Disciplines I	Bible Overview I
Apostolic Doctrines & Disciplines II	Bible Overview II
Apostolic Doctrines & Disciplines III	Christian Leadership
Spiritual Disciplines	Contemporary Religious Movements
AA Constitution	Ministry of Teaching
Spiritual Authority	Apostolic Praise and Worship
Church Growth	Elective



Year 3	Year 4
Christian Ethics	Pastoral Theology
Book of Romans	Pastoral Epistles
Introduction to Spiritual Gifts	Christian Healing I
Building Strong Families	Christian Healing II
History of the Church I	Symposium: The Word
History of the Church II	Psalm I
Urbanity and Ethics for Leaders	Psalm II
Ministry of Counseling	Prison Ministry
Exegetical Methods	Introduction to the History of Israel
Elective	Elective

Currently, our program provides a full catalog of courses for the Associate's degree, with a Bachelor's degree program launching in January 2025. For more information on enrollment, please scan the QR Code

Blessings,
Pastor Steven Rodriguez



**TRAINING AT YOUR
FINGER TIPS...**
you can gain confidence in
your ability to make learning
meaningful and effective.





TRAINING AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS & WRITERS



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Dr. Joel Dominguez, District Training Coordinator

It is an honor to present myself to you as the District Training Coordinator in the Apostolic Assembly.

Our Mission is to equip and empower Apostolic church leaders with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual foundation necessary to lead effectively, disciple faithfully, and serve their church and church communities with Christ-centered love and integrity.

Our Vision is to see a generation of Apostolic church leaders who are spiritually mature, biblically grounded, and fully prepared to lead congregations and ministries that thrive in spiritual growth, community impact, and faithful stewardship of the Gospel.

Why District Trainings? Culture has changed; thus, our organization's mentality should be current with the culture change. Leaders today require training that deepens biblical literacy and theological understanding to counter misinformation and uphold sound Apostolic doctrine in an age of social and digital influence. With increasing mental health challenges worldwide, church leaders also need continued skills in pastoral counseling and mental health awareness to provide compassionate support for congregants.

Furthermore, digital literacy has become essential, as churches leverage online media platforms for outreach, discipleship, and communication; training in digital ministry tools and social media can help leaders reach broader audiences effectively.

The need for cultural competence is also greater than ever, as church leaders are called to serve diverse communities with sensitivity to cultural backgrounds and social issues, including justice and equality. Leadership development in resilience, conflict resolution, and ethical decision-making equips church leaders to navigate these complex times while upholding Christian values.

Training for church leaders is essential to equip them with the spiritual, theological, and practical skills needed to shepherd God's people effectively. The Bible highlights the importance of preparation and guidance for leaders. In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul instructs Timothy, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." This verse emphasizes the need for diligent study and understanding of God's Word.

Additionally, Ephesians 4:11-12 notes that God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Training helps leaders grow in wisdom, discernment, and pastoral care, enabling them to teach accurately, counsel effectively, and lead with integrity. The early church also modeled mentorship, as seen in Paul's relationship with Timothy and Titus, illustrating that leaders are strengthened through accountability and discipleship. Proper training builds a foundation for church leaders to serve faithfully, reflect Christ, and nurture their congregations according to biblical principles.

**Training church leaders is essential for a few key reasons:****1. Spiritual Depth and Maturity**

Leaders need a strong foundation in their Apostolic faith to guide others effectively. Training helps them deepen their understanding of the Bible, cultivate a life of prayer, and grow in spiritual maturity.

2. Effective Leadership and Discipleship

Church leadership involves guiding, teaching, and disciplining others. Training equips leaders with skills in communication, conflict resolution, and decision-making, all crucial for creating healthy, disciple-making communities.

3. Adaptability to Modern Challenges

Churches today face diverse challenges, from cultural shifts to new technological environments. Training prepares leaders to navigate these changes with wisdom, integrity, and relevance without compromising core biblical principles.

4. Community Impact and Outreach

A well-trained leader is better able to mobilize their congregation or ministry for service, foster meaningful connections, and lead outreach efforts that positively impact the wider community.

5. Accountability and Integrity

Leadership training often emphasizes character development, accountability, and integrity, helping leaders avoid the pitfalls that can hinder their ministry and damage trust within the church.

In 2023, we were grateful to have held a 6-week District Training Seminar on "Teaching Techniques" through Zoom. We had over 300 connections and over 500 virtual attendees and received excellent reports on the impact these trainings had on all participants.

These training sessions are aimed at strengthening the local leadership of the congregations, the link will be provided to the pastors and will help us to better prepare our church to have a safe and comfortable environment for all church attendees.

Our goals for 2025 are to hold training seminars on the following topics:

- Awakening the gift of teaching in local church members.
- Training for writers.
- Specialized courses: Platform, altar, courtesy, follow-up, use of technology, etc.
- Create formal and uniform training on sexual harassment and child abuse prevention.

In Appreciation,

Dr. Joel Dominguez
District Training Coordinator



IABC LITERATURE AND WRITERS



IABC LITERATURE AND WRITERS

Roberto Tinoco, IABC Writer's Coordinator

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

The IABC writing committee exists to provide tools to the IABC teachers and updated materials to the students. The Vision is to raise the academic standard of the school and connect students to the mission of the Apostolic Assembly.

NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

One of the IABC's challenges is the availability of academic materials. We do not have all the written books and the ones we do have must be updated to meet the needs of the students. There is also a great struggle to obtain them, since many times they are not in print. Finally, in a technological world, there is no digital material available to students, especially young people.

SOLUTION OR ANSWER TO THE AFOREMENTIONED CRISIS

- The curriculum needs to be updated and adapted to the vision of the Apostolic Assembly. Currently, not only candidates for the ministry study but also ladies, young women and young men who do not aspire to the ministry.
- All materials need to be updated to the new curriculum.
- Finally, the materials need to be digitized and made accessible to teachers, students and the general public, so that they can download them to their tablets, computers, Kindle books, etc.

The IABC manuals are currently being written, but apostolic writers are needed to complete them. So, if you have those skills, this is your opportunity. Please contact the Christian Education department at ce@apostolicassembly.org to join the team.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN ACADEMIES



A PATH TO FAITH AND EXCELLENCE

Elder Omar & Damaris Cortez, Coordinators

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is the establishment and flourishing of Christian schools throughout our beloved Apostolic Assembly. By providing essential resources, comprehensive guidance, and unwavering support, we aim to empower churches to create educational environments where faith and learning are seamlessly integrated, nurturing the spiritual, intellectual, and moral development of every student.

VISION

Our vision is to partner with Pastors to establish Christian Academies within local churches. These schools will serve as beacons of faith-based education, instilling Christian teachings, godly values, and core principles. Through this collaborative effort, we aspire to develop strong families, vibrant churches, and resilient communities anchored in faith and academic excellence.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Christian academies offer a holistic approach to education, blending academic excellence with spiritual growth. This comprehensive educational model ensures that students not only acquire knowledge and skills but also develop a deep understanding of their faith. By fostering intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development, Christian academies prepare students to navigate life's challenges with integrity, purpose, and resilience. This holistic approach is vital in shaping well-rounded individuals who are equipped to contribute positively to society and live fulfilling lives.

STRONG MORAL FOUNDATION

In today's rapidly changing world, where ethical standards are often questioned, Christian academies play a crucial role in providing a stable moral foundation. Rooted in biblical principles, these schools teach students to discern right from wrong and to act with integrity in all areas of life. The emphasis on moral education helps students develop a strong sense of character and ethical responsibility. This moral grounding is essential for producing individuals who are not only successful in their personal and professional lives but also committed to making ethical decisions and contributing positively to their communities.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Christian academies create a strong sense of community among students, parents, teachers, and the wider church congregation. This sense of belonging fosters mutual support, accountability, and shared commitment to the educational and spiritual development of



the next generation. By involving the entire community in the educational process, Christian academies promote unity, cooperation, and a collective sense of purpose. This communal approach strengthens the bonds between the church and the broader community, creating a supportive network that enhances the overall educational experience and fosters a sense of belonging and security.

FAITH INTEGRATION

Integrating faith into every aspect of education helps students see the relevance of their beliefs in everyday life. Christian academies offer a curriculum that aligns with Christian values, helping students understand and apply their faith across various academic disciplines. This integration reinforces the importance of a Christ-centered worldview and helps students see the interconnectedness of their faith with their studies, relationships, and future careers. By viewing their education through the lens of faith, students are better prepared to navigate the complexities of the world with a strong sense of purpose and direction.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Christian academies are dedicated to developing future leaders who are grounded in their faith. By providing opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership training, and community service, these schools prepare students to lead with compassion, wisdom, and a servant's heart. Christian academies instill in students the qualities of humility, integrity, and a commitment to serving others, which are essential for effective leadership. Graduates are equipped to influence and transform their communities and the world for Christ, bringing about positive change and advancing the Kingdom of God through their leadership and service.

ENCOURAGING PASTORS TO PRIORITIZE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pastors play a pivotal role in establishing Christian academies. Their leadership, vision, and dedication to faith-based education are critical in bringing this mission to fruition. Here are key reasons why pastors should prioritize the establishment of Christian academies within their congregations:

- 1. Spiritual Nurturing:** Christian academies provide a nurturing environment where students can grow in their faith. Pastors, as spiritual leaders, have the opportunity to oversee and guide this process, ensuring that the teachings of Christ are at the heart of the educational experience.
- 2. Academic Excellence:** By integrating rigorous academic standards with Christian values, pastors can ensure that students receive a well-rounded education that prepares them for future success. This combination fosters a love for learning and a commitment to excellence in all areas of life.
- 3. Moral and Ethical Development:** In a world where moral and ethical standards are often compromised, Christian academies offer a foundation built on biblical principles. Pastors can reinforce these values through their involvement in the school's curriculum and activities, helping to shape students into morally responsible individuals.
- 4. Community Engagement:** Establishing a Christian academy within a church fosters a stronger sense of community. It brings together students, parents, and church members in a shared mission of education and faith development. Pastors can play a crucial role in fostering this sense of unity and purpose.
- 5. Leadership Cultivation:** Christian academies are fertile ground for developing future leaders. Pastors can mentor students, providing guidance and opportunities for them to practice leadership within the school and the church. This investment in leadership development will yield benefits for the church and the broader community.
- 6. Long-term Impact:** The establishment of Christian academies ensures a lasting legacy of faith-based education. Pastors can take pride in knowing that their efforts have contributed to the spiritual and intellectual growth of future generations, creating a foundation for strong families and communities rooted in Christian values.

