



What Participants need to know



Welcome to our European Ambassadors' Academy. You are about to embark on an exciting journey where you will learn how to step out in faith and share your faith effectively.

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 in depth knowledge or 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, by purchasing the ticket have agreed to adhere to it). 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 physical 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 either caused by the buoyancy and density of air or 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 known as Universal Acceleration). 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 these messages: "[Hell's Best Kept Secret](#)", "[True and False Conversion](#)" and/or "[Basics of Biblical Evangelism](#)" (see part 1 and 2). However, this will not 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, Not a Retreat

The Ambassadors' Academy is not a retreat event. You will literally be "going to war" (not to fight *with* people but to fight for the souls of people). It is important that every participant had a right understanding and expectation regarding the tenor of activity at the Ambassadors' Academy.

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.



“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” 1 Peter 1:15-16

All participants will let his or her “light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). Participants will conduct themselves at all times in such a way as to bring honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Participants/mentors will refrain from the consumption of any and all alcoholic beverages while attending the Academy.
2. Participants/mentors will refrain from the use of any and all tobacco products while attending the Academy.
3. Participants/mentors will dress in such a way so as not to draw negative attention to themselves, or in such a way as to possibly cause another brother or sister in Christ to stumble. The dress code for the Academy is casual, modest, and presentable.
4. Participants/mentors will refrain from wearing Christian apparel during all street evangelism activities. There are few exceptions to this rule.
5. Participants/mentors who are booked in a hotel will not enter the hotel room of a participant or mentor of the opposite sex.
6. Participants/mentors who are booked in a hotel will refrain from viewing any overtly violent, sexually explicit, and/or blasphemous television programs or movies in their hotel room.
7. Participants/mentors will respect the staff and facilities of the Academy host facility.
8. Participants/mentors who are booked in a hotel will not distribute gospel tracts in the hotel. There is good reason for this. However, tactful one-to-one conversations with hotel staff and guests are encouraged.
9. Participants will respectfully cooperate with their mentors during all street evangelism activities.
10. Participants/mentors will not wander away from designated street evangelism areas without first notifying their mentor.
11. Participants/mentors will submit to the authority of any and all law enforcement officials (e.g. police department) during all street evangelism activities. It will be the responsibility of each mentor to immediately contact a member of the Academy staff if his team is contacted, in an official enforcement capacity, by law enforcement.
12. During outreach events, participants will immediately contact their team mentor if they are injured or become ill. Team mentors will, in turn, immediately contact a member of the Academy staff.
13. Participants/mentors will participate in all Academy activities and will be on time to all sessions, meetings, meals (if applicable), and departures from the hotel (if applicable) and street evangelism locations.
14. Events cannot be recorded (video/audio). Printed material may on occasions be available but original copies of slides etc cannot be given due to legal copyrights etc.
15. Participants/mentors will conduct themselves according to the mandates of Mark 12:28-31 and 1 Corinthians 13 in all interactions with fellow Academy participants and the general public.
16. Participants/mentors acknowledge and agree that violation of this Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from the Academy

Maintain Unity

The Academy is about training Christians to be effective as they respond to Jesus' command to take the gospel to the world using biblical evangelism.

Beyond the theological distinctives clearly delineated in the application, there are no theological litmus tests for participation in the Academy—for neither participants nor team leaders or lady mentors. All Academy leaders and participants are encouraged to maintain their theological, denominational, and philosophical distinctives while extending grace to other leaders and participants who may not agree with them on every point in these various spiritual areas.

Theological debate is not tolerated during the Academy; to the extent such conversations can be reasonably monitored and curtailed. The reason is very simple. Our focus at the Academy is very narrow—training and encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ to present the biblical gospel in a biblical way. There are appropriate times and places for Christians to lovingly discuss finer points of theology; but the time and place for such activities will not be found during the Academy.

We expect all of those who participate in the Ambassadors' Academy to come away from the experience changed—not changed from Calvinist to Arminian, or vice versa; not changed from non-charismatic to charismatic, or vice versa; not changed from Baptist to Presbyterian, or vice versa. The expectation is that every participant will be changed—changed in such a way that they love Jesus Christ more; that they love His Word more; that they love their Christian brethren more; that they love the lost more.

The philosophy of ministry expressed above is necessary for a great evangelism growth experience. It keeps us focused on the call of the Great Commission. It is a philosophy of ministry we plan to maintain, for the glory of God. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ who agrees with this philosophy of ministry, then this Academy is for you. And we look forward to serving our Lord side-by-side with you, for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Liability Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant Not to Sue

The Academy is an intensive training program, which incorporates instructions in a seminar setting, and field training during the long, arduous, and joy-filled street evangelism and open-air preaching. All participants must be in reasonably good health when taking part in street evangelism.

By purchasing your ticket and attending the Ambassadors' Academy, you agree to all the following:

This is a legally binding Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant Not to Sue (collectively, "Release"), made voluntarily by me, the Releasor, on my own behalf, and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter collectively, "Releasor," "I" or "me", which terms shall also include Releasor's parents or guardian.

As the Releasor, I fully recognize that there are dangers and risks to which I may be exposed by participating in the Academy, during the street evangelism portions of the Academy, or other activity which is attached to and incorporated in this Release (the "Activity"). As the Releasor, I understand that Living Waters Europe does not require me to participate in this Activity, but I want to do so despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this Release. With informed consent, and for valuable consideration received, including assistance provided by Living Waters Europe, as the Releasor, I agree to assume and take on myself all of the risks and responsibilities in any way arising from or associated with this activity, and I release Living Waters Europe and all of its affiliates, divisions, departments and other units, committees and groups, and its and their respective governing boards, officers, directors, principals, trustees, legal representatives, members, owners, employees, agents, administrators, assigns, and contractors (collectively "Releasees"), from any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, damages, actions and liabilities of every name and nature whatsoever, whenever occurring, whether known or unknown, contingent or fixed, at law or in equity, that I may suffer at any time arising from or in connection with the Activity, including any injury or harm to me, my death, or damage to my property (collectively "Liabilities"), and I agree to defend, indemnify, and save Releasees harmless from and against any and all Liabilities.

As the Releasor, I recognize that this Release means I am giving up, among other things, all rights to sue Releasees for injuries, damages or losses I may incur. I also understand that this Release binds my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives and assigns, as well as myself. I also affirm that I have adequate medical or health insurance to cover any medical assistance I may require.

I agree that this Release shall be governed for all purposes by law, without regard to such law on choice of law.

I have read this entire Release. I fully understand the entire Release and acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to review this Release with a lawyer / attorney / solicitor / barrister of my choosing if I so desire, and I agree to be legally bound by the Release.