

Biblical Studies Department

Newsletter

— AIIAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



INSPIRATION

"Since Jesus came to dwell with us, we know that God is acquainted with our trials, and sympathizes with our griefs. Every son and daughter of Adam may understand that our Creator is the friend of sinners. For in every doctrine of grace, every promise of joy, every deed of love, every divine attraction presented in the Saviour's life on earth, we see "God with us."

E. White, *Desire of Ages*, 24.

THE AIIAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY GREEK READING CLUB

Are you seeking to sharpen your Greek reading skills and deepen your understanding of New Testament interpretation? Then, join the AIIAS Theological Seminary Greek Reading Club! Guided by our faculty sponsor, Dr. Leonardo Nunes, we meet bimonthly on Fridays (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) at the Theological Seminary for a thrilling hour of participatory reading and discussion.

We cover 12–15 verses per meeting, allowing every participant to discuss syntax, theology, and application. Our goal is to read the entire New Testament in Greek, with depth and understanding taking priority over speed. This semester has been a thrilling journey through 1 John, cultivating our love for the New Testament Greek language and interpretation. We also have scheduled seminars on understanding the intricacies of the New Testament Greek.

By Elijah Baidoo
President, The Greek Reading Club



These monthly activities help make our academic journey at AIIAS memorable. Since biblical times, fellowship has always mattered. Thank you to all participants and BiSSA officers for supporting these events.

By Teófilo Correa
BSD Chair



PRAY AND PLAY MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

"Lift up your face to God. You will pray to Him, and He will hear you" (Job 22:26-27). While we may not be experiencing Job's trials, prayer remains an ever-available resource for connecting with God. Beyond your personal prayer experience, we gather monthly as a BSD community to pray for the institution, our families, and individual concerns. Every first Sunday of the month at 6:30 am, we meet in the seminary chapel to open the Holy Scriptures and pray together. Mordecai Dwomoh leads this spiritual activity—please contact him if you'd like to share a prayer request.

Immediately following prayer time, we enjoy a soccer game activity led by Kian Clabinda. After the game, BiSSA president, Jemmy Najoan, welcomes us with a delicious and abundant breakfast.



"EXPLORING SACRED SCRIPTURES" COLLOQUIUM REACHES ITS 14TH SESSION

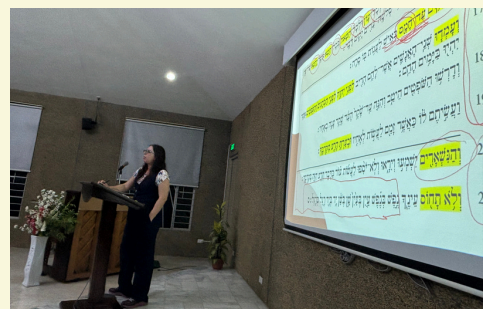
During the current semester, the Department organized two colloquium sessions. The first took place on September 25, featuring presenters who shared insights from their research projects. Zandritiana Lovanomena (PhD candidate) presented "*An Appraisal of Metarepresentational Negation in John's Gospel*," while Dindo Paglinawan (PhD candidate) discussed "*Beyond Mysticism: The Ontological Reality of 'You in Me and I in You' in John 14:20*." Dr. Hector Martin, who also presided over the event, lectured on "*Connecting Propositions*."

The 14th colloquium session took place on October 16. This session was distinctive in that, for the first time, two MA-R students presented portions of their research term papers. Daniel Tulalessy explored "*Virgin or Young Woman? An Exegetical Study of עלמה in Isaiah 7:14 within its Context*," while Mordecai Dwomoh examined "*The Meaning and Role of 2 ארך*

(Light) in Isaiah 60:1-5." Another first for this session was our guest presenter: Anigiselle Regis Alvarez, a PhD student from the Inter-American Theological Seminary in Puerto Rico, who shared her paper "*Witnesses and Their Testimonies: The Ninth Commandment Revisited in Deut 19:15-21*." We deeply appreciate her participation.

Dr. Teófilo Correa organized this event. Notably, all academic events are supported by BiSSA and, in a special manner, by the VP for Academic Affairs, Francis Doroy.

By Teófilo Correa
BSD Chair



RAW SESSION ON EFFECTIVE THESIS AND DISSERTATION WRITING



- Dr. Martin: "*Building a Strong Literature Review*"
- Dr. Bergland: "*Aligning Methodology with Research Purposes*"
- Dr. Nunes: "*Formulating the Research Problem and Questions*"
- Dr. Correa: "*Identifying the Research Gap*"

The presentations were followed by a Q&A session. We hope these presentations better equip students who are currently writing their topic requests or thesis/dissertation proposals.

By Teófilo Correa
BSD Chair

Writing a thesis or dissertation is not only the culminating phase of an academic program but also the stage where degree candidates deepen their scholarship by immersing themselves in research and producing a final report (a thesis/dissertation). Throughout the year, we offer several Research and Academic Writing (RAW) sessions, but once annually we provide a special session open to all seminary students. This year's session took place on October 29 and was entitled "Fundamentals of Effective Thesis and Dissertation Writing." The presenters were all faculty members from the Biblical Studies Department:



AIAS JOINS PHILIPPINE BIBLE SOCIETY (PBS) CONSULTATIVE MEETING



Recently, Dr. Leonardo Nunes, Kian Cablinda, Dindo Paglinawan, and Francis Doroy represented AIAS seminary in the Scholarly Edition Grant Consultative Fellowship under the auspices of the Philippine Bible Society held last September 24, 2025, in Manila.



The meeting called for united efforts of biblical translation to local dialects, and to collaborate on proposed books and resources to cater to the needs of all pastors and laity. Also, AIAS received primary sources from the United Bible Society, Germany, through PBS.

By Francis Doroy
Bissa VP Academic

BSD PARTICIPATION IN THE SEMINARY FORUM

The 28th AIAS Annual Theological Forum was held in November 13-15, 2025, with the theme "Financial Stewardship: Theology, Ethics, and Mission."

BSD faculty and students were actively engaged in this academic forum. Congratulations to Dr. Kenneth Bergland, Dr. Téofilo Correa, Elijah Baidoo, Foday Sello, Dindo Paglinawan, Mordecai N. Dwomoh, Innocent Tuyishime, and Joepier Eurolfan for their research presentations.

By Z. Lovanomena
BSD Newsletter Editor



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End-of-Year Celebration

The Christmas season is here. All members of the Biblical Studies community (including family members) are invited to our Year-End Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The venue will be in the AIIAS Kitchenette.



Some key highlights of this event are: **Games, Exchanging Gifts for the children, and Potluck.**

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