

Living Stream Ministry

Full-time Training in Anaheim

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TO THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCHES UPDATES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This letter serves to highlight some important reminders and recent changes to the FTTA admission process and policies. Please note that the Fall 2025 term begins on **Lord's Day, August 10, 2025**.

If there are any questions or concerns related to an applicant, we encourage the brothers to fellowship early on. Please contact Dennis Higashi at (714) 728-1479, Doug Gedeon at (469) 544-8262, or Rick Scatterday at (714) 728-8199.

1. Updated FTTA Application Deadlines

Please note that FTTA application deadlines have been moved earlier in order to facilitate our timely review and notification of applicants desiring to attend FTTA. The new deadlines are as shown in the application calendar below.

APPLICATION CALENDAR

	Deadline:	Applicant will receive notification by:
Fall Term Deadline	May 31, 2025	June 24, 2025
Spring Term Deadline	November 30, 2025	December 24, 2025

2. Requirements for New Applicants—Bachelor's Degree or Accredited Trade (Vocational Certification)

FTTA requires that all trainees have a university bachelor's degree or similar qualification. Beginning in 2023, FTTA expanded what qualifications would meet this requirement. Presently such qualifications may be obtained through receiving an accredited trade/vocational certification in the US or Canada, provided that the certification includes at least two or three years of post-secondary, academic classroom instruction, plus any additional practical training in a specific field. An associate's degree alone will not be accepted as a valid qualification. An applicant should be fully qualified for their chosen trade/vocation. Such qualifications will be received and considered on a case by case basis, and the final decision regarding any such qualification will be at the discretion of the FTTA Office. This information can be found on our website at <https://ftta.org/prospective-trainees>.

3. FTTA Board and Lodging Fee

The board and lodging fee to participate in the FTTA training is currently \$1,400 per month (\$6,300 for the whole term, not including the semiannual training registration). This fee is subject to change. The suggested monthly trainee allowance to be given to them for personal expenses is \$275 to \$325. For any finance-related questions or questions concerning the cost for a commuter trainee, please email accounting@ftta.org.

4. FTTA Early Action Approval

FTTA has implemented the Early Action Approval option. Through this process, applicants have the opportunity to submit an application up to one year in advance of their desired enrollment term in order to receive an early decision for that term. A completed application, including recommendations from two elders or leading brothers, is considered early if submitted at least six months prior to the start of the desired term. Those who have been accepted will be required to confirm their FTTA commitment prior to the start of their first term.

5. Guidelines for Reviewing New Applicants for FTTA

As college students are increasingly aware of FTTA, it is imperative to strengthen our efforts in wisely selecting and recommending potential applicants. In particular, the applicant's degree of preparedness and optimal timing of their entrance into the Training should be carefully considered. The leading brothers' role in this process is essential and indispensable. To assist you, please refer to the January 2025 Guidelines for Elders packet, "Principles for Recommending Future FTTA Applicants." A copy of these guidelines is available upon request.

6. Medical Insurance

In order to comply with our insurance obligations, FTTA requires that all trainees have some form of comprehensive health insurance. The plan we offer provides coverage through Academic HealthPlans (AHP). For more information, please visit our website at <https://ftta.org/incoming-trainees/health-care/insurance-requirement.php>.

For more details regarding the Training please visit our website at <https://ftta.org>. All inquiries on these or other Training-related matters should be directed to the FTTA Office via e-mail (office@ftta.org) or phone (714-991-4688).

In Christ,
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