The importance of having a Christian academy cannot be overstated. These institutions play a critical role in shaping the minds and hearts of the next generation, preparing them to navigate the complexities of the modern world with faith, wisdom, and integrity. By providing a holistic education, instilling strong moral values, fostering a sense of community, integrating faith into every aspect of learning, and developing future leaders, Christian academies make a profound and lasting impact on students, families, churches, and communities. They are a beacon of hope and a testament to the transformative power of a Christ-centered education.

Pastors, as the shepherds of their congregations, are uniquely positioned to lead this charge. By prioritizing the establishment of Christian academies, they can ensure that the next generation is equipped with the knowledge, values, and faith needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Together, we can build a future where faith and learning are seamlessly integrated, creating a legacy of academic excellence and spiritual growth that will endure for generations to come.

CE FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Elder Luis E. Montero, D. Min

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT:

First and foremost, I want to give God all the glory for the gift of life and the Christian Education Department under the direction of Bishop Armando Tamez for the opportunity to serve the Apostolic Assembly globally. The mission and vision of Christian Education Internationally is to work hand in hand with the International Missions Department in establishing the International Apostolic Bible College (IABC) globally and starting schools of Christian education in the parts of the world where there isn't one. This will involve systematically identifying the needed regions, collaborating with local leaders, and providing the necessary resources and support. Also, to strengthen and assist the existing IABC colleges. I will work with the Secretaries of Education, Bishops in each region, Missionaries, and others in education in their respective countries or regions. I would also develop a contextualized, functional, accessible, and practical Christian Education curriculum from IABC in the International Missionary Field, ensuring its practicality and effectiveness. In addition, I will support the global IABC graduations, educational seminars, and capacitation training focusing on the strategy of Jesus. Establish Schools of Pastoral Formation in the different parts and regions of the globe. Lastly, to form a team of Educators and Writers who will elaborate on the academic materials.

WHY ARE YOU LEADING THIS COMMISSION?

I lead this commission because my gift and passion is teaching and preaching the gospel. As a facilitator, I find immense joy in empowering Apostolic men and women globally through the gospel, Christian education, and academic formation. My role in this commission is crucial, and I am committed to supporting and empowering academically, financially, and spiritually our present and future leaders in our Apostolic Assembly. I am also passionate about inviting other educators and pastors to join me in this mission as we work globally for the kingdom of God, winning souls for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

WHAT NEEDS DO YOU SEE IN THE APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY (A.A.) CONCERNING YOUR RESPECTIVE COORDINATION/COMMITTEE?

The primary goal of addressing the committee needs within the Apostolic Assembly is to tackle the economic, religious, and political restrictions that countries and regions around the globe (i.e., Cuba, Venezuela, India, and Nepal, to name a few) have placed on the congregations in the different parts of the world. Economically, this committee has provided financial assistance to the Bishops, Pastors, Secretaries of Education, Director of the IABC, and Missionaries' leadership to offset some of the costs and expenditures of working for the Lord in their respective countries or region of the world. The Internet in these restricted countries and parts of the world is limited; however, our commitment to support through technology remains unwavering. We are dedicated to providing PDF



documents, computers, projectors, screens, pre-recorded IABC, and Strategy of Jesus lessons to countries with religious and political restrictions through the Internet, offering hope for the future of education.

WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS OR ANSWERS TO THE CRISIS ABOVE IN THE ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY COORDINATION/COMMITTEE?

To achieve this, I plan to create a database (e-mails, phone numbers, addresses, etc.) that will include all the Bishops, Secretaries of Education, and Missionaries in the countries and regions that have an International Apostolic Bible College (IABC) effectively operating. This database will cover North America (Canada and Mexico), Central America, the Caribbean, South America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, and will be instrumental in managing IABC graduations and certifications in a Bachelor in Theology 4-year degree and an Associate in Theology 2-year degree. Academic completion of theology coursework is a prerequisite for effective leadership in the ministry. These IABC degrees and certifications play a crucial role in this process, constitutionally and educationally, preparing for Academic completion of theology coursework is a prerequisite for effective leadership in the ministry. These IABC degrees and certifications play a crucial role in this process, constitutionally and educationally, in preparing future deacons and ordained ministers to lead our Apostolic Assembly in their respective countries and regions of the world. Academic completion of theology coursework is a prerequisite for effective leadership in the ministry. These IABC degrees and certifications play a crucial role in this process, constitutionally and educationally, in preparing future deacons and ordained ministers to lead our Apostolic Assembly in their respective countries and regions of the world. Future deacons and ordained ministers to lead our Apostolic Assembly in their respective countries and regions of the world.

The first pressing need in the A.A. is a reliable global Internet connection. This is crucial for conducting Zoom meetings (IABC Academic Presentations, Strategy of Jesus, and Committee Meetings) with participants from various countries, regions, and time zones. While this need may not be as urgent in the Apostolic Assembly in North, Central, Caribbean, and South America, it is a significant challenge outside the United States, particularly in countries and regions like Asia, Southeast Asia, and Africa. The lack of a robust international internet connection could potentially hinder our global communication efforts, underscoring the urgency of this need.

The second critical need in the A.A. is the translation of all IABC 40 digital (PDF) course curriculum academic materials into English or Spanish. This is crucial for making the materials accessible to a wider audience in Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe. The translators for this task must be fluent in their respective languages or dialects. It's a monumental task, but with the help of the Lord, this department is committed to completing it.

