

# allnations

## training for mission

### *Open for business!*

We have also launched a series of online events for enquirers, with more than 30 Christians in different countries and time zones registering for the first two events in April and May – including meetings with tutors, overviews of our courses, and virtual guided tours!

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, All Nations is also forging ahead with exciting plans for collaborative mission training with Christian partners from Asia, Africa and Latin America (see page 3). None of these initiatives would be possible without the support of many people in prayer and giving – we have launched a pandemic appeal to: help students struggling to pay for courses and accommodation; assist our efforts to enable greater online access; and compensate for lost conferencing income. See page 4 for details of how you can help and – even more importantly – how you can pray for All Nations as we train God’s people for His mission!

In the Name of Jesus



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**It is good to be able to say that – despite the pandemic – All Nations is very much open for business!**

Thanks to a lot of smart and inventive teamwork by our teaching and support staff, we have been able to deliver all our courses online since Monday 27 April, the first day of Term 3. Our Undergraduate Programme (see page 2) is temporarily being delivered online rather than residentially, until such time as UK government lockdown restrictions are lifted. Meanwhile we also await approval from our validating partner The Open University for our plans to make online delivery a permanent option for the final year of our BA degree course.

Our Postgraduate Programme (see page 2) and our short course programme (see page 3) have both had a ‘head start’ in the pandemic, as both have offered online options for some years. This term – for one term only – we are delivering our 10-week ‘En Route’ course online.

We are also offering a number of new courses: ‘EnVision Virtual’, an exciting video resource for churches, which has been specially adapted in response to the pandemic; plus our online ‘Community of Prayer for the Nations’ and the ‘Intercultural Coach’ course, among others (see page 3).

### EnVision Virtual



Exciting resource for churches, designed to enthuse, empower and enable God’s people for cross-cultural mission! Over four fun-filled sessions with meals, EnVision Virtual aims to help churches deepen understanding of mission, get to grips with culture and identity, learn how to connect across cultures, and consider next steps!

EnVision Virtual is a version of EnVision modified in response to the coronavirus pandemic – ordinarily participants meet to watch videos in groups, in the virtual version you watch videos individually and discuss on Zoom / Skype! For details e-mail [envision@allnations.ac.uk](mailto:envision@allnations.ac.uk)

**PS: One of our current students has returned to nursing to help the UK National Health Service in the pandemic – Miriam Desborough does a shift each week at a hospital in Harlow. Miriam says: ‘It’s daunting but I’ve sensed God’s presence and know people have been praying.’ Please pray for Miriam, and for all on the ‘front line’.**



## Online in the interim

At the start of the April-July 2020 term All Nations delivered the college's Undergraduate Programme online for the first time, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

*'Students can return to continue the residential programme once we get a go-ahead from the UK government for them to do so,'* says All Nations Academic Vice-Principal Rev. Dr V. J. Samkutty. *'The online teaching of our Undergraduate Programme is a temporary measure at the start of this term.'*

In the longer term, All Nations is planning for online delivery of different parts of the Undergraduate Programme. The college aims to offer the final year of the BA in Biblical and Intercultural Studies not only on site but also online from September 2020 or January 2021, subject to the approval of our validating partner The Open University.

The All Nations Undergraduate Programme includes the 1-year Certificate, 2-year Diploma and 2- or 3-year BA Honours Degree. Also available are a non-validated 1-year All Nations Certificate and 2-year All Nations Diploma – students choosing these less pressurised options are exempt from Open University fees and may opt to have their work graded simply Pass or Fail. It is also possible for students to choose a flexible set of one or more Modular Study Options with optional assignments, enabling them to gain a Record of Study.

Like many others, Josh Gibson has been studying online at home on our Undergraduate Programme



For more details about the options in the All Nations Undergraduate Programme, please visit the All Nations web site at [allnations.ac.uk](http://allnations.ac.uk)

## Head start for Masters

The All Nations Masters programme has a 'head start' as the coronavirus pandemic drives many education and training services online.

*'The Masters can be studied not only on site but also online via 'Flexible Distributed Learning', and it can be studied full- or part-time,'* says our Postgraduate Programme Leader Dr Mark Galpin. *'Our 'FDL' students attend lectures through videoconferencing. Some modules are normally delivered as residential intensives, but others have been online for some time. The online technology enables people from different cultural backgrounds and ministry contexts round the world to study together.'*



Masters alumnus Abraham Nam Jung says: *'The Multicultural Church in Practice course is fantastic - I recommend training in multicultural ministry - see Revelation 7:9!'*

The Postgraduate Programme includes a range of qualifications, as follows:

**PG Cert** in Missiology

**MTh / PG Dip** in Contextual Theology

**MA / PG Dip** in Missiology / Global Ecclesiology / Multicultural Church in Practice / Transformational Development / Transformational Leadership

**Also available** are Advanced Short Courses on topics such as: Planning and Managing for Transformational Change; Contextual Engagement with Islam; Multicultural Worship; Principles and Practices of Community Transformation; Biblical Foundations for Mission; Leadership; Mission Strategy; Methods and Models of Contextual Theology; Missiological Issues in Contextual Theology; Church Reimagined for a Global Age; and Multicultural Ministry

For more details see: [allnations.ac.uk/courses/masters](http://allnations.ac.uk/courses/masters)

# Short courses

**RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS IF GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS LIFTED**

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## En Route on the move

**Our 'En Route' short course leaders Richard and Louisa Evans are planning mission training with partners round the world!**

In February Richard was in Guatemala to explore opportunities for collaboration with the CECAM mission training centre. Richard and Louisa are also meeting online with missional church leaders in Chile and mission mobilisers in Argentina to develop a cross-cultural mission training course for church leaders and members. Additionally, Richard is working with the Sanga Sanga training centre in Tanzania to explore possibilities for cross-cultural mission training, and there are plans for a week-long training course in November for pastors and leaders from the Africa Inland Church Tanzania.



