



ETSC Update – May 2008

News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

Our graduation celebration is fast approaching! We will enjoy a series of activities May 27-30 culminating in our annual graduation ceremony. We take this pause in the midst of exams, research papers and preparations, to share with you some of the news of what has been happening and what we are looking forward to! Please keep our community in your prayers.



Dr. Atef Gendy Offers Lecture on Spiritual Gifts

On May 12th at 8pm, ETSC’s president Dr. Atef M. Gendy offered a lecture on supernatural gifts at the request of our students. With most of our students and full-time faculty present, Dr. Gendy framed his lecture on the whole of Scripture, putting this challenging issue in the larger theological framework of the Reformed Tradition. Afterward, many of the faculty added their

thoughts and perspectives, and students were able to share with questions and observations. The lecture and discussion demonstrated that we may have different perspectives and a diversity of opinions, yet share a common vision as members of the Body of Christ.



Three Faculty of ETSC to be Ordained

On Friday, May 23rd at 7pm, the ETSC community looks forward to the ordination of three of our full-time faculty. The three most recent additions to our faculty – Samy A. H. Estafanos (Christian Education), Sherif Salah (Missions) and Wageeh Mikhail (Missional Theology) – will be ordained to the teaching ministry of ETSC. We anticipate a joyous celebration with them in the presence of Cairo Presbytery and Synod of the Nile leaders, our Board, faculty, students and families.

Sherif Salah, Samy Estafanos and Wageeh Mikhail

Gearing up for Graduation

It’s almost time! Exams and papers are coming to completion, grades are being recorded and plans are being made for ETSC’s 2008 graduation celebration! Our students are trying on their robes and making plans for their family and friends to travel to Cairo for this momentous occasion. This year, our keynote speaker for graduation will be Dr. Riad Kasis from Lebanon, OCI’s Regional Director for the Middle East and Central Europe.



Our graduation events and activities planned for this year are as follows:



May 27th at 7:30pm – Special dinner for graduates and spouses (prepared by ETSC faculty and families)

May 28th at 7:30pm – Public Lecture for the Center for Middle East Christianity. The topic will be “Arab Christians in Arabia before Islam.” The speaker will be Mr. Neguib Wahaba – former consultant for the Academy of Arabic Language in Cairo.

May 29th at 7pm – Student Graduation Celebration at ETSC campus.

May 30th at 7pm – ETSC’s Graduation Ceremony at Heliopolis Evangelical Church in Cairo.



Mabrook! Armia Makram and Nagi Sobhy pose with the **new ETSC van**, purchased thanks to a grant organized by **Rev. Dr. Victor Makari**, Middle East Coordinator for the PCUSA and ETSC alumnus.

We welcome your prayers and support! Please contact us at etsc@etsc.org for more information about our activities, degree programs, and how to partner with us as we train pastors and leaders in Egypt.