The third urgent need is to provide a cost-effective academic IABC program for different parts and regions of the globe. Under the leadership of Bishop Armando Tamez, the Christian Education Department's vision has been to budget and financially assist different countries and areas of the world with a cost-effective curriculum for economically challenged countries and regions. However, our department urgently needs to develop effective fundraising activities within the Apostolic Assembly churches in North America. These activities are of utmost importance as they would alleviate some of the costs and expenditures, ensuring the continuation of our mission.

CONCLUSION

With the Lord's help and Apostolic Assembly, committee aims to achieve the following goals: We will accomplish these above needs by coming together as one body in Christ. We will pray, fast, travel, sacrifice ourselves, communicate (e-mails, texts, phone calls, Zoom meetings, and IABC presentations), and financially donate to the international education and mission fields. We aim to impact and change the world through IABC, one student at a time, Strategy of Jesus, and Schools of Pastoral Formation. We will use the most potent means of transformation- education. This committee can bring about significant change to this hurting world through the transformative power of education and the Apostolic Assembly's commitment to lives, time, money, and resources as a testament to this potential undertaking.

Currently, our committee has done the following to enhance the kingdom of God globally through Christian education: In May of 2024, I was able to join Bishop John Mark Almaraz, Bishop President Felipe Salazar, Bishop Steve Moran, and Bishop Armando Tamez to Ciego Avila, Cuba for a Strategy of Jesus Seminar to 22 pastors. Where we went to organize the IABC groups throughout the Island. We appointed Pastor Rolando Cano as the IABC director. Under his leadership, it has been reported to this coordinator that 122 students are currently enrolled in the Associate Degree program of the IABC. I would be remiss if I did not inform you that this educational endeavor has endured many religious and political trials and tribulations. But for the glory of God, this educational endeavor has continued to flourish one day at a time, a testament to our collective efforts and a source of pride and optimism for all of us.



In June 2024, this committee, working in conjunction with Bishop John Almaraz and Bishop Fernando Perez for the glory of God, spearheaded a Strategy of Jesus (SOJ) Zoom meeting for all the pastors and missionaries in the Caribbean and Central America. Under the tutelage of Bishop Elias Paez and his committee in Sinaloa, Mexico, pastors and missionaries are being taught church growth, pastoral development, and spiritual leadership. These SOJ meetings are taught monthly, and we are proud to have over 50 pastors and leaders involved, a testament to the scale and impact of these meetings.

This committee has also financially assisted Bishop Fernando Perez in the region of Central America with a donation of \$1,500 dollars. This donation was made by Pastors Elias and Mary Montes from Houston, TX, to help buy a computer and projector for 20 pastors in the country of Venezuela. With this computer and projector, these pastors can come together in an assigned internet location in Venezuela and receive the Jesus Strategy and IABC presentations. The country of Venezuela has presented a religious challenge because of its leftist, socialist, and political ideology. The Venezuelan Consulate has issued no religious visas to the Apostolic Assembly organization. However, despite all these obstacles, the church of God remains steadfast in its commitment to its mission, using education as the most transformative mode of change.

Lastly, this committee met in March of 2024 at the Union City, California Apostolic Church to discuss how this committee can work together with Bishop Joe Prado and Bishop Andrew Lopez in Asia. Bishop Tamez and I met with Bishop Prado and Bishop Lopez to emphasize our collaborative efforts in strategizing how the Christian Education Department, through IABC, will assist and support the successful missionary work that is being done in Asia and Southeast Asia. In August 2024, it was reported to me via E-mail by Bishop Lopez that the Apostolic Assembly had baptized 19 pastors in the country of Cambodia and approximately 50 pastors in China. Bishop Lopez has informed me that we currently have 40 pastors registered at IABC in the country of India. We have two ongoing classes in India. One is on Friday evenings at 8:30 pm PST in Hindi, and one is on Monday at 6:30 am PST in Telugu. We are also excited to share that we are preparing to begin IABC classes in Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar with approximately 25 to 35 pastors and look forward to starting classes soon. Nepal and Pakistan are also requesting Bible College courses. This committee sent the IABC Associate Degree curriculum PDF files to Bishop Lopez via e-mail so he could jumpstart the IABC program in Asia and Southeast Asia.

In closing, I want to reaffirm my unwavering commitment to the role of international coordinator for the Christian Education Department and the IABC. It is a great honor and privilege to be entrusted with this responsibility, and I am fully dedicated to using this platform to advance the kingdom of God through the transformative power of education. I am deeply grateful for your vote of confidence, Bishop Tamez, and your words of encouragement, and Minister Alex Tarin for his support and tireless commitment to excellence to the Lord. Together, as a team, may our collective efforts be blessed as we work tirelessly to spread the message of Christ to the world.

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SCHOOL OF PASTORAL FORMATION



EQUIPPING THOSE CALLED TO PASTORAL MINISTRY

Bishop Jesse Valdez, Coordinator

The School of Pastoral Formation is an intensive training program dedicated to equipping those called to pastoral ministry. Through mentorship, networking, and hands-on training, the School of Pastoral Formation develops pastors who are confident, well-prepared, and embody the heart of true “servant-leaders,” capable of thriving even in the face of adversity. While the School has evolved over the years (formerly COST and SOPP), its mission remains rooted in the Great Commission: “Go and make disciples of all nations.” This divine mandate fuels our commitment to developing Apostolic disciples, worldwide. Our vision is to have attendees from every church within the Apostolic Assembly, both nationally and internationally. Although ambitious, we trust God will provide the resources needed to reach ministers who are eager to “present [themselves] approved to God, [workers] who [do] not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

Amid this season of remarkable church growth, we recognize an urgent need to build strong pastors and a stronger network of pastoral support. Many ministries have been lost to the challenges pastors face because moments in ministry can be isolating and lead to discouragement. In today’s increasingly complex society, the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual burdens that pastors carry are profound. The pressing question is: How do we overcome the “Elijah syndrome” that often challenges pastors today?

