



ETSC Update – May 2009

News from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

ETSC announces a new M.A.T.S. degree in Church Management beginning Fall 2009 as part of a collaborative effort with Development Associates International (DAI). Enrollment is open now... contact roger@etsc.org for details!!



Getting Ready for Graduation 2009!

At ETSC, preparations are underway for the graduation celebration of the 2008-2009 academic year. Our graduation events, May 28 and 29 at 7pm, will feature the announcement of over 30 graduates from all of ETSC's various degree programs, including 14 candidates for ordination in the Presbyterian Church of Egypt. Graduates of the class of 1959 will also be honored, which includes our keynote speaker, Dr. Victor Makari, Coordinator for the Middle East for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Please pray for us during this important occasion!

Synod Confirms Dr. Atef Gendy as ETSC President

The annual meeting of the Synod of the Nile was held May 12-15 at the newly redesigned Second Evangelical Church in al Minya, Egypt. Our Egyptian full and part-time faculty, as pastors and leaders of the Synod, were in attendance. During the Synod, the reappointment of Dr. Atef Gendy as ETSC President through 2012 was confirmed. The continued growth and development of ETSC's programs was cited as a key reason for continuation of Dr. Gendy's administration. This is a great encouragement for us as a seminary.



FPC Visalia at ETSC



May 4-12 ETSC hosted a delegation from FPC Visalia, California. They traveled to Egypt to learn more about the various ministries and church activities in Egypt and how they might deepen their involvement and develop relationships with Egyptian Christians in the future. During their time in Egypt they visited a variety of churches and met with key ministries around Cairo. A highlight of their visit was a consultation held with representatives of several Christian development ministries regarding access to clean drinking water in Egyptian villages, and how members of FPC Visalia might collaborate with these ministries in the future to address this important issue.

How to Make a Human Being...

Dr. Neal Walls, Associate Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Wake Forrest University, visited ETSC on May 12th to offer a seminar to our faculty and M.A.T.S. students. Dr. Walls spoke on the topic of "How to Make a Human," offering a comparison of concepts from different ancient Near Eastern cultures on the creation and purpose of humanity. During his seminar, Dr. Walls emphasized the uniqueness of the Biblical concept of God who creates humans in order to be in relationship with them! The topic stimulated lively discussion and questions from our M.A.T.S. students and faculty.



Dr. Neal Walls (left) speaking at seminar

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