

Evangelical Theological Seminary

Since 1972 for Christ and His Kingdom in the
Post-Communist World of the 21st Century

Learning Center for Mission in Eastern Europe



*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28: 18-20*



A Word from the President

Dear Faithful Friends,

The prayers and support of believers like you have brought us to the verge of a new level of theological education and gospel witness here in Eastern and

Central Europe. For over 30 years, during communism and war, the Evangelical Theological Seminary has been training and sending out servants for Christ to all of former Yugoslavia, throughout Eastern Europe, and to places as far-flung as Africa and Burma (Myanmar).

Now, with the outside of our new library and conference facility nearing completion, our seminary can become a place which not only trains workers for the Lord's harvest, but directly impacts the culture of Osijek, our city, and Croatia, our nation.

You see, new "wineskins" — new structures — are imperative in witnessing for Christ in the swirling tides of change that now sweep post-communist Europe. Opportunities to influence our society come and go in brief moments of time. The Church of Jesus Christ must take advantage of them.

That's why this new facility is of paramount importance. It does not just permit us to house our entire library collection and our current group of visiting professors (which our present buildings do not), but it also provides a venue that does not exist elsewhere for ongoing evangelical theological education and witness in this cultural context.

This new facility makes a bold statement to our city: we are here to stay. It extends a promise to our fellow believers and churches: we are here to serve you. And it extends a platform for Christ's work in this part of the world into this new century.

You know, as I do, Christ's great command: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:18). But don't forget the promise of verse 20: "So I am with you always." Please work with us as we labor with Christ, making disciples of many nations.

Yours for the glory of His name upon the earth,

Peter Kuzmic
President

As one of the oldest and largest Protestant theological seminaries in all of Eastern and Central Europe ETS is already a principle location for training future church workers to impact church and society throughout this region and beyond. As the kingdom of Christ continues to expand in Eastern Europe more talented and qualified young leaders are needed. That need is what drives this proposal for a new building to house an expanded and improved library, broadcasting and print media facilities, a new amphitheatre, new office space, and residential space for students and visiting faculty. The intention of this project is to give those future leaders an academic and campus life environment that strengthens their intellectual ability and Christian maturity.

History of ETS

The Seminary began in a church basement in Zagreb in 1972 under Marshal Tito's communist government. It moved to Osijek in eastern Croatia during the 1980s, locating the school at the "crossroads between Western and Eastern Europe." All the parts of the former Yugoslavia, as well as Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, and even parts of Ukraine, are within a day's drive. In the front yard of the seminary there is a 100-year-old synagogue, which now houses the Evangelical Church. Since there are very close links between the church and the Seminary, many activities are organized together. This proximity affords many students the opportunity to serve the Lord with their gifts and talents by preaching, singing, or sharing their testimonies.

Accomplishments

- Graduates of ETS minister on all continents, in more than 40 nations. Also, the seminary plays a key role in training workers for local ministry in the Protestant churches of Croatia, especially in the area of Christian Education, where the seminary is recognized by the government as qualified to train teachers of religion for the public schools.
- Following the move to democracy in Croatia ETS has been invited to join the eleven other distinctive faculties that make up the University of Osijek.
- Graduates of ETS have pioneered churches and Christian ministries including: student ministries, radio programs, and Christian education television and video ministries.
- ETS faculty and students have played an integral role in the operation of AGAPE relief ministries, established camps for children, organized Christian symposia, and more.
- ETS faculty and students have pioneered the publishing of Christian literature, including the Christian magazine "Izvori".
- Many of the graduates work as leaders with InterVarsity, Campus Crusade, and other international Christian bodies including relief and prison ministries.
- The Seminary has served as a significant bridge between the East and West.
- ETS has received government recognition as a leader in Christian higher education and for "its unique contribution to society and culture."
- ETS also initiated theological education by extension in several post-Communist countries in Eastern Europe. Its sister school is in Timisoara, Romania.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Increasing the number of graduates to meet the needs of the growing number of churches and missions in the countries of Eastern Europe.
- Introducing new teaching programs which are needed in post-communist Europe, including social work, Christian counseling, and Peace and Reconciliation.
- Facilitating new scholarship, by examining the interrelationships of Catholicism, Orthodoxy, Protestantism, and Judaism in a historical and contemporary context.
- Providing scientific, educational, and other resources, and a strengthened evangelical influence in our city, Osijek, Croatia and the wider region, south-eastern Europe and beyond.
- Improving the quality of life for students and providing a gym.



