

Title: "InterVarsity Update"

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Greetings all,

Just wanted to send a quick update regarding Immanuel Approach InterVarsity adventures.

First of all, we are less than a month away! After planning and training for more than two years, this feels like a big deal. And the most recent update I've gotten from InterVarsity is that we will have 175 Immanuel Approach facilitators on the team. (I know we had been hoping for 200, but considering the size of the sacrifice each of these facilitators will be making, 175 is still pretty amazing.) This means that we will be able to provide Immanuel prayer for more than 1,500 students over the course of the conference. If I'm not mistaken, this will be the largest Immanuel Approach ministry endeavor in history.

I am confident that many, many students will have profound encounters with the tangible, living, interactive, life-giving, personal presence of Jesus. But I am guessing that some students will have low capacity and poor self-awareness, and therefore I am also expecting some challenges. We are doing everything we can think of to prepare for this, but we would still greatly appreciate prayer from the wider Immanuel Approach community. Many of you have said, "We wish we could be there. Is there anything we can do to help?" Yes. Please pray regularly through the rest of this month, and especially during the time of the actual prayer ministry (from 1:00 to 5:00 on the afternoons of Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>, Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>).

And a piece of unexpected good news is that expenses for 2022 are turning out to be less than we had anticipated. Part of this pleasant surprise is that InterVarsity staff are now providing most of their own internal Immanuel Approach training. So they are requiring much less consultation time from me. (This is good news for not only the 2022 training budget, but also for the ongoing, sustainable spread of the Immanuel Approach throughout InterVarsity!)

The Immanuel Approach training fund has been able to cover almost all of our training expenses for 2022 so far, and I am expecting that we will fully cover all of the expenses for our 2022 training adventures, even including the particularly intense week of Urbana, as our wonderful Immanuel Approach community responds with whatever the Lord guides them to do regarding year-end giving.

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

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