



Australian Apostolic College

Refresh and Revitalise Your Spirit



“Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength” Isaiah 40: 31

Sabbatical/Study Leave for Leaders and Pastors

National Conferences

Spiritual Retreats

Opportunity to Complete Further Studies

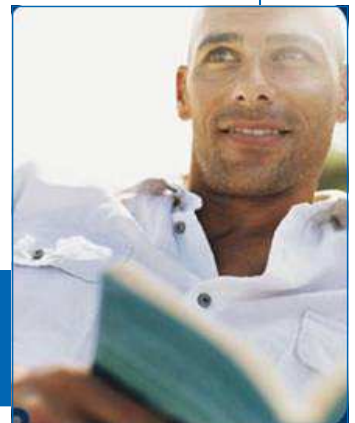
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Three Month Sabbatical/Study Leave for Leaders and Pastors

In May 2010 Australian Apostolic College (AAC) will be offering a three month Sabbatical/Study Leave program for Leaders and Pastors.

Leaders and Pastors will begin the Sabbatical/Study by attending the Apostolic Church Australia annual national May conference held in Melbourne, before flying to Brisbane. Here they will undertake a *Vocational Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology*.

The program includes four (4) weeks of study and nine (9) weeks of relaxation and revitalisation.



1. Why Should a Pastor take Study Leave?

Study, renewal and service leaves are good for the pastor, good for the congregation, and good for the church. Pastors stay longer and serve with greater enthusiasm if their ministry includes opportunities to learn along with exposure to other ministries. They experience spiritual refreshment, new vision, strengthened skills and wider perspectives.

2. What Results might a Leave produce?

Study Leave for pastors may serve several purposes. For some it will be an opportunity to complete a college award or to pursue other college studies. Sabbaticals are also a great opportunity for your spouse and the whole family to relax and enjoy time together.

3. How long can Leave be?

The leave must be long enough to achieve its goal. Often that is three months or more. Research indicates that after a leave of a year it may be difficult for the pastor and congregation to reconnect. AAC's *Vocational Graduate Certificate of Christian Ministry Course* is specially designed to meet this need for Study Leave for a period of three months. Our program includes four (4) weeks of study and nine (9) weeks of relaxation and revitalisation.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to email us. We will respond promptly with straightforward answers.

I pray that God will guide you in this important decision.

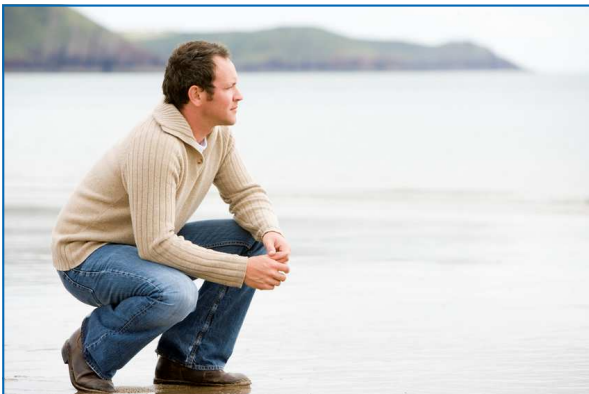
Blessings
Dr Tony Keys
Academic Dean

Note: Australian Apostolic College is the Training Department of Apostolic Church Australia (ACA). For more information about ACA go to www.apostolic.org.au



“The wisest of insights that can be gained by any man or woman is the realization that our world is not so much what it is but what we choose it to be.”
Anonymous

Spiritual Retreats, Personalised Coaching Sessions and Opportunity to see Australia



The times of relaxation and revitalisation include 2 x two-day Spiritual Retreats and 2 x one-hour personalised coaching sessions plus opportunity to spend time visiting sites of the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

For additional cost, leaders/pastors and their families can be part of 2 x three-day organised trips to the Barrier Reef and Tasmania and attend Hillsong Conference in July. These conferences will give you the opportunity to network with people in ministry from Australia and overseas.