It’s time for a culture change. For too long, we’ve fostered an environment where pastors are expected to “suffer in silence”, or be “thrown into the fire.” This is not to say that experience has not been a great teacher. Although these trials can strengthen one’s faith and dependence on the Lord, imagine how much more effective and inspired our pastors could be with proper training and resources to face adversity. The School of Pastoral Formation has been completely re-envisioned to nurture the next generation of pastors, empowering them to surpass the milestones of those who came before. This intensive course offers “spiritual fathering” and companionship, fostering relationships that empower attendees to disciple others. This approach mirrors the “three-fold” relationships seen in the life of Paul with Gamaliel, Barnabas, and Timothy.

Cultural transformation doesn’t happen overnight, but by taking strategic steps, we can help everyone acclimate to a new era of ministry. Although we seek to maintain the integrity of our values and doctrine, our commitment is to create a shift in the culture of ministry through the following steps:



- 1. Enhance student-instructor connections** – Develop communication channels that foster stronger bonds of mentorship between instructors and students.
- 2. Provide a well-structured curriculum** – Move beyond general topics to offer in-depth training that meets the specific needs of students, allows them to develop their gifts, and shows them how to exercise them.
- 3. Invest in instructor training** – Equip instructors to communicate effectively and present their topics with clarity.
- 4. Address language barriers** – Implement solutions to overcome language barriers, including translation and offering courses in the native languages of attendees.

In 2023, we welcomed 176 attendees and celebrated 39 graduates. In 2024, we had 140 attendees and 25 graduates. As we take these steps to better serve our students, we also call upon our students to fulfill their commitment by attending the 2025 School of Pastoral Formation. We encourage all who feel called to pastoral ministry to invest in this opportunity and join us on June 9th-13th, 2025, in Union City, CA, for a transformative experience. As you commit to this journey, we commit to pouring invaluable lessons and experiences into your lives and ministries. Above all, let us continually seek to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18) as we continue to “Call, Empower, and Send” (Acts 13:3).



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IABC LITERATURE AND WRITERS



APOSTOLIC LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Dr. Omar Arzate

“EXALT CHRIST, EQUIP THE CHURCH, EVANGELIZE THE WORLD.”

With this fundamental phrase of our organization, the Apostolic Literature Committee establishes its mission to Equip the Church with the apostolic Word and doctrine. The mission of the Apostolic Literature Committee is derived from the Mission of our Apostolic Assembly, which is also based on the commission given by Jesus to make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19) and to build the Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, the chief cornerstone being Jesus Christ Himself (Eph. 4:12). In other words, equipping the saints in apostolic doctrine defines our mission and our reason for being.

From our mission flows the vision of the Apostolic Literature Committee to provide God’s people with apostolic literature that will ground believers in apostolic principles and assist them in their spiritual growth and knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

Since the Apostolic Assembly is a dynamic, expanding, and exponentially growing organization throughout the world, it faces the challenge of providing the faithful with literature that instructs them in sound doctrine and provides them with tools to counteract the false philosophies and influences that damage the integrity of our apostolic life. Faced with such an enormous and demanding challenge, the Apostolic Literature Committee is faced with the need to find apostolic writers, translators, and editors to assist in the mission of equipping the saints in our churches.

In order to meet these challenges, we have set ourselves the task of searching among our brethren in the Apostolic Assembly for those apostolics who wish to join our committee to be part of this dynamic team with enthusiasm to contribute to the edification of God’s people.

Our goal for this administration is to find personnel to form a team of:

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| a) Permanent writers for adult expositors: | 5. | b) Permanent writers for youth expositors: | 6. |
| c) Permanent writers for juniors expositors: | 5. | d) Permanent writers for children’s expositors: | 6. |
| e) Permanent writers for pastoral literature: | 5. | f) Permanent writers for evangelism literature: | 5. |

In conclusion, our overall goal is that in the next 5 years maximum, we can gradually provide apostolic literature to train all the apostolic people in five languages: Spanish, English, Italian, Portuguese, and Hindi.

Our challenges are great; our calling is great; our vision is powerful. For this reason, I invite you to contact us at arzateomar7@aol.com or (915) 630-1154 if you would like to be part of this innovative team.

APOSTOLIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



APOSTOLIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dr. Arnulfo Cedillo

The mission of this commission is to develop an accredited liberal arts Apostolic Theological Seminary within a reasonable amount of time. The vision is to educate Apostolic men and women to serve in leadership positions in corporate, educational, and other organizations that will directly impact the communities in which they live. I am privileged to lead this commission per the request of the Secretary of Christian Education due to my background in higher education administration, experience as an elected trustee for an educational institution, and knowledge of the accreditation process.

