



ETSC Update – April 2009

News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo



ETSC Celebrates Easter

On April 15, many of our students, faculty and staff gathered together for ETSC's annual Easter celebration in our campus chapel. We gathered as brothers and sisters from Egypt, Sudan, Syria, Canada, Netherlands and the United States all united in one common Lord. At the conclusion of a wonderful worship service, we enjoyed snacks and fellowship together. The Easter celebration took place just before our Holy



Week vacation, as Easter was observed in Egypt on April 19th this year.



Dr. Walter Taylor with Masters Program

ETSC has been blessed this term with the presence of Dr. Walter Taylor, Professor of New Testament Studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Taylor is teaching a course on Early Christian Piety, looking at the writings of church leaders from the 1st to the 3rd Centuries. As our Masters students are active pastors and leaders, they find the issues raised in this course, such as the proper conduct of church members in

their witness to the wider society, particularly helpful and thought-provoking. Dr. Taylor also offered a seminar to faculty and students on the Concept of the Christian Family in Paul's Letters, which was very well received by our seminary community.



Ground Broken on ETSC Playing Field

Work has begun this month on a new playing field for the ETSC community. Thanks to generous support in recent years from friends and supporters abroad and our own students, faculty and staff, we have enough funding in place to begin this important project to improve the health and fitness of our seminary community. Already many people on our campus have made personal

contributions toward the construction of this playing field, including the children of our seminary faculty (who are looking forward to using it as soon as possible)!



Campus plan showing playing field



Spring Student Retreat

During the last weekend in March, more than 60 of our ordination-track students and teachers traveled to a conference center on the Suez Canal for our annual Spring Student retreat. It was a great time of refreshment and renewal, and most importantly, refocusing on our primary task as seminary students and teachers, which is to prepare ourselves to serve the Lord better and better with our whole hearts. ETSC organizes two conferences annually as part of our spiritual formation and community building efforts.

Check out our website at www.etsc.org for periodic updates and news from our campus in Cairo. Please contact us at etsc@etsc.org for information on how to visit us and support our work and ministry of preparing pastors and leaders here in Egypt!