

ABSTRACT

We have entered a new era with the advent of computers and high technological innovations. As a result, there has been increasing discussion of late regarding the rapid changes in our society - the shift from industry to technology and communications, and the need for strategic planning. These are of common concern to all aspects of life, even to the ministry. There is then the implication that we must evaluate the programs offered in our Bible college as a training institution for ministers in our conference in order to best prepare the students for their future ministry. Hence this study.

As an attempt to find out whether the curriculum offered at JWBC was of help to the ministry of its graduates, this research derives its data from the perspective of the graduates themselves. The JWBC curriculum was evaluated as generally helpful although there were weak points as there were strong. The objectives of JWBC were attained although there were areas which were found wanting, in overall evaluation. Furthermore, the objectives in student life and spiritual life were considered to have been not attained because no courses or formal instructions on the same were offered by the current curriculum of JWBC.

This study found some need for curriculum revision to strengthen both contextualization to Philippine urban setting and reorientation to Wesley's theology to be able to interpret social and theological issues from the perspective of a true Wesleyan-Arminian tradition. Furthermore, this study recommends: strengthening or reinforcement, revision or updating of some subjects; inclusion of important subjects such as Wesley's Theology, Doctrine of Holiness, and Contextualization of Theology; seminars for the

continuing development of graduates and other church leaders in the Conference; broadened and properly planned and worded objectives of JWBC; emphasis of the Wesleyan perspective in the various courses; careful selection of faculty; a study of the religions in the Philippines which the ministers face; inclusion of fieldwork; and upgrading of its physical facilities.