



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND  
AMANAT AGUNG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**



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Objective: Provide a document and set of principles that can guide the Seminary community in the evaluation and articulation of agreements with seminaries and other ministries in a manner that respects each organization's integrity and furthers each organization's mission.

Calvin Theological Seminary is committed to equipping men and women to serve the worldwide church of Christ. The seminary, through an increasingly diverse student body and curriculum, is committed to equipping the next generation of leaders from a confessional Reformed perspective. Calvin Theological Seminary has throughout its history partnered informally with seminaries across the globe. With continuing advances in communications technology, Calvin Seminary adopts the following set of guidelines that: (1) will enable the seminary to evaluate requests from other seminaries and ministries, and (2) provide guidance in developing Memorandum of Understandings between Calvin Theological Seminary and other seminaries and ministries around the world (herein referred to as "Institutional Partners").

**1. Statement of Purpose**

- 1.1. God's Kingdom transcends national boundaries, cultural/language groups, and ethnic divisions. The Church of Christ is composed of all those whom God has called into a living and transforming relationship through the work of His Spirit. God's vision for his church is that we "all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Towards this end the following benefits to partnerships are noted:
- 1.2. Attaining unity in the faith involves learning and growing together as the body of Christ. Partnering with seminaries and ministries throughout the world will challenge our cultural assumptions, enlarge our understanding of how God is at work in other parts of the world, and provide a richer understanding of God's Word and Christ's Church
- 1.3. Partnering with other ministries ought to encourage the cooperating organizations and promote a spirit of humility as we come to appreciate more deeply the ways in which the Lord and the church has been at work in other parts of world. This appreciate should continually remind us that we are one part of Christ body whose work is complemented by the other parts.
- 1.4. Through cooperating with other seminaries and ministries we model responsible stewardship of our resources. Through the sharing of wide-ranging resources that the Lord has provided the Institutional Partners will be challenged to more faithful ministry in their respective contexts.
- 1.5. Experiencing the diversity of the body of Christ and God's kingdom in a localized setting is possible for the students, faculty, and administration of the participating institutions. This should enable those participating to better understand each other,

appreciate the various ministry challenges that exist, and enable us to welcome each other into our local churches.

The purpose of Institutional Partnerships is to support and enhance the mission of Calvin Theological Seminary and the organizations it partners with so that the ministry of both organizations is enhanced. These partnerships may manifest themselves in a number of different ways, though they will always be guided by the following values

## 2. Statement of Values

- 2.1. Respect the confessional standards of Calvin Theological Seminary / the Christian Reformed Church as well of those of the partnering organization.
- 2.2. Calvin Theological Seminary is committed to be a community of faith, a center of learning and preparing students for a life of ministry and seeks to cultivate relationships which reinforce one or more of these commitments.
- 2.3. Calvin Theological Seminary believes healthy institutional partners are best cultivated and enhanced through existing personal relationships.
- 2.4. Calvin Theological Seminary is committed to institutional partnerships which are rooted in mutuality and reciprocity, and serve both organizations well.
- 2.5. Calvin Theological Seminary is committed to institutional partnerships that are relational, worldwide, and multidirectional.

Calvin Theological Seminary through individuals and organizationally already has a number of institutional partners. These informal relationships play a vital role in the life of the seminary and are valued by the seminary. The following guidelines are designed to assist the seminary in (1) evaluating partnership requests/proposals, (2) developing memoranda of understandings with potential Institutional Partners, and (3) assessing existing and future agreements on a regular basis in order to ensure their viability.

## 3. Guiding Principles for Institutional Partnerships

### 3.1. Institutional Guidelines

- 3.1.1. Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary agree to respect each organization Confessional Integrity and recognize that this may not always allow for the open exchange of faculty and students.
- 3.1.2. Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary commit to open and honest communication between the institutions and the respective participants in any exchange.
- 3.1.3. Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary commit to fiscal responsibility in the exchange of faculty and students.
- 3.1.4. Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary commit to assessing this agreement every three years.
- 3.1.5. Calvin Theological Seminary or Amanat Agung Theological Seminary may end this agreement with six month's notice.
- 3.1.6. Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary understand that this Memorandum of Understanding does not entail an exclusive relationship between their institutions. It is expected that other partnership relationships will develop with other institutions even from the

same geographic area as Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary.

