

Title: "Feb 2024 InterVarsity Update"

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Greetings all,

Wonderful things continue to happen with IA and InterVarsity, but I want to share a delayed discovery regarding 2022 accounting. Until just recently (final week of December 2023), the last giving update I had received was from early December of 2022. So when I sent in my invoices for fall of 2022 and the big week at Urbana, and InterVarsity paid them in the spring of 2023, I assumed that sufficient 2022 end-of-year donations and early 2023 donations had come in to be able to cover all IA training expenses for our HUGE 2022 Urbana year. But then I got the December 2023 update and checked all the math for 2022 and 2023. I discovered that we had actually finished our huge Urbana year \$12,000 in the red. Unfortunately, when they sent the checks for my 2022 invoices, nobody flagged that sufficient IA training funds had not actually come in.<sup>1</sup> So I did not discover the 2022 deficit until I finally got the December 2023 update and did all of the math for myself. (*Many* hours of tedious accounting! 😞)

The good news is that 2023 donations have covered all of our 2022 expenses (even including the 170 hours I put into the amazing Urbana adventure -- planning with Peter; preparing materials; recruiting, screening, training/prepping, supporting, and leading the huge ministry team; and follow-up analysis after the conference). The bad news is that more than half of the 2023 contributions were needed to cover the 2022 deficit, and now we have a deficit for 2023. But more *good news* is that we are planning a very light year for 2024, which should help us replenish the IA training fund. And even *more* good news is that future Urbana and Orlando conferences will require *much* less of my time, which should make it much easier to balance the budget going forward.<sup>2</sup> Also, we will try to adjust our InterVarsity-Immanuel-Approach work going forward to stay within the resources that come in -- if necessary, we will just scale back our IVCF-IA efforts to match the donations that come in for the training fund.

Finally, **thank you, thank you, thank you** to those of you who have been faithfully and generously supporting our InterVarsity Immanuel Approach adventure.

NOTE: I have put together a document that will hopefully be helpful for those of you who have been contributing to the IA training fund, and also for any who are wanting to start giving. The following link will take you to "Everything I would want to know if I were contributing to the InterVarsity Immanuel Approach training fund." \*\*Note: this is now "Everything I would want to know if I were contributing to the Lehman Immanuel Approach fund":

<https://www.immanuelapproach.com/supporting-lehmans-immanuel-approach-work/>

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<sup>1</sup> Just in case you are wondering how this could be possible, IVCF has separate accounting for the IA training fund, but there is not actually a separate bank account. So there was sufficient money in the account from other sources.

<sup>2</sup> As the reader probably already knows, developing a totally new venture, and implementing it for the very first time, always requires *much* more effort.

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

P.S. Please pray for the IA team currently in the Middle East. They will be doing intensive Immanuel Approach ministry and training during the next several weeks, and they will be working with many of the survivors who were in the middle of recent events. Their work in-country has been going well so far, but the team members are experiencing extraordinary stressors regarding family, friends, and practical concerns in the States.