

WHAT TO BRING

Personal Documents

- Identity document
- Original educational documents (eg Matric certificate)
- Academic records of any degrees, diplomas, awards, etc you may have
- Driver's licence
- A passport photograph
- Key deposit: R120 (Botanica) and R50 (Hostel)

Formal Clerical Wear

- Clerical shirts if applicable
- Collar
- Clerical or academic gown and academic hoods (if you have any)

Personal Stationery

- Pens, pencils
- Notebooks, A4 exam pads
- Files, etc.
- Computers or stiffy disks

Musical Instruments

- Bring whatever you can play.

Casual Clothing

- The summers are very hot and the winters cold – come prepared for both.
- **Your own radio, tape recorder, TV:** if you have these bring them. The College has TV's in the Common Rooms.
- **Iron** for your laundry.
- **Sheets**, pillows, blankets, duvets.
- **A heater** if you think you will be cold in winter.

Only TV's, computers, radio's and heaters may be plugged In, in the rooms.

Personal Books

- The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is in common use in the College, please bring your own copy.
- Personal theological books for study purposes.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- **Extra furniture.** Very little extra storage space is available at the College. It is used at your own risk
- **Fridges, pots and stoves if you are living in the hostel.** No cooking is allowed in bedrooms.

IN CONCLUSION

We are looking forward to having you as part of the College Community. We are sure that you will make a valuable contribution to our common life as together, we develop a balanced Christian life of learning, service, and worship. College life is both fulfilling and demanding. You will find that there are six aspects to our life together:

1. Spiritual formation;
2. Academic formation;
3. Community;
4. Personal formation;
5. Practical ministry formation; and
6. Servanthood.

All this takes place within a multi lingual, multi cultural and diverse community. You will find your College experience will, at times, be richly enjoyable and at other times difficult in terms of your studies and your relationships. But in it all you will find your faith deepened and your experience and understanding of others enriched, providing a solid foundation for your ministry in the Church of Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO JOHN WESLEY COLLEGE, KILNERTON



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INTRODUCTION

John Wesley College has a long history, providing theological education mainly in the Methodist Church. Based first at Lesseyton, then at Alice in the Eastern Cape in association with the University of Ford Hare, it went on to be a constituent College of the Federal Theological Seminary first at Alice, then Umtata, and subsequently at Imbali, near Pietermaritzburg. At the beginning of 1994, with the closure of the Federal Theological Seminary, it moved to Kilnerton, Pretoria.

Kilnerton was established in 1886 to provide education and training for evangelists, pastors and teachers. Consisting of a training College, High School, two Primary Schools and various other learning institutions it produced many leaders in the Church, the professions, business and politics. It was closed under the Group Areas Act in 1962 and reopened in 1994.

John Wesley College, Kilnerton brings these two traditions together and seeks to provide Theological and Ministerial formation in a multi cultural religious community which balances spiritual formation, community life and academic progress in service of Jesus Christ and His Church in its diversity. Every year brings new challenges and new experiences of community. Your contribution to meeting these challenges and to the development of the community will be highly valued.

ASPECTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Accommodation: Since many seminarians at John Wesley College are married, with children, the incorporation of wives, husbands and children into the College Community is of the utmost importance. Our experience is that families of seminarians make an enriching and happy contribution to our life together. We

encourage seminarians, where possible, to have their families at College with them. Where that is not possible, visits by families of seminarians are most welcome. Unfortunately only single accommodation is available for private students.

Housing and Catering: Single seminarians each have their own rooms while seminarians who bring their families are ideally accommodated in various flats owned by the College. Meals for single students are taken in the Dining Room. We are a community of many cultures, and you need to prepare yourself for experimentation and widening your horizons as far as the menu is concerned. The food is good, and no different in quality from that you would cook at home. Do not expect hotel menus though. There is also a College Laundry which you may use.

Medical Care: Methodist ministers belong to a Medical Aid. The 30% excess is paid by EMMU, up to a certain limit. Private students need to make their own medical arrangements.

Sports and Recreation: Facilities for volley ball, table tennis, darts and television are available on campus and Soccer is played regularly.

Spiritual Formation: This is a primary purpose of the College's life. Each day begins with worship from 07h30 to 08h20. Attendance in Chapel is not optional.

Schooling for Children: The children of seminarians attend schools in Pretoria and are able to participate fully in the life of the schools they attend. Parents are responsible for fees and transport. Finding a school can be difficult, so please make your arrangements as soon as you can to ensure that you children find a suitable place.

Academic studies: The Theological Education by Extension Diploma in Theology and Bachelor of Theology are offered. Seminarians attend lectures and tutorials daily under the

guidance of the John Wesley College staff. Students who obtain good marks may be able to do an Honours degree with a university in their second year at college if they have completed the diploma. A 100% attendance at lectures is expected.

INTERNAL ORGANISATION

The College community annually elects a House Committee which oversees the housekeeping and communal life of the community. Portfolios are House Committee Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and General Concerns. All students, though, are made stewards with specific duties assigned to them each year.

Ministry in the Wider Community: Seminarians are attached to a number of churches and projects in the Tshwane area, Sundays and Wednesdays are allocated for this work.

Financial Considerations

Methodist Probationer ministers receive the difference between their bursary and their hostel fees / rent on a quarterly basis. This is a very small amount which needs to be supplemented from a spouse's income or other sources. Methodist ministers who have completed their term at John Wesley College receive a basic stipend to cover the month of December. Please note that it is vitally important that all accounts, lease agreements, hire purchase contracts and other debts be either fully paid up or adequately covered before coming to College. Regrettably the College is unable to assist in these matters.

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