



What Participants need to know



Welcome to our European Ambassadors' Academy 2020 taking place in the UK. You are about to embark on an exciting journey where you will learn how to step out in faith and share your faith effectively. Yet at the same time enjoy the beautiful city of Lincoln.

One of the great strengths of our Ambassadors' Academy is the diversity of the experience levels of the participants. While we required each participant to have a basic understanding of the evangelism principles taught by Living Waters through *The Way of the Master*, we do not require participants to have any practical evangelism experience. We accept that some participants may be seasoned evangelists, while other participants may have never handed out a gospel tract prior to their Academy experience. We welcome such diversity in our participants' evangelism experience.

It is important that each participant understands the minimum requirements for the Ambassadors Academy. Understanding the importance of the following requirements is necessary for the success of the Academy.

Theological Position

Unity among brothers and sisters in Christ is a critically important component in every Ambassadors' Academy (please see the document titled "Academy Code of Conduct and Unity" which will require signing). Even with the theological and faith tradition diversity among participants, it is important that all participants are united on core Christian doctrines. Unity must extend beyond what all Christians should affirm to certain heretical doctrines that all Christians should denounce, negate, and refute.

The following is a section of the Academy application that addresses the need for theological unity.

You must affirm...

God the Father sent His Son to earth in the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, just as the Hebrew prophets said He would be, more than 700 years before His birth.

Jesus Christ—fully God and fully Man—lived a perfect, sinless life.

Jesus Christ suffered, shed His innocent blood, and died on the cross for sinners. He made propitiation (a penal substitution) for all who believe, taking upon Himself God's wrath against their sin, and taking their place of punishment.

Jesus Christ rose from the grave on the third day, forever defeating sin and death. He is alive today. He will return at a time of the Father's choosing.

I was born with a sin nature.

I have sinned against God by violating His Law.

Apart from salvation by and through Jesus Christ alone, I deserve eternity in Hell as the just punishment for my sins against God.

I have repented of my sin and have placed my faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.

I am saved by the grace of God alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone.

Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Him. There is no other name under heaven by which anyone can be saved.

I am saved apart from any and all good works.

I am pursuing holiness and godliness in my life, as an outward manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit in my life. I do this, not as a means of earning salvation, but rather as a result of the free gift of eternal life I have received through Jesus Christ my Lord.

You must deny...

...the belief system known as Moral Government Theology

A theological error that maintains that God is not immutable but changes His mind, that He does not exercise sovereign control over earthly matters, that He does not know all future events—particularly the free-will choices of individuals, etc. It denies that the atonement pays for our sins, denies Jesus' substitutionary death, and denies the imputed righteousness of Christ to the believer. It asserts that people are capable of keeping the whole Law of God and that there is no depravity of human nature)

...the doctrine known as Sinless Perfectionism

The belief that Christians can attain or have attained a state of completed sanctification or moral perfection in this earthly life.

...the doctrine of known as Open Theism

The belief, in part, that God does not have exhaustive foreknowledge of the future decisions of man.

...the belief in Purgatory

The place to which Roman Catholics believe that the spirits of dead people go and suffer for the evil acts that they did while they were alive, before they are able to go to heaven

...the doctrine known as Baptismal Regeneration

Baptism as a requirement for salvation.

...the requirement of speaking in tongues as evidence of authentic salvation

This does not pertain to whether or not this particular gift of the Spirit is available to and/or active among Christians today; but rather that it is somehow salvific in nature.

...the doctrine known as Annihilationism

(This teaches non-existence after death for sinners who do not receive the free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Annihilationism is a denial of the doctrine of Hell.)

...the doctrine known as Antinomianism

A heresy that teaches that Christians are under no obligation to obey the laws of ethics or morality. Antinomianism is the polar opposite of legalism.

Living Waters denies ...

... theory of Theistic Evolution

It states, in part, that God initiated life on earth and allowed evolutionary principles to bring man to where he is.

...Old Earth Creationism

It claims that God recreated the world billions of years ago. It suggests that death existed before Adam sinned and therefore death is not the consequence of Adam's sin. The Bible declares that death is the last enemy that will be destroyed.

...Flat Earth Conspiracy

The belief that the Earth is not a spherical object but a flat disk in space. Gravity does not exist but is a force created by an upwards movement of the earth that indefinitely increases to create the effect of gravity that we experience (this is the official position of the Flat Earth Society).

The sun moves in circles around the North Pole creating night and day etc.

Church Membership/Participation

At Living Waters, we work hard to affirm and reaffirm our love for the Body of Christ and the Lord's local churches. We never want our evangelistic and training efforts to be seen by others, especially pastors and leaders of local churches, as an attempt to replace or circumvent the authority of local churches.

Therefore, we encourage all participants in the Ambassadors' Academy to be a member/participant in a local church.

Familiarity with Living Waters

It would be helpful (but not necessary) to have a general understanding of the Living Waters' biblical evangelism principles taught by the ministry. If you wish to be familiar with the teaching, you can listen to two primary messages: "[Hell's Best Kept Secret](#)" and "[True and False Conversion](#)" but it won't be essential since the Academy will go through this principle thoroughly.

Arduous Activity and Medical Conditions

We ask all participants to let us know if they have any medical issues that would make it difficult or unreasonable for them to be on their feet for many hours during the street evangelism day.

As long as you feel you could endure the arduous time on the streets, we welcome your participation.

War and a Retreat

This particular Ambassadors' Academy will be both a War and Retreat event. You will literally be "going to war" (not to fight *with* people but to fight *for* the souls of people). At the same time you will be enjoying the beautiful city of Lincoln and the surrounding areas.

We will give participants enough time during the day to attend various resorts and site visits. Please be aware, depending on the resort, this will incur further costs (such as travel costs etc.).

Present Evangelism Activity

Evangelism experience is not a prerequisite to participate in the Ambassadors' Academy, however you are expected to have a zeal and heart for reaching the lost.

Fears and Nervousness

The person who says they experience no fear or nervousness when engaged in evangelism on the streets is likely either lying or they are operating primarily in the flesh. Biblical evangelism, in any context, is spiritual warfare. The persecution is real. The danger is real. The warfare is real. It is reasonable for Christians, regardless of their level of evangelistic experience, to experience some fear and nervousness at the prospect of engaging strangers in conversation or open-air preaching.

During the Ambassadors' Academy we want to mitigate some of those fears and apprehensions by identifying those fears and apprehensions, determining their source, and giving them helpful tools to overcome them.

We also stress the important place of reasonable fear and nervousness in evangelism. Not all fear is sinful. And sometimes fear, when addressed properly and biblically, can be an ally to the evangelist. Fear and nervousness, when properly managed, can make the Christian evangelist lean more on Christ's strength than his own. It will help him rely more on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment than on himself. It will result in more prayer before, during, and after any evangelism endeavour.

Details about the training venue

The training will take place at the following address:

TCM Baptist Church
High Street
Lincoln
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