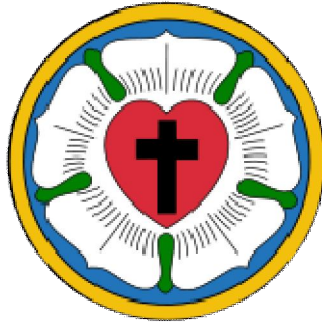


PROPOSED
GAMBIA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



AN INSTITUTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GAMBIA

BACKGROUND:

- Gambia Theological College (GTC) will be a Christ-Centred College focusing all its programmes through the guidance of and obedience to the word of God by conducting and promoting higher education, learning, and research, through scientific fact finding and enquires to all students without any form of discrimination.
- The College will prepare women and men to serve Jesus Christ in ministries marked by faith, integrity, scholarship, competence, compassion, and joy, equipping them for leadership worldwide in congregations and in the larger church.
- It will be a non- denominational under graduate school that accepts students without discrimination irrespective of denominations. It will cater for all denominations as a Seminary that stands affirming the sovereignty of the triune God over all creation, the Gospel of Jesus Christ as God's saving word for all people, the renewing power of the word and Spirit in all of life, and the unity of Christ's servant church throughout the world. This will tradition shape the instruction, research, practical training, and continuing education provided by the Department of theology, as well as the theological scholarship it promotes
- The future expansion plans of the College is to equip all in career disciplines in Education, health, law ,development and other academia, and in the public arena which will include its university plans as a future target.

- In response to Christ's call for the unity of the church, the Seminary Department of theology of this college embraces in its life and work a rich racial and ethnic diversity and the breadth of communions represented in the worldwide church.
- In response to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, the Seminary will offer its theological scholarship in service to God's renewal of the church's life and mission. In response to God's sovereign claim over all creation, the Seminary seeks to engage Christian faith with intellectual, political, and Socio-economic life in pursuit of truth, justice, compassion, and peace.
- The Seminary will work in faith to provide a residential community of worship and learning where a sense of calling is tested and defined, where Scripture and the Christian tradition are appropriated critically, where faith and intellect mature and life-long friendships begin, and where habits of discipleship are so nourished that members of the community may learn to proclaim with conviction, courage, wisdom, and love the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord.

MISSION STATEMENT OF GAMBIA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The Mission of The Gambia Theological College (GTC) will be:

- To serve the Church and the society through training competent, upright and committed professionals.
- To engage GTC's Departments and students in studies of higher learning committed to the pursuit of truth through scientific research.
- To train present and future leaders of Church and society called and sent by the Holy Spirit to serve the whole human being and the Community.
- To encourage and support students who are preparing for specialized education and ministries with more emphasis on education to the disabled, the youth, etc.
- To provide College education for the benefit of all people that they might be more effectively use the gifts God has given them.

- To engage in research in areas of theology, education, music and other disciplines, especially research on African heritage that will enhance the development of Africa (The Gambia) and its people.
- To provide College education without regards to nationality, ethnic identity, gender, social or economic status or religious belief.

STRATEGIES

- GTC will pursue its mission as a College of the region and beyond offering Diploma course in Theology, and in the mere future teacher training Diploma programs (PTC, HTC) IN Gambian Languages with a duration ranging from 3 to 4 years, practical systematically inclusive.
- GTC's policies will be determined by the college Governing Board for College matters and matters leading to the development of a future expansion to a University in The Gambia. Academic polices will be determined by the College Academic Board subject to approval by the Council. The approved polices will be administered by the Principal of the College.
- Within its self- understanding as a college to be affiliated to others both local and international, GTC will seek to maintain administrative and financial autonomy as well as academic freedom so that its mission as an academic institution might effectively be fulfilled.
- GTC will seek to attract department members of excellence through endeavoring to provide a conducive working environment including high standard of housing, salary, library, lecture rooms and other campus facilities.
- GTC will encourage its academic members to contribute to, and grow in competence in their disciplines through research publications and involvement in professional organizations and conferences.
- GTC will seek to establish and maintain relationships with other institutions of higher learning that share similar academic objectives, within Senegambia as well as throughout the rest of Africa and the World.
- GTC will establish and maintain standards of excellence by means of continual peer and self-evaluation, research, seeking and maintaining accreditation from national and international accrediting agencies.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

General Admission Requirements for a Diploma in Theology / Divinity.

To receive an application package, applicants must have to:

EITHER

Download the application form from the College website to be established,

OR

Send a brief letter to The Gambia Theological College

Attn: Registrar

P.O. BOX 5275, Brikama. West Coast Region. The Gambia. West Africa

E – mail: gtc@elctg.org

The applicant is then required to duly fill in the form and attach the following:

- Payment slips of D500 Gambian Dalasis. Non refundable application fee and \$50 for non – Gambians
- Completed medical examination forms
- Proof of sufficient funding for the completion of the program
- Letters of reference regarding personal integrity and academic performance

The following are the categories through which applicants can join the College:

- **Category A: Direct Entry (Grade 12 graduates) /General admission requirement** with Certificate of Senior Secondary Education Examination (WASSC) with at least three credits (passes at grade C or higher).

Category B: Entrance Examination Qualifications / Specific admission requirement.

- Applicants who have at least two principal passes, but have less passes but have served his/ her/ their Church / department(s) of work for at least five years with good recommendation from their heads of departments will be allowed to sit to the College entrance examination for this category.

Category C: Mature Age Entry

Applicants eligible for mature age admission to this College programmes must:

- Be 30 years of age or older in the year of application;
- Have completed grade 9 / 12 (or equivalent) and obtained at least three credit passes at least five years prior to the year of application;

FIRST FACULTY / DEPARTMENT OF THE GAMBIA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

1. DEPARTMENT / FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

- This department provides theological education for pastors and church leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of The Gambia and all other churches (ELCTG). **The department of theology comprises of:**
 - Biblical theology
 - Systematic and Historical Theology
 - Pastoral Theology and Liberal Arts

The Target location for this department will be at Kembujeh, in the west coast region.

The proposed staff of the department /faculty of theology comes from the churches in The Gambia such as Anglican, Methodist, Lutheran and even the Catholic Church if possible from home and abroad.

FUTURE PLANS AND EXPANSION OF THE COLLEGE:

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Future Plans of expansion of the College will comprised of departments / Faculties of:

2. **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** as the second faculty /department of The Gambia theological college (May be another name will chosen for its university plan). The faculty will consists of the following departments:
 - Education
 - Languages (English, French and indigenous languages such as Fula, mandinka, Creole or Aku and Wolof)
 - Geography
 - History
 - Music

The target location of this faculty will be at Farafenni in the north Bank region.

3. **Faculty of law.** The faculty will consists of the following departments:

- Civil Law
- Criminal Law
- Commercial, Corporate and Finance Law
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- International Legal Studies
- Legal Method, Research and Theory

4. **Faculty of Science** will offer :

- Certificate of Science in Computer and Information Management (C. CIM)
- Diploma of Science in Computer and Information Management (Dip. CIM)
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Management and Information (BSc. CIM)

Location of the last two faculties will be in Basse of Upper River region to provide university education to those in the remotest part of the country at a low cost.

Proposed date for commencement of the seminary with the first department / faculty of theology will be in September 2014 in The Gambia.