Within the Apostolic Assembly, there is no accredited seminary. Although the assembly has International Bible College campuses in every district and region, none of these campuses are accredited. We have Apostolic youth graduating from high schools throughout the country who have wanted to attend an accredited Apostolic Theological Seminary, but there is none. We have many Apostolic youth who aspire to obtain an accredited higher education degree within a Christian environment, but up to this point, the Apostolic Assembly has not had an accredited Apostolic Theological Seminary that we could point to and direct our youth to attend. The last need to recognize is the thousands of youths within our ranks, graduating from high school, and no accredited Apostolic Theological Seminary as a choice to consider attending.

The solution to the need raised in the previous question is to develop an Apostolic Theological Seminary. This is the only solution that we can consider and control within the organization. Our youth will pursue higher education opportunities! If we do not provide an accredited higher education institution, they will attend another accredited institution that works for them. We need to offer our membership a higher education opportunity and an accredited Apostolic University is the solution.

The only viable goal is to establish an accredited Apostolic University, however long it takes.

The current state of affairs is as follows:

1. Identification of a higher education consultant, familiar with the accreditation process, and the regional accreditation commission. (done)
2. Signing the consultant to a contract and begin the development process. (in process)
3. Development of a 501(c3) organization (in process)
4. Selection of a board of directors for the educational Apostolic University. (in process)
5. Agreement on the strategic development of Apostolic University foundational process (in process)
6. Development of vision, mission, naming of institution, administrative structure, academic curriculum, financial structure. (in planning phase)
7. Discussion of brick/mortar facilities, as well as on-line structure (in planning phase)
8. Development of initial opening of Apostolic University. (in planning phase)



APOSTOLIC COMMITTEE OF EDUCATORS



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Minister Jason and Dr. Ruth Crutchfield, Coordinators

MISSION AND VISION

The mission of the Apostolic Committee of Educators (ACE) is trifold - to impact the education in the Apostolic Assembly, to ensure longevity and consistency in the Apostolic learner, and to form a mature and solid member of the Apostolic Assembly. The vision of the ACE is to elicit a culture of Education and create an appreciation for learning and education.

THE TEAM

The ACE team is comprised of the coordinators, Dr. Ruth and Minister Jason Crutchfield, and the administrator, Pastor Daniel Martinez.



Pastor Daniel Martinez
Administrator

Dr. Ruth Crutchfield holds a doctorate in speech-language pathology, a master's in communication disorders bilingual-bicultural, a bachelor's in communication disorders, and a bachelor's in theology. Academically, Dr. Crutchfield has taught at a public University of Texas School for the past 16 years and is a tenured Professor. Her experiences in Christian Education in the Apostolic Assembly range from being an invited professor for CBAI Colombia, teaching all levels of Sunday School, to, most recently, teaching the Messengers of Peace at her local church. Dr. Crutchfield is currently serving her second term as the Apostolic Assembly National Dorcas Confederation Secretary.

Minister Crutchfield holds a master's in history, a bachelor's in social studies, and holds an associate degree in theology. Academically, Minister Crutchfield has been teaching for 13 years in the Texas public schools, is a three-time teacher of the year winner, has 12 years of department head experience, has three years of dean of instruction experience, is a 9-time district recognized mentor teacher, a 4-time Advanced Placement College board mentor teacher and is a Texas Education Agency designated master teacher. His experiences in Christian Education include teaching adults and the Messengers of Peace in various courses such as discipleship and spiritual growth, and he is an ordained minister on the pastoral team at Christian Praise Tabernacle.

Pastor Daniel Martinez is pastoring in House of Hope in Harlingen, Texas, where he has developed an active ministry in reaching the community through multiple events geared towards the various populations that are served within the assembly. He has created thriving events such as Congreso Manto Apostolico Supernatural (MAS), Heavens Declare, and Anointed Women's Conference that are impacting the surrounding communities and reaching souls for Christ. Pastor Martinez is also the South Texas District Treasurer and has served on the same district board as Secretary as well.



THE NEED

For the first time in the history of the Apostolic Assembly, professional educators from across the nation are being brought together to engage in a concerted effort to initiate a shift in our Apostolic Christian Education. Through the vision that God has placed in Bishop Armando Tamez, Bishop Secretary of Christian Education, the ACE was born.

The specific need that this commission is filling is the need for a solid curriculum that is founded on our Apostolic principles and with a solid instructional framework. With a solid curriculum, we will be able to shift and form the children and youth in our Christian education classrooms.

THE SOLUTION

The response to this need is the formation of the ACE. Through the ACE, we are bringing together strong and prepared teachers within our assembly who are willing to give their time and, most importantly, their professional skills to create a core curriculum for our children and young people. Through structured curriculum writing efforts, the ACE is functioning and is creating this curriculum. Our team members are demonstrating their consistency in heeding the call, attending the meeting, and completing the objective and standard writing tasks that are necessary to build this curriculum.

THE GOALS

Our goals are to create a Core Curriculum that will be used within the Apostolic Assembly local churches for Christian Education for all grade levels and to recruit a minimum of 100 professionals as ACE Core team members to complete the curriculum writing by December of 2024. We can meet our goals with the support of our Apostolic Assembly professional educators.

