

# *Living Stream Ministry*

## *Full-time Training in Anaheim*

*1853 West Ball Road / Anaheim, CA 92804*

### **Enlarged Facilities for the Full-Time Training in Anaheim**

March 10, 2014

Dear brothers,

Since the inception of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) twenty-five years ago in August 1989, the Lord's rich blessing on His recovery in North America has been quite evident. Many who have attended the FTTA have been greatly benefited in the growth of the divine life, in the equipping and realization of the divine truths, and in the cultivation of their spiritual capacity. As of this date, 3,737 trainees have completed at least one term of training, and 2,334 of this number have completed the entire two years of training. It is our hope and expectation that this number will continue to grow.

In the last few years, the FTTA has faced an on-going overcrowding problem which impacts the carrying out of the training in its functions and operations. With the number of full-time trainees well over 300, the current training facility is inadequate and insufficient. These shortages are compounded as the number of trainees increases. Furthermore, as the number of young people in the Lord's recovery increases, we anticipate increased enrollment in the coming years. It is our responsibility to provide the facilities to adequately raise up our young people to be proper and useful vessels; this requires much prudence and foresight.

After careful thought and much consideration among the co-workers, during the recent International Chinese-speaking conference held in Anaheim on February 14-16, 2014, a burden was released related to relocating the FTTA to the Ministry Conference Center (MCC). This is the same facility that is being used during the semiannual trainings.

Phase 1 of the current plan is to remodel part of building 8 at the MCC to provide the main training classrooms and an adequate kitchen with a large cafeteria. Building 7, which is the adjacent two-story building, is also currently under construction and will primarily house the training offices and all other training activities. Some of the benefits of this relocation are listed below:

- A facility approximately two times larger than the current training facility
- A large industrial kitchen

- Cafeteria seating for up to 500
- Adequate main classroom
- A dedicated second-year classroom
- Multiple dedicated trainee study areas
- Eight multi-purpose conference rooms
- Thirty fellowship and shepherding rooms
- A large trainee commons area with computer work stations
- A trainee library, including an audio/visual library
- A dedicated teachers' area
- Enlarged training administrative offices
- Space to house the Living Stream Ministry archives
- Ample outdoor space
- Easy access to local freeways

Furthermore, the decision was also made to move the training to the MCC by August of this year. This will require a well-coordinated and concerted effort through fellowship, prayer, and much labor to complete this project in a timely way.

The projected cost to complete the construction and remodel of the new FTTA Training Center is \$8 million. Living Stream Ministry will supply \$2.5 million of this amount, leaving a balance of \$5.5 million needed to complete the project before the fall term begins in August 2014.

It is also our hope that in the near future we could begin Phase 2 of the project, in which facilities would be constructed to house all the trainees directly on the LSM Campus. Concerning this, further details will be sent to the churches.

We would encourage you to view a 30-minute sharing of this burden by accessing the link: <http://stream11.lsmwebcast.com/reports/FTTA.html>

The attached page of ministry excerpts concerning the full-time training and our participation in it are for your prayerful reading.

We sincerely hope that all the saints in the churches will bring this matter to the Lord to consider how they can participate.

Any donations for this project can be sent through your local church or sent directly to and payable to Living Stream Ministry, 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801. Clearly designate all checks for "FTTA Training Center."

Yours in the fellowship unto the furtherance of the gospel,

Living Stream Ministry  
Full-Time Training in Anaheim

## Some Excerpts Concerning the Full-time Training

A training in the Lord's recovery is very crucial, and we must bear the burden to pray for it. Without a training the church cannot be prevailing. Because of the training, a number of saints who have been in the church life for only a short time have been growing quickly. Without a training, however, we may all be common Christians, simply attending the meetings year after year. To be trained makes a great difference in our Christian life. After a few months of training we will never be the same. The regular church meetings help us only in a general way. The training, however, helps us in particular ways. To be trained is to become more useful in the Lord's hands. (*The Exercise and Practice of the God-ordained Way*, p. 306, 1989)

