

## 2023 North America College Training Report

The 2023 North America College Training took place from July 16 to 22 in Champaign, IL. It was the third large college training of its kind.

### STATISTICS

Overall statistics of those who checked in compared to previous trainings on the same scale:

	<b>2023</b>	2019	2015
College age	<b>1821</b>	1891	1257
Serving Ones	<b>969</b>	893	523
Total	<b>2790</b>	2784	1780

Overall, we were very encouraged that our attendance in 2023 was roughly the same as in 2019, given our passing through the pandemic. The attendees were evenly divided between brothers and sisters. We had roughly equivalent attendance (approximately 320) from freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. We also had 104 grad students, 154 college age but not in college, and 270 recent college grads.

Overall, saints from 373 localities, 46 US states, and 39 countries on 5 continents participated.

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- The main morning line of fellowship, entitled “Holding to Truth,” covered such topics as The Word of the Truth, What is Truth?, The Truth Versus the Lie, The Full Knowledge of the Truth, Walk in Truth and Proclaim the Truth, and The Church: The Pillar and Base of the Truth.
- The main evening line of fellowship, entitled “Love Prevails,” covered such topics as Love—the Most Excellent Way, Training Introduction, We Love Because He First Loved Us, The First and Best Love, Love One Another, A Universal Love, and Philadelphia—the Church of Brotherly Love
- A third category of fellowship, entitled “Practical Fellowship,” covered topics such as Bible reading, mental health, pray-reading the word, studying the word, and training/FTTA.
- Other activities and fellowship that took place included morning revival fellowship, daily Bible reading, gospel fellowship, verse memorization and testing, and small groups to digest the contents of the training.
- The last meeting was quite special, with a call for a voluntary consecration from willing students. Many who desired to give themselves to the Lord stood up, and 6 co-workers prayed over them.

### COORDINATION

Saints began to regularly coordinate in preparation for the NACT about 2 years before it occurred. Many saints participated in diverse areas of service, such as ushering, first aid, registration,

shepherding appointments, recreation, etc. The coordination spanned all of North America, including Mexico. Many testified that the coordination was sweet and full of harmony and oneness.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to the Lord's rich anointing of the spoken messages, the following experiences at the NACT were particularly impactful:

- Singing – Students began lining up to enter into the stadium where we met more than 60 minutes before each meeting. The singing would usually commence 20-30 minutes before the scheduled meeting time. It seemed that the Spirit was moving in quite a powerful way, bringing many to tears multiple times through the week.
- Fellowship – Being able to fellowship with saints from around the world over meals and in small groups was clearly a highlight for everyone. The atmosphere felt like a large family gathering with ones sitting together at the cafeteria from all kinds of backgrounds.
- Appointments – Saints participated in almost 400 general shepherding appointments and another 330 mental health shepherding appointments. As in 2019, these appointments were not just for students but also for serving ones. This was a unique opportunity that many took advantage of.

## OTHER NOTES:

- First aid – We had 40 positive COVID cases; they were quarantined and participated mostly via Zoom. Another 80 came down with upper respiratory sicknesses.
- Fellowship for recent grads – We estimate that more than 350 forwent their last recreation time to attend a special fellowship with mutual encouragement for saints who had recently graduated and are now working.
- Simultaneous prayer – About 70 saints from around North America logged into Zoom to pray for the NACT each morning of the college training. They were also encouraged to pray in the afternoon, and some gathered in the evening to pray as well. This surely was a salient factor for bringing in the Lord's blessing on so many aspects of the training!
- Spanish – We sang some songs all together in Spanish and made an effort to translate most of the materials; we need to continue to make progress in fellowshipping and coordinating with the brothers from Spanish-speaking countries.
- App – The labor that went into creating and managing the NACT app greatly smoothed out the administration of the training.
- Atmosphere – In addition to students lining up to enter the stadium well ahead of the opening of the doors, the students were also very aggressive to share testimonies in response to the messages. It was typical to have 150+ lined up to share each evening, although a much smaller number than that actually were able to share.
- LSM and FTTA – They both gave presentations that were quite relatable and encouraging. They also had information tables out at the end of the NACT where students could come, receive some free gifts, and fellowship.
- Baptisms – 39 were gloriously baptized during this training!