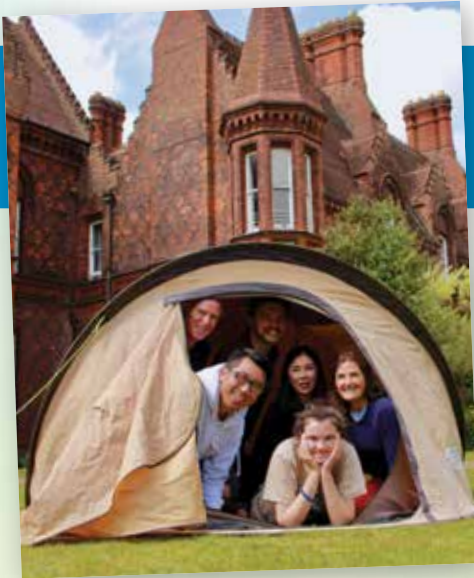


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## training for mission



**'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.' Isaiah 54:2**

*The times they are a-changin'* was the title song of a brand new hit album by American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan way back in 1964 – the year when the men-only All Nations Missionary College first moved to Easneye House. The times changed again in 1971 when there was a merger with two women-only colleges, and All Nations Christian College was established at Easneye House as a co-educational centre for mission training. And the times are continuing to change – with huge advances in information technology, greater numbers of people moving across cultures, and a new demographic in the worldwide church.

The church in the 'global south' is growing fast. According to the prayer guide *Operation World* (which has an office at All Nations), very soon *eighty per cent* of the world's evangelical Christians will be in the global south.

Clearly, the church in the global south is now the world's biggest potential source of

## *We may need a bigger tent!*

mission workers. What's more, global south Christians are very close to the world's least 'reached' peoples, in terms of culture, language and geography. Many are young, and many are very committed to knowing Jesus and to making Him known. Already global south Christians represent not just a 'receiving' church, but also a 'sending' church.

Sadly, there are often very high rates of 'attrition' among global south mission workers, as I heard on a recent visit to Asia. Many cease to be active after a relatively short period of time, and often their understanding of the Bible and of mission is limited. How can they access training which will help them serve in mission for longer, and serve more effectively?

At All Nations we're planning to make mission training much more accessible, enlarging our 'tent' with the 'cords' and 'stakes' of digital technology, global south partners and strategic world languages – so that obstacles of distance, travel, time and finance are overcome.

In this way we hope to enable many more Christians to participate in extending God's Kingdom, and in transforming many lives in our changing times. Please pray for All Nations as we seek God's direction for this exciting new era in mission training.

In the Name of Jesus

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Andy Dipper'.

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## School of Prayer for the Nations



**An exciting new programme from All Nations and the global prayer guide *Operation World*, developing a community of prayer for the nations!**

Learn about and experience God's heart for the nations, expand your prayer experience, and dig deeper into intercession.

Each day will follow a rhythm of prayer, worship, practical work and study – experiencing God together in community.

The School of Prayer for the Nations is available for residential and non-residential participants.

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

**NEW**

## Undergraduate options

**From September 2019 there are new study options in the All Nations Undergraduate Programme.**

As well as the Open University-validated 1-year Certificate, 2-year Diploma and 2- or 3-year BA Honours Degree in Biblical and Intercultural Studies, from September 2019 there will also be a non-validated 1-year 'All Nations Certificate' and a non-validated 2-year 'All Nations Diploma'.

*'These new options will be less pressurised,' says All Nations Academic Vice-Principal Rev. Dr V. J. Samkutty (known to students and staff as 'Sam'). 'Students choosing these options will not have their work graded, instead they will get a simple Pass or Fail mark.'*

It is also possible for students to choose a totally flexible set of one or more 'Modular Study Options' with optional assignments, enabling them to gain a 'Record of Study'.

In the longer term, All Nations is also planning for online delivery of different parts of the Undergraduate Programme.

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



The world is their inflatable oyster? Seven students from different countries around the world have featured this year in a series of photos posted on social media to promote the All Nations Undergraduate Programme

## A global postgraduate community



New conferencing technology enables Masters students at All Nations and around the world to form an 'online community'

**In January representatives from 26 mission agencies were so impressed by a demonstration of the online delivery of our Postgraduate Programme that they burst into unanimous, spontaneous and unsolicited applause!**

*'It's phenomenal,' said one. 'There are so many opportunities, the technology is so powerful.'*

The representatives had heard directly in real time from Masters students on-screen in Zambia (where the temperature was 26°C) and Mongolia (-24°C). *'The technology is mind-blowing,'* said the student in Zambia, *'I thank God for it!'*