THE OUTCOMES

The ACE has been active and completed the following:

- On 4.5-7.24, ACE completed the ACE Summit at the Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel, where 25 professionals from across the nation attended. By the end of this one-day workshop, ACE had created the beginnings of a Core Curriculum for Apostolic Christian Education.
- On 5.3.24, Dr. Crutchfield submitted an article for publication along with photos in the Apostolic Herald to Minister Tarin. This article was submitted in English and Spanish.
- On 6.24.24, Minister Crutchfield and Dr. Crutchfield presented on Lesson development to the international writers' meeting hosted by Bishop Tamez via Zoom.
- On 6.28.24, Dr. Crutchfield promoted ACE on a national platform at the AA Dorcas Heart, Souls, and Mind Women's Conference in Chicago, Illinois. The promotion was done via a 5-minute oral presentation and continuous play of the 1.5-minute recap ACE summit video.
- On 7.1.24, Minister Crutchfield and Dr. Crutchfield developed Core Standards in preparation for the 7.16.24 Working Zoom meeting. These standards were submitted to Bishop Tamez on 7.15.24 for feedback via email.
- On 7.16.24, ACE held the first working meeting via Zoom, where Minister Crutchfield presented depth and complexity in standard objective writing. Dr. Crutchfield presented the 56 standards developed. We had 17 ACE core team members attend. Team members were placed in breakout rooms. At the end of this first meeting, we had completed objectives for one full standard.
- On 8.13.24 and 9.17.24, the ACE core team met via Zoom and continued with writing objectives through breakout rooms.
- On 8.29.24, Dr. Crutchfield promoted the ACE on a national platform at the AA Dorcas Heart, Souls, and Mind Women's Conference in Palm Springs, CA. The promotion was done via a 5-minute oral presentation and continuous play of the 1.5-minute recap ACE summit video.
- On 10.26.24, ACE held a three-hour Virtual Writing Summit via Zoom.

THE CALL

Yes, we have made progress; however, what we need currently is professional educator power. If you are an Apostolic professional educator, this is the time to connect and make an impact on the Christian Education of our Assembly. The time is now. Use your professional skillset to bless the body of Christ. Contact Dr. Ruth – (956) 655-4622, Minister Jason (956) 827-3600 or Pastor Daniel (956) 639-4301 and connect with ACE!



APOSTOLIC HOMESCHOOL NETWORK



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Our mission is to build an Apostolic homeschool network that offers the best resources and options tailored to Apostolic families. This platform serves as a comprehensive hub for parents to explore homeschooling choices while benefiting from a strong support system. Here, you'll find the guidance, resources, accountability, and fellowship needed to thrive in your homeschooling journey. While homeschooling can sometimes feel overwhelming and isolating, it doesn't have to be. Our goal is to create a welcoming community that equips parents with the tools, support, and encouragement to succeed in both educating their children and nurturing their faith. By providing a space where families can connect, learn from one another, and access the tools they need, we hope to help parents build a solid foundation for their children's education and spiritual growth. This committee is about more than just academics—it's about building strong Apostolic families who are equipped to navigate the challenges of today's world with faith and confidence.

In addition to the practical support we offer, I am driven by a deep conviction that homeschooling provides a unique opportunity for Apostolic families to safeguard their children's spiritual development and values. We live in a time when outside influences are increasingly at odds with the principles we hold dear, and I believe homeschooling allows parents to create an environment where their children can thrive academically while staying rooted in Apostolic doctrine. By leading this commission, my goal is to provide families with the tools and fellowship they need to homeschool successfully, ensuring that no one feels alone in their journey. Together, we can build a strong, unified network that equips parents to raise the next generation of Apostolic leaders ready to stand firm in their faith.

One of the primary needs I see within the Apostolic Assembly concerning our homeschool coordination is the lack of accessible, faith-based educational resources tailored to Apostolic families. Many parents feel called to homeschool but are unsure where to start or how to navigate the complexities of homeschooling while maintaining Apostolic principles. There is also a need for stronger community and support systems among homeschooling families, as many feel isolated or overwhelmed in their journey.

Additionally, I see a growing need for educational resources that address the specific challenges Apostolic families face today—whether it's providing guidance on structuring a curriculum that aligns with our faith or offering workshops and mentorship to help parents feel equipped and confident. There's also a need for consistent fellowship and accountability, so parents have the tools, encouragement, and support to succeed in homeschooling. Our goal is to fill these gaps by building a network that fosters unity, provides practical help, and ensures families have a strong foundation to guide their children both academically and spiritually.



Here are four solutions to address the challenges:

1. Centralized Apostolic Homeschool Resource Hub: Create a one-stop platform offering Apostolic-based curricula, guides, and educational materials to help parents integrate faith into their homeschooling journey seamlessly.

2. Community Building and Support Networks: Establish local and virtual Apostolic homeschooling communities for parents to share resources and ideas and provide mutual support, reducing isolation and fostering collaboration.

3. Workshops and Training Programs: Offer regular workshops and mentorship programs to equip parents with the tools, knowledge, and confidence they need to homeschool successfully while maintaining Apostolic principles.

4. Leadership and Outreach: Build alliances with Apostolic leaders and local church communities to expand outreach and host a homeschool community or workshop.

Ultimately, the goal we want to achieve is to build a thriving Apostolic homeschool network that empowers parents with the resources, community, and guidance they need to homeschool successfully, all while staying rooted in the Apostolic faith. However, the current state shows that many parents feel overwhelmed by the challenges of homeschooling, often lacking the support and tools to confidently educate their children. While we've made significant strides—creating a website, creating a Facebook group, hosting workshops, forming committees, and gathering resources—the need continues to grow. Families are still searching for community, guidance, fellowship, and practical solutions to sustain their homeschooling journey.