Richard at Sanga Sanga with church leader and mission advocate Mathias Masunga

**'En Route'** is a 10-week programme of essential training covering the basics of cross-cultural mission, aimed at people considering cross-cultural work but who have had little or no previous training (this term – for one term only – it is being delivered online). **'Explore'** is a 13-week online version of 'En Route'.

Also available is **'Express'**, a 5-day course covering the basics in understanding cross-cultural mission, designed for people going on mission trips lasting between two weeks and two months. **'Express online'** is a 20-hour non-residential version of 'Express'

For more details about **'En Route'**, **'Explore'**, **'Express'** or **'Express online'**, see: [allnations.ac.uk/courses/en-route](http://allnations.ac.uk/courses/en-route)

### Community of Prayer for the Nations

15-26 June 2020

Online learning community exploring ways to engage Scripture in prayer, grow in understanding of intercession as a spiritual practice, and experience prayer from different traditions - worship, intercession, discussion, lectures...

### Intercultural Coach

July / November / March

Advanced vocational course in intercultural coaching, mediation and conflict management. Helps you: build / lead international teams; support colleagues from different cultural backgrounds; with personnel responsibilities.

### English for Bible, Theology and Cross-Cultural Mission

5-10 July 2020

For students and researchers wanting to develop English language skills in the context of Biblical, theological and mission studies.

### Arts for a Better Future

12-17 July 2020

Aims to enable Christians to help local communities draw on their artistic resources, helping them respond to their spiritual, social and physical needs and move towards the Kingdom of God.

### Refresh

13-17 July 2020

Designed for people seeking spiritual and emotional refreshment. Prepares people involved in mission to re-enter cross-cultural service at home / abroad. Optional retreat 17-19 July.

### Facing Danger

17-18 September 2020

For people planning to serve in / serving in high-risk environments or leading / sending teams which might face danger / unrest. Course in risk assessment and management, based on a theology of risk. Optional retreat day.

### Engage Asia

1-7 October 2020

For speakers of Mandarin, in partnership with Chinese Overseas Christian Mission. Provides a comprehensive overview of topics related to understanding and practice of mission in different cultures and contexts.

### Engaging Islam today

6-12 December 2020

Enables Christians to understand the roots and realities of Islam and respond in a way that is Biblical, sensitive, informed and bold. For anyone interested in Islam or involved in / preparing to work in Muslim countries / among minorities.

## 2020 diary dates



### June

- Fri 5 *Enquirers' Day*  
Mon 15 *Community of Prayer for the Nations* course begins (ends Fri 26 June)  
Mon 22 *Taste and See Day*

### July

- Sat 4 End of term  
Sun 5 *English for Bible, Theology and Cross-Cultural Mission* course begins (ends Fri 10 July)  
Sun 12 *Arts for a Better Future* course begins (ends Fri 17 July)  
Mon 13 *Refresh* course begins (ends Fri 17 July)  
*Express* course begins (ends Fri 17 July)  
Fri 17 *Retreat* begins (ends Sun 19 July)  
Sat 18 *Taste and See Day*

### August

- Sat 1 *Taste and See Day*

### September

- Fri 4 *Taste and See Day*  
Thu 17 *Facing Danger* course begins (ends Fri 18 September)  
Wed 23 Start of term

### October

- Thu 1 *Engage Asia* course begins (ends Wed 7 October)  
Mon 26 *Enquirers' Day*

### November

- Wed 11 *Easneye Lecture* by Sarah Mullally  
Fri 13 *Enquirers' Day*

### December

- Sat 5 End of term  
Sun 6 *Engaging Islam Today* course begins (ends Sat 12 December)

## Please pray

- for the **health** of our students and staff during the pandemic
- that great numbers of new students around the world sign up for the 2020-2021 academic year to study on the All Nations **Undergraduate Programme** – please pray also for Open University approval of our proposal to offer the final year of the BA not only on site but also online
- that great numbers of new students register for the 2020-2021 academic year to study for **Masters** degrees
- that great numbers of new students sign up for **short courses**, including 'En Route', 'Explore', 'Express', 'Express Online' and courses on the arts, Islam etc.
- that many Christians will be enthused, empowered and enabled for cross-cultural mission by '**EnVision Virtual**'
- that All Nations will be successful in **fundraising**



## Keeping in touch!

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## Gift ideas

All Nations currently needs financial support for our: pandemic appeal; dining hall refurbishment; general fund; online / e-learning fund; learning services fund; student bursary fund; and building development fund.

You can donate: online (a/c 90230987; sort code 20-20-37); or via [allnations.ac.uk](https://allnations.ac.uk); or by cheque made payable to All Nations Christian College Limited. Donations by UK taxpayers may be increased by 25% via Gift Aid. Please get in touch for information or advice on: regular giving; and leaving a legacy to All Nations.



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