



ETSC Update – January/February 2008

News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

We have just completed one of the most exciting and dynamic Mid-Terms in ETSC's history during the period of January 9-30, 2008. Here are some of the highlights:



Dr. Mark Swanson



Dr. Jan Opsal

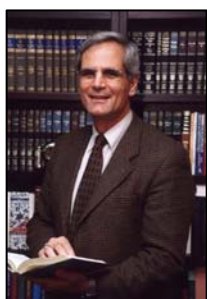


Dr. Herman Teule

Special Courses Offered

The January Mid-Term featured six courses running simultaneously! In the B.Th. program, Dr. Mark Swanson of L.S.T.C (Chicago, U.S.A.) taught **Arabic Christian Heritage**. Dr. Imad Shehadeh of J.E.T.S. (Amman, Jordan) offered a course on the **Trinity**. Dr. Wafik Wahba of Tyndale Seminary (Toronto, Canada) lectured on **The Church and Global Christianity** and Elder Yousef Nathan (Egypt) taught **New Testament Survey**.

In the M.A.T.S. program, Dr. Jan Opsal returned from Stavanger M.H.S. (Norway) to offer **Women in the Muslim and Christian Scriptures**, and Dr. Herman Teule from the University of Nijmegen (Netherlands) gave **A History of Syriac Christianity**. What a rich experience!



Dr. Imad Shehadeh



Dr. Wafik Wahba

Programs and Visitors

Apart from courses, ETSC hosted many programs and visitors in January. A group of 13 pastors and lay people from the Presbytery of Shenango in Pennsylvania participated in an **Immersion in Middle East Christianity** sponsored by ETSC's Center for Middle East Christianity. During three weeks the participants visited ancient sites and modern ministries, and held lectures and discussions led by ETSC faculty and Synod of the Nile leaders.



OCI Institute for Excellence - Cairo, Egypt
14-18 January 2008

ETSC was privileged to host the **OCI Institute for Excellence** in Cairo this year. Leaders from 18 Middle East theological institutes and international organizations came together for this annual week-long event, focusing on building leadership skills among these key centers of training in the region.

January 23-26, the Center for Middle East Christianity sponsored a **Continuing Education Event** for Egyptian Pastors. 14 pastors participated in the event focused on Arabic Christianity, featuring Dr. Mark Swanson and others.



Students speaking with Wake Forest group

We were blessed by many visitors! **Groups and Delegations** in January included two groups of pastors from Stavanger Diocese in Norway, a seminary student team from Wake Forest Divinity School (North Carolina, USA), and a delegation from the PCUSA including friends from Wayne Presbyterian Church, a long-time friend of ETSC. You honored us with your presence!

After a short break, we resumed classes for the Spring Term on February 4th. More news to come soon! Contact us at etsc@etsc.org for more information.