#### 4. Application of Guiding Principles to this Partnership

##### 4.1. Exchange of Students

- 4.1.1. Each sending organizations, conforming to the admission standards of the host institution, shall assume full responsibility for the assessment and selection of qualified candidates.
- 4.1.2. In order to comply with Indonesia and United States of America government regulations students from either institution will be required to provide a guarantee that they have the financial resources to meet expenses not covered by the agreement. It is also recognized that the immigration requirements of the host country must be satisfied and that neither the sending nor host institution has any authority in these matters.
- 4.1.3. Each institution can exchange 1 up to 2 students per academic year for 1 semester each.
- 4.1.4. A student shall have completed at least 12 hours of academic credit prior to participating in an exchange agreement.
- 4.1.5. Students at the host organization shall be permitted to enroll in courses upon approval of the host organization's registrar.
- 4.1.6. It is the responsibility of the student's home institution to decide how many credits each student may actually receive for courses taken and the requirements they satisfy.
- 4.1.7. Both institutions will allow students who paid tuition fees and other required fees to the home institution to participate in the exchange program. The host institution will accord the student the status of "visiting" student, thereby making the student eligible for facilities normally offered to regularly enrolled students.
- 4.1.8. Amanat Agung Theological Seminary provides the opportunity for CTS students in the master degree programs to come during January term as visiting students to learn, experience, and explore life and culture of Indonesia including seminary life.
- 4.1.9. Each exchange student is responsible for the following costs:
  - 4.1.9.1. Transportation to and from the host institution;
  - 4.1.9.2. All immigrations and visa fees;
  - 4.1.9.3. Personal living expenses, travel within the host country, textbooks, course activities and equipment;
  - 4.1.9.4. Room and board;
  - 4.1.9.5. Medical insurance and health care related costs as specified by the host institution.

##### 4.2. Exchange of Faculty

- 4.2.1. The host institution will normally be responsible for transportation, room and board for faculty members invited to lecture. (This does not preclude the use of outside funding sources.)

- 4.2.2. The sending institution is responsible for maintaining a faculty member's salary and benefits.
- 4.2.3. The sending and receiving institution or faculty will cooperate to ensure all immigration requirements are met.
- 4.2.4. The sending institution or faculty member is responsible for all incidental expenditures.
- 4.2.5. The host institution will provide the sending institution's chief academic officer in writing an assessment of the visiting instructor's contribution to the institution.
- 4.2.6. Any additional responsibilities beyond teaching, e.g., preaching, are between the host institution and the instructor.
- 4.2.7. The payment of any additional honorarium is not expected.
- 4.3. Calvin Theological Seminary becomes one of the designated schools in the US for the faculty of the Amanat Agung Theological Seminary to pursue their Ph.D. and/or Th.M. degrees.
- 4.4. Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary provide the opportunity for the faculty of their partnering institution to come as visiting scholars to conduct their research projects.
- 4.5. Faculty members of Calvin Theological Seminary and Amanat Agung Theological Seminary are encouraged to partner in collaborative research projects.
- 4.6. Calvin Theological Seminary provides the opportunity for faculty and/or students of Amanat Agung Theological Seminary to attend conferences hosted by Calvin Theological Seminary/Calvin University (such as the Worship Symposium) where the participants may receive some limited resources or financial support. Calvin Theological Seminary will share information about such conferences to Amanat Agung Theological Seminary (sttaa@sttaa.ac.id).

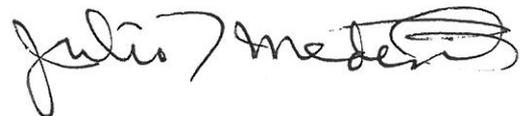
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