



Ordination Students and Faculty

The Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

Masters Students and Faculty

Back to School at ETSC

The First Term of the 2006-2007 Academic Year is now in session at ETSC. Classes began on September 26, 2006 following a welcome gathering and celebration on September 25th at 7pm. Dr. Magdi S. Gendi, Acting President of ETSC during Dr. Atef M. Gendi's sabbatical, led the opening activities. Current enrollment in all degree programs is 175, reflecting an increase of nearly 10% over last year. While most of our students are Egyptian, we are also blessed by the presence of students from Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Philippines, Germany, Korea, and Norway.



Dr Magdi S. Gendi, center, leads faculty orientation



M.A.T.S. students Esther (Philippines), Sungmin (Korea), Nesif (Egypt) and Daniel (Sudan)

Reflection and Renewal

In preparation for our first term, over 40 students and 8 faculty from ETSC journeyed to Beit el Salaam conference center near Alexandria for a three day retreat of reflection and renewal for ordination seeking students. Those present from the ETSC community prayed and worshipped together, reflected on last summer's ministry experiences, heard inspiring messages, and welcomed new students. In a busy time of preparation, the retreat was a great opportunity for refreshment and relaxation.



Left: fun at the retreat. Right: Bible study. Below: reflection groups.



Campus Renovation Continues

Work has continued in the last few months on the long-range plan of renovating our campus. Weatherproofing work on the foundation of our main building (built in 1926) is almost complete, paving the way for a complete renovation of our classrooms in the bottom floor. New study carrels and chairs were purchased for the library; the facility is now fully furnished.



New computers are on the way. Work also continues on the Center for Middle East Christianity as funding is available.

There's Always Room at the Table

A number of friends and partners of ETSC have come to visit during the month of October. A group representing various churches in Norway came on October 11th to learn more about our seminary and what God is doing nowadays through the churches and ministries of Egypt. Jason Ferenczi, Program Director of Overseas Council International (OCI) came to ETSC on October 16th during a visit to several of OCI's partner seminaries in the region. Sjoerd Haagsma from Global Ministries in the Netherlands joined us on October 17th for lunch and a meeting regarding Lay Pastor training. Dr. Said Aliabouni and friends representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America came by on October 20th while visiting partners of the ELCA in Egypt. Sven Halvardson of the Stockholm School of Theology and Eric Hornberger of the Mustard Seed Foundation also dropped in. Welcome one and all!



Left: On October 13th ETSC hosted the annual meeting of the Association of Theological Institutes in the Middle East (ATIME) which brings together various evangelical, catholic and orthodox seminaries in the Middle East in a spirit of ecumenical cooperation and dialogue.



ELCA personnel visit with ETSC students