*'We have had 63 Masters graduates in the last five years,'* says Postgraduate Programme Leader Dr Mark Galpin. *'We currently have 30 students, 18 have joined this year, 14 online. Online students able to travel to All Nations can join us for intensive times of study together, while those who can't come here can join in via the new technology.'*

The All Nations 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 (NB: we plan to add a new award in 'mission and education')

For more details see:

[allnations.ac.uk/courses/masters](http://allnations.ac.uk/courses/masters)

## Short courses

For more details e-mail: [info@allnations.ac.uk](mailto:info@allnations.ac.uk)

### The future is Mandarin? (+Spanish +Romanian +?)

In October 2019 our 'En Route' short course leaders Richard and Louisa Evans will be leading 'Engage Asia', a week-long mission training course for speakers of Mandarin Chinese, in partnership with COCM (Chinese Overseas Christian Mission).



Richard and Louisa at the 'Centro de Capacitación Misionera Transcultural' (Cross-Cultural Mission Training Centre), Cordoba, Argentina

In April this year Richard and Louisa travelled to Argentina to pursue collaborative possibilities for delivering mission training in Spanish for Latin American Christians. Louisa says: *'Richard and I spoke at a number of church meetings on mission – it was amazing how many people came along!'*

In March this year Richard and Louisa also travelled to Romania to be involved in 'training the trainers' from the Baptist Theological Institute in Bucharest who will be delivering 'En Route' in Romanian.

'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. '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)

#### EnVision



Exciting resource for churches, designed to enthuse, empower and enable God's people for cross-cultural mission! Over four fun-filled group sessions with meals, EnVision 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...

#### Refresh and Retreat



12-19 July 2019

Morning devotions and evening prayer, sharing and worship, with opportunities for one-to-one pastoral chats and prayer. Participants are free to use the All Nations grounds, library, prayer rooms, surrounding countryside and amenities.

#### Arts for a Better Future



14-19 July 2019

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.

#### Engaging Islam today



8-14 December 2019

Aims to help Christians understand the roots and realities of Islam, and respond in a way that is Biblical, sensitive, informed and bold. Invaluable if you are involved in or preparing to work in a Muslim country or among ethnic minorities in the West, or are interested in studying Islam.



## 2019 diary dates

### June

- Fri 7 *Enquirers' Day*
- Sun 9 *School of Prayer for the Nations begins (ends Sat 6 July)*

### July

- Sat 6 *End of term*
- Fri 12 *Retreat begins (ends Sun 14 July)*
- Sat 13 *Taste and See Day*
- Sun 14 *Arts for a Better Future course begins (ends Fri 19 July)*
- Mon 15 *Express course begins (ends Fri 19 July)*
- Mon 15 *Refresh course begins (ends Fri 19 July)*

### September

- Fri 6 *Taste and See Day*
- Fri 6 *The State of Diaspora Mission in the UK consultation begins (ends Sat 7 September)*
- Tue 24 *Start of term*

### October

- Tue 1 *Engage Asia begins (ends Mon 7 October)*
- Sat 12 *Taste and See Day*
- Mon 28 *Enquirers' Day*

### December

- Sat 7 *End of term*
- Sun 8 *Engaging Islam today course begins (ends Sat 14 December)*

## Please pray

- for the plans to increase **accessibility** of mission training via digital technology, global south partners and strategic world languages
- for the new **School of Prayer for the Nations**
- that good numbers of new students from around the world will sign up for the 2019-20 academic year to study on the All Nations **Undergraduate Programme**
- that good numbers of new students will register for the 2019-20 academic year to study for **Masters** degrees
- for the plans to deliver '**En Route**' and other short courses for students around the world – in English, Mandarin, Spanish, Romanian etc.
- that good numbers of new students will sign up for **short courses**, including 'En Route', 'Explore', 'Express', 'Express Online' and courses on the arts, Islam etc.
- that many churches will be enthused, empowered and enabled for cross-cultural mission by '**EnVision**'
- that All Nations will successfully recruit '**missionaries in residence**' to join the teaching / support staff team for 1-2 years
- that All Nations will be successful in **fundraising**



## Gift ideas

All Nations currently needs financial support for our: new heating system; general fund; online / e-learning fund; student bursary fund; learning services fund; etc. You can donate: online (a/c 90230987; sort code 20-20-37); or via **allnations.ac.uk**; or by cheque made payable to All Nations Christian College. Donations by UK taxpayers may be increased by 25% via Gift Aid. Please get in touch for information or advice about: regular giving; and leaving a legacy to All Nations.



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