



Campus Connexion

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September 2017

Events on Campus This Semester

August 7–September 15
BTh/Diploma Sessions
First & Second Year

August 7–November 3
BTh/Diploma Sessions
Third Year

Upcoming

October 5

Entrance Exam for BTh &
MA (must preregister)

November 11

Graduation

November 10–11

Board of Governors
Meeting

November 12

Retirement Ceremony
for Rev. Jean Bandé

Please Pray

- for strength for third-year students as they complete their courses and thesis projects over the coming weeks
- for peace and stability in Togo
- for the completion of construction projects before graduation

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Representing 12 nations, 98 3rd-year students—68 French and 30 English speakers—are taking their final courses, producing their thesis projects, and looking forward to Graduation Day. The 1st- and 2nd-year students complete their courses for the term on September 15. For photos of activities throughout the semester, see <http://bit.ly/2rJo7W>.

Student Representative Committee 2017 (l. to r.): Olivier Nikiema (Burkina Faso), Bernard Turkson (Ghana), Houéfa Ablavi Sama (Togo), Yaovi Adekpoe (Togo), Titus Uwakwe (Nigeria), Dieudonné Kantika (dean of students), Noé Mboyo (DR Congo), Bertin Irie Bi Zoko (Côte d'Ivoire), Albert Akuamoah (Ghana), Isidore Ayina (Cameroon). Not pictured: Laurent Fanou (Benin)

Spiritual Emphasis Week: A Closer Look at Islam

Students and faculty took a closer look at Islam in a 3-day seminar August 15-17. The presenters, Drs. Benjamin Hegeman and Don Little, are missiologists and professors in the Christian Study of Islam program at Houghton College (New York). Dr. Hegeman presented seven internal crises that Islam faces and that cause people to question and seek answers. Dr. Little spoke about discipling new believers and elements of spiritual transformation, e.g., community, intimacy with God, character, the Word, and missions. The final day provided an enlightening look at the progression of Islam in Africa and the role played by colonial masters. While their contexts may differ, students and faculty gained valuable information and insights to adapt to their respective ministry situations.



Reflection and discussion:
What has contributed to your own spiritual transformation?

WAAST Vice President Rev. Jean Bandé to Be Honored

Retirement celebrations are planned for November 12 for Rev. Jean Bandé, WAAST vice president and senior pastor of the WAAST International Chapel. Rev. Bandé has served the school for 29 years as a professor and academic dean as well as vice president. The thanksgiving service in the Chapel will begin at 7 a.m. and the WAAST celebration at 3 p.m. All alumni and current students are invited to honor this influential servant of God.

Extension Center News

Of the 98 students in the Class of 2017, 60 have come from various extension centers to finish the program and graduate. Seven centers are represented: Burkina Faso (7 students), Cameroon (9), Côte d'Ivoire (10), Ghana (14), Madagascar (3), DR Congo (14), and Sierra Leone (3).