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Study Program Available

AAC is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO NO. 31776) registered with the Australian government and authorised to offer the following course:



30775 Qld Vocational Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology (Equivalent to four week program)

Subjects include three (3) of the following:

- Theology of the Great Commission
- Old Testament Biblical Theology
- The Theology of Paul's Prison Epistles
- Pentecostal Church: Its History, Theology, Challenges, Strengths/Future
- The Dynamics of Leadership in the Ministry

Electives: Any two (2) of the following:

- Manage organisational change
- Plan and implement a mentoring program
- Plan and implement a coaching strategy
- Strategic planning
- Provide coaching and motivation



Note: Cost includes textbooks

Course can be undertaken as audit subject or credit for an award.

Experienced and Dynamic Lecturing Team

AAC has excellent teaching staff who are well-qualified and experienced in their area of expertise. All our staff are committed to giving personal attention to each student, and committed to ongoing professional development.

“Creating transformational change is more than just living on the edge: it requires that leaders create the edge.” Tony Keys

Brisbane Campus

“Life is either a daring adventure or it is nothing.” Helen Keller - author, speaker and advocate for disabled persons.

Brisbane, the capital of *Queensland*, is a cosmopolitan and lively city that is home to many different types of scenery including skyscrapers, parkland and even an artificial beach. Brisbane is a coastal river city that is surrounded by hills and full of bridges. Brisbane also gives easy access to a number of attractions as well as the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast.

Our campuses are located close to public transport, cafes, takeaway food outlets, restaurants and shopping facilities. Our classrooms are air-conditioned, spacious, comfortable, well-equipped and designed to help you study in a relaxed and productive atmosphere. In addition to our existing libraries, on behalf of their students and staff, AAC has negotiated access to a number of theological libraries throughout Australia.



**“What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we have gone?”
Winston Churchill.**

Advantages of Studying in Australia

Australia is a dynamic and vibrant country with a great deal to offer students looking for an international education. Choosing to come to Australia to study will provide you with new and wonderful experiences and opportunities.

1. A safe and welcoming place to live

Australia is also a fantastic place to live. Australian people have a reputation for being amongst the friendliest in the world, and Australian cities are safe and clean, with low crime rates. Australians are very relaxed and casual people. Students have reported time and time again how Australians will take the time to talk to them no matter how busy they are.

2. A Great Lifestyle

The lifestyle and quality of living in Australia is among the best in the world. Brisbane is regularly ranked among the world's 'most liveable' cities.

3. Global Recognition

The Australian education system has a high international reputation.

4. Better Value for Money

Australian education programs represent great value for money. Australian courses are often considerably cheaper than similar programs in other countries, meaning that international students can save many thousands of dollars on tuition fees by choosing to study in Australia.

5. Cost of Living

Cost of living and tuition in Australia are much lower than compared to the USA or the UK. These lower costs make it more affordable for students to attend college in Australia and still



“Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” John Wooden, whom many today regard as the most successful college basketball coach of all time.

Spouse and Family

Sabbaticals are a great opportunity for your spouse and the whole family to relax and enjoy time together. Your spouse can be involved in any part or all of the program, or just sit back and enjoy a lovely holiday. See registration form for more details.



**“Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”
Psalm 103:5.**

Three Months’ Sabbatical/Study Leave for Leaders and Pastors Program

Week	Itinerary
1	Apostolic Church Australia National Conference in Melbourne (Five nights)
2	Orientation week in Brisbane includes visits to Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast
3	Study: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
4	Three-day trip to the Barrier Reef, Cairns, or Tasmania (includes: flights, accommodation and one-day tour)
5	Study: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
6	Two-day Spiritual Retreat
7	Study: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
8	Three-day trip to the Barrier Reef, Cairns, or Tasmania (includes: flights, accommodation and one-day tour)
9	Study: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
10	Two-day Spiritual Retreat
11	Study: Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm
12	Celebration Dinner
13	Hillsong Conference
Note	<i>AAC reserves the right to change Itinerary times to suit: fights, accommodation, weather and other unseen events.</i>

