

Dr. John Jones Bio

Dr John Jones, a third-generation Adventist, was raised in the Philippine Islands, where his parents served on the faculty of Philippine Union College. After graduation from Walla Walla College and completing masters programs at Andrews University, John and his wife Patricia moved to Napa, California for a year of pastoral internship and nursing. They then accepted invitations to Hong Kong Adventist College where, for five years, John chaired the theology department and Pat established and administered their School of Nursing.

After doing masters and doctoral programs at Vanderbilt University, John and Pat returned to Asia in 1978, where, for nine years, John taught at the Far Eastern Division's theological seminary and Pat established and administered the Division's graduate nursing program.

John has been with Loma Linda and La Sierra Universities since 1987, when he joined the central administration of LLU as Senior Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Administration. Following the separation of the two institutions in 1990, he served as Dean of the School of Religion at La Sierra until five years ago when he hung up his administrative hat "for good" and returned to his first love, full-time teaching.

John's areas of expertise are New Testament studies and Asian religions. A well-known preacher and public speaker, he is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Biblical Literature, and the Adventist Society of Religious Studies. His extracurricular interests include several languages, folk music of several traditions, and conducting adventuresome study-tours "to obscure places like Tibet and the Silk Road."

Pat teaches in the graduate nursing program at Loma Linda University and serves as Associate Director of the Health Ministries Department of the General Conference. Their married daughters Carla and Janelle are cultural anthropologist and psychiatrist, respectively.