



# Campus Connexion

West Africa Advanced School of Theology ❖ [www.waast.org](http://www.waast.org)  
July 2021

## Events on Campus

### This Semester

May 10–July 28

MA Session

### Upcoming

August 6 & 8

Registration

BTh/Diploma Students

August 9–September 17

BTh/Diploma Sessions

First & Second Year

August 9–November 5

BTh/Diploma Sessions

Graduating Class

September 14–16

Spiritual Emphasis

Rev. Jonathan Ballah

October 7

Entrance Exam - BTh &

MA (must preregister)

November 13

Graduation

November 13–14

Board of Governors

Meeting

### Please Pray

- for the provision of travel and tuition funds for students coming to complete the program, especially those from the extension centers.
- that the academic year might continue uninterrupted and the 2021 graduation be held.

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## MA Session Sees Highest Enrollment to Date

This same headline appeared in 2019, when 88 students enrolled in the Master's session. The session was canceled in 2020, but this year 92 students from 15 nations are enrolled—this despite economic and travel difficulties. Professors from 10 nations in Africa and North America are teaching, two of whom have interacted with their students in the classroom via Zoom teleconferencing. The school is honored to have Dr. Mary Ballenger, retired WAASST president (2011-2018), visit to teach a course. The session ends July 28, after which the 53 students who have completed their courses will begin their thesis projects, working toward their graduation in 2022. (Photos: <https://tinyurl.com/aggst21>)



## Welcome to the WAASST Team, Jordans and Penningtons!



Africa Theological Seminary (PATHS), based on the WAASST campus. Joanne will put her administrative skills to use in the office and serve the children on the campus. The Jordans have 2 children, Kasey, married with 2 sons, and Kaleb, in college. They say, "We're excited to be here, ready to do our part on the WAASST Team!"

**Steve and Trina Pennington** have served in Africa for nearly 30 years. They raised three children in East Africa: Josiah, Priscilla, and Micah. They have served among the Somali; in administrative and teaching roles in AG Bible colleges in Ethiopia and Kenya; in ministry to women and children; and in various leadership roles, including Area Director for AGWM-USA missionaries in the East Africa/Indian Ocean nations. Both hold advanced degrees from AGTS: Steve a PhD in Intercultural Studies, and Trina an MA in Leadership and Ministry. Steve currently serves as Vice Chancellor for PATHS. Trina is the AGWM Missionary Representative to the AAGA Women's Ministries Department. They have joined the team at WAASST to better fulfill these roles.



## WAASST Marks 50 Years

WAASST opened in 1971, offering an Associate Degree in Theology and graduating its first 11 students in 1974. Today WAASST offers both undergraduate and Master's degrees in theology and counts 1,830 alumni. A 50-year anniversary celebration will be held at a later date, due to current restrictions, and will be announced when the date is determined.

## Extension Center News & Prayer Requests

More than 140 third-year students from 8 extension centers are hoping to come to the central campus in August to complete their studies. This number includes many who were unable to attend in 2020. Please pray that all may be able to come—and that housing on campus will suffice.