Visa Requirements

As this sabbatical leave involves touring/ attending conferences /minimal study time/ networking with fellow ministers add, applicants will need to apply for eVisitor Visa. For further information go to <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/evisitor/>



Fees and Costs

Sabbatical/Study Leave for Leaders/ Pastors \$4660 includes:

Five days at our Apostolic Church Australia National Conference plus accommodation

Flight from national conference in Melbourne to Brisbane

Fees and textbooks for 30775 Qld Vocational Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology

2 x Two-day Spiritual Retreats

2 x One-hour Personalised Coaching Sessions

Transfers to and from Airport

Extras

Three-day trip to the Barrier Reef (includes flights, accommodation and one-day tour)
approximately \$1400AUD

Three-day trip to Tasmania (includes flights, accommodation and one-day tour)
approximately \$1400AUD

Hillsong Conference in July (includes: flights, accommodation and conference fees)
approximately \$1000 AUD

Note:

Candidate may pay by installments.

All costs are to be paid two (2) months prior to arriving in Australia.



**“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.”
Psalm 37:7.**

Renting Accommodation

Homestay

Students should budget approximately AUD\$220 - \$250 per week for Homestay which includes utilities and most meals. www.BrisbaneHomestaySearch.com

Caravan and Ensuite Cabins—Backpacker Hostels

Brisbane has a number of caravan parks and backpacker hostels. The closest to AAC is Newmarket Gardens Caravan Park on main bus route and only 5km from City of Brisbane and AAC Campus (199 Ashgrove Ave Ashgrove ph 61 7 33456 1458 Fax 61 7 3352 7273 www.newmarketgardens.com.au)



“You will show me the path of life: In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Psalms 16: 11.

How to Apply or Register an Expression of Interest

Complete the Sabbatical/Study Leave for Leaders and Pastors registration form or expression of interest form found on AAC website (found under Sabbatical/Study Leave) and email or post or fax it us with the required supporting documentation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email us at aacollege@apostolic.org.au



Refund Policy

Total refunds

A total refund for courses will be made in the following circumstances:

- If an offer of a place is withdrawn by the AAC all costs are fully refundable. However, if the offer was made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information being supplied by the applicant/student the AAC reserves the right to retain 10% of costs.
- AAC is unable to provide or ceases to provide the course for which the candidate has applied or is enrolled.

Partial refunds

If a student, after accepting an offer of a place, informs the AAC of an intention to withdraw, the AAC will provide a refund but will retain a percentage of costs to cover administrative fees. This fee is determined by the amount of notice given, as follows:

Six weeks or more notice before the commencement of the Sabbatical/Study Leave program will invoke an administrative fee of 10% of all costs.

Less than six weeks notice before Sabbatical/Study Leave commencement will invoke an administrative fee of 25%.

No refunds

The Sabbatical/Study Leave program cost is not refundable under any of these circumstances:

A candidate who withdraws from Sabbatical/Study Leave program, for whatever reason, will not be eligible for a refund. Candidates who are granted permanent resident status during the Sabbatical/Study Leave are required to pay full costs.

NOTE: Total or partial refunds may also be given in exceptional circumstances, which prevent a student taking a place after accepting an offer, as follows:

Inability to obtain a student visa;

Illness or disability;

Death of the student or a close family member; or

Political, civil and natural events, which prevent full payment of fees.

Note: Documentary evidence must be provided.

Refund process

Any candidate who wishes to obtain a refund on the above or any other grounds should make application in writing to the Academic Dean of AAC for a decision by the board of AAC. If the candidate is not satisfied with a decision of the board of AAC, appeals should be made in writing to the Academic Dean of Apostolic Church Australia.

Refunds will be made in Australian dollars and the AAC reserves the right to make refunds.

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