This is where you can help us! To truly make this vision a reality, we need dedicated homeschool individuals to help expand and strengthen this network. Whether by leading a local homeschool community, sharing your expertise, or simply offering support to fellow parents, your involvement is crucial.

If you are a Pastor, your church can be an essential part of this growing movement by hosting a local Apostolic homeschool community, helping families unite in both faith and education. Your church's involvement will have a lasting impact on the next generation—join us in this mission!

Together, we can provide the foundation families need to raise their children in both academic excellence and Apostolic values. Let's unite to ensure no family feels alone in this mission—your help can make all the difference!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



THE ABC'S OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cynthia Guzman

Vacation Bible School is an outreach to teach the gospel. It's also an evangelistic tool. VBS will help churches fulfill the Great Commission. (Matthew 18:19).

I, Cynthia Guzman as an Educator and a Creator of Children's Ministry have been given the opportunity along with other colleagues of the Apostolic Assembly. Together we have been endorsed by the Christian Education Department to embark on creating a Teaching Kit of 5 days which will include all materials for an "ABC - VBS".

A - ACTION

VBS funnels all the summer energy into positive opportunities for activities that will be spiritual, physical, creative, relational, plus educational!

B - BOOST

VBS provides essential Bible lessons that are presented in our age - appropriate, along with worship, hands on activities, and service packaged to reach the hearts of children.

C - COMMUNITY

VBS enhances children's personal-spiritual journey, a week at their church campus. This will help them feel at home and the desire to share with others.

ABOUT OUR NEW COORDINATOR:

Cynthia Guzman was born in Long Beach, California, and currently resides in Fresno, California. She has been an elementary teacher for 41 years with the Fresno Unified School District, where she has held various leadership roles. Through these positions, Cynthia has had the honor of implementing accountability strategies to strengthen educational leadership within the district.

Cynthia has been married to Pastor Arthur Guzman for 40 years, and together they have three married children and nine beloved grandchildren, experiencing the joy of seeing their family grow. They serve as pastors at Family Vine Ministries in the North Central California District. Cynthia has held numerous positions within the district and currently serves as the treasurer for the Ladies Ministry.

In 2017, Cynthia joined International Embracing Hope of the Apostolic Assembly, where she established the children's ministry Fierce Hearts. Inspired by a desire to offer hope to those in need of encouragement, Cynthia created this ministry to provide support and positivity to children and families facing illness or adversity.

IABC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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Dr. Lisa Marroquin, Ed. D.,

“We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results.” Herman Melville

As we journey through life we will experience all different types of relationships. It would be untruthful of us to think that we can make it to our destination completely on our own. Galatians 6:2 reminds us to **“Carry each other’s burdens”** and as IABC graduates, we share an invisible thread that is connected to the next generation of students, a thread that not everyone shares. This IABC Alumni Association is a conduit where your actions cause results for current and future students. Results that will bear much fruit. Results that will aid our beloved Apostolic Assembly. Results that will encourage and inspire a generation of young and old students alike to not only start but finish their academic endeavors. Being tethered together by this common bond I highlight the vision and mission of this IABC Alumni Association.

VISION

Building meaningful relationships with students and alumni is strategically important for the growth and advancement of higher education programs. Enrolled students at institutions benefit from the mentorship opportunities and connections that engaged alumni bring.

The vision of the IABC Alumni Association is: To cultivate a dynamic global community of Apostolic International Bible College Alumni, united in faith and purpose, empowered to impact their communities and the world through Christ-centered leadership, lifelong learning, and collaborative ministry.

MISSION

The IABC Alumni Association is dedicated to:

1. **Fostering Connection:** Building a strong network among alumni that encourages relationships, mentorship, and support within the Apostolic faith.
2. **Promoting Growth:** Providing ongoing educational opportunities, resources, and events that enhance spiritual development and professional skills.
3. **Encouraging Service:** Inspiring alumni to actively engage in their communities and churches, promoting outreach, mission work, and service projects that reflect the love of Christ.



4. Advocating for Excellence: Supporting the mission of the Apostolic International Bible College by upholding its values and promoting high standards of ministry and leadership.

5. Celebrating Achievements: Recognizing the contributions of alumni to their fields and communities, fostering a culture of gratitude and inspiration within the association.

Together, we strive to be a beacon of hope and a source of strength, advancing the Kingdom of God through our collective efforts and shared experiences.

ABOUT OUR NEW COORDINATOR:

Dr. Lisa Marroquin, Ed. D, is the Principal of Clearfork Elementary, with over 15 years' experience in the Public Education system. She began her career as a High School social studies teacher. She transitioned to primary education as an instructional coach where she oversaw instructional growth and teacher development. From there she was promoted to the District's Social Studies Coordinator, where she was responsible for all History-related academia for Ector County ISD , grades K-12. Thereafter she moved into the Assistant Principal role at Andrews High School where she served until being announced the Clearfork Elementary Principal in 2020. In Addition to serving on various committees within the school district, she has held a committee role with the Texas Education Agency to help rewrite the curriculum for K-12 Social Studies in 2011.

Dr. Marroquin received her Educational Doctorate from Texas Tech University in 2022, in Educational Leadership. There she extended her research on the use of collaboration and professional learning communities in the primary classrooms, focusing on Emergent bilingual students. Her dedication and love for learning continued as she received her BA from the International Apostolic Bible College, where she currently teaches the English AA courses for the Northwest Texas District Bible College Campus.

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