The two years you have offered for the training will definitely not be wasted because in the training you are studying the truth, pursuing life, exercising to pray much, learning to coordinate in spirit with the brothers and sisters, and learning to serve in the church. If all the young saints could set aside a segment of time for this kind of learning after they graduate from college, this would be a great benefit to them both in the increase of their spiritual deposit and the building up of their character. There is a big difference between someone who has been trained and someone who has not been trained. Therefore, I hope that your decision to attend the training would not be based on whether or not you intend to serve full time permanently. Rather, it should be based on what kind of impact such a basic, spiritual training would have on your life, regardless of whether you end up serving full time or holding a job. Even if you have to hold a job, the two years of training will produce something marvelous in your life. (*Vessels Useful to the Lord*, pp. 77-78, 1985)

In the future there will also be a training in America which will be for the saints from the Western Hemisphere, while the training in Taiwan will mainly be for the saints from the Far East. At present, we do not have enough helpers, our preparation is not adequate, and the practical way for the carrying out of the training has not yet been made clear. As a result we can only have a training here in Taiwan. This requires not only some arrangements in the affairs of personnel but also a large financial supply, so we all must spare no effort.

Moreover, English has become the world language, and the Lord has arranged that America and Taiwan would be the two main training centers for the move of His recovery. This is truly the Lord's grace, so we must grasp it. All of this requires our coordination through the training and financial supply. Otherwise, we will not be able to keep up with the Lord's move. (*The Furtherance of the New Way for the Lord's Recovery*, p. 97, 1986)

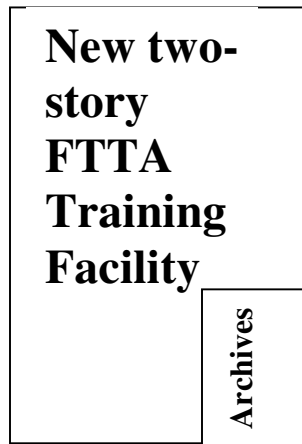
Concerning the furnishing of the training center, everything should be simple, dignified, and harmonious. There must be some who would specifically manage affairs and finance. Since we will have the full-time training every year, we must set up a standard.

All the churches must bear the burden to share the expenses for the training. (*Crucial Words of Leading in the Lord's Recovery, Book 1: The Vision and Definite Steps for the Practice of the New Way*, pp. 348-349, 1986)

The Bible gives us the best example; that is, there should be much fellowship in financial matters among churches and between meeting halls. Those churches that are rich financially should care for the churches that are lacking. The move of the Full-time Training now and of the expansion in the future not only involves Taiwan and the United States but also India, Burma, and the Arab countries. They are all in this move and should enter into this fellowship. (*Rising Up to Preach the Gospel*, p. 129, 1986)

# ENLARGED FACILITIES FOR THE FULL-TIME TRAINING IN ANAHEIM

Total space (90,000 sq ft) will be approximately  
two times larger than current facilities (45,000 sq ft)



## BUILDING 7 & 8

- Dedicated Trainee Study Areas (with cubicles)
- Library Area (with audio/visual library)
- 30 Fellowship and Shepherding Rooms
- 8 Multipurpose Conference Rooms
- Trainee Commons Area (with additional computer stations)
- Dedicated Teachers' Area
- Enlarged Training Office
- LSM Archives
- Kitchen (more than double the current size)
- Cafeteria (seating for up to 500 trainees)
- Additional space for Main, Second-year, and Greek classes

The projected cost of this project is \$8 million. LSM will supply \$2.5 million, leaving \$5.5 million needed to complete FTTA Training Center (this includes furnishings).

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**I pledge the following offerings for the FTTA Training Center:**

I pledge to offer \$ \_\_\_\_\_ before 20 July 2014.

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