The Project

The total space which is currently available for the Seminary's mission is about 62,900 square feet, spread over six buildings. The imposing new Learning and Conference Center, 48 feet high, will increase the Seminary's available space by 64 percent, adding about 40,590 square feet. This will allow us to expand the library to 20,000 square feet. Now it is in 4,500 square feet of space, and some 22,000 volumes are not available for use because of the cramped quarters. This greatly restricts the ability of our students to do the level of research needed for advanced degree programs.

The library will be housed on the ground floor, with the reference room on the next floor, which will house 65,000 volumes, and will also feature administrative offices and educational space.

Another 10,100 square feet on the second floor will provide much needed space for classrooms, professors' offices and other educational space. The building itself is 155 feet by 77 feet, more than doubling the current educational space of the seminary and sits beside the synagogue at the heart of the Seminary campus.

The Project Budget

More than \$1 million has been raised, and the initial construction of the shell of the Learning and Conference Center has been completed. **Still to be raised is \$2.14 million to cover the completion of the interior of the building and provide needed equipment, furnishings, and regulatory expenses.** A summary of the budget follows:

PLAN AND SCHEDULE OF CONSTRUCTION

The following will be completed by April 2005

1. Transfer of Property Ownership
2. Pre-construction:
 - a) Conceptual design
 - b) Architectural and Engineering Design and Projects
 - c) Revision of the projects

3. Preparation of Premises

- a) Projects and permits for demolition and clearing out the site
- b) Demolition and clearing out the site of existing structures
- c) Archaeological excavation requirements. Croatia requires that any construction done in protected areas of designated historical interest be preceded by a systematic archaeological excavation done under the supervision of a qualified, government-certified archaeologist. Such an archaeological excavation was done on the site of the planned library and conference center here in Osijek. **The dig unearthed a Roman burial ground dating from the first and second centuries A.D. About one dozen skeletons were recovered.**

**The following to be completed by December 31, 2005
(if funds are made available)**

5. Second phase of construction (masonry work, carpentry, roofing, flooring, joiners, cabinetwork, plastering, painting, plumbing, ceramic work, stonework, electrical, elevator, HVAC [Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning]).

6. Driveway and parking lot

7. Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment

- a) Library: Book stacks and periodical racks, reading tables, desks and chairs, other library furniture, equipment and supplies
- b) Academic/Classroom and equipment: desks, chairs, blackboards, overhead projectors, copy machine, computers, TV, DVD, sound system
- c) Telecommunication equipment: central unit, telephones, fax
- d) Computer equipment and computer infrastructure including software
- e) Office furniture and supplies: desks, chairs, cupboards, and shelves





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Interviews with students



I am an M.A. candidate student of ETS. In this school my faith has been stretched to a state of full development. Since it is an international and interconfessional faculty, I came in contact with professors and students from different denominations, different countries, with different cultures, and different ways of understanding God. This experience has greatly challenged me to appreciate the values and customs of other Christian traditions. Therefore, being taught by professors of great standing and knowledge and coming to know believers from various backgrounds, I can say that God has matured me profoundly. Thus, I am glad that I shared in the rich experiences of this context.

Daniel Copil - Oradea, Romania



Studying at the Evangelical Theological Seminary and having been taught by highly qualified and student-friendly professors has led me to conclude that I could not have studied my bachelor of theology degree successfully elsewhere. Subsequently I would not have been so adequately prepared to pursue further studies at internationally renowned universities and institutions throughout the world. ETS is just the right place of worthy studying.

Misheck Fefulo — Zambia



I am a third year student from Bosnia and Herzegovina. I have benefitted a lot from the academic knowledge here at ETS, which has helped me in my understanding of God. But there are still so many more things that I have to study because the program here is extensive.

But what has influenced me more is the fellowship that we have here that changed me in so many ways. I learned and still learning how to respect other people who are different from me. I learned how to respect those who believe differently. Also I learned how to listen to others and their needs and to share my needs and problems with them. Those people here became my second family, whenever I am sad, happy, or angry, and I love them so much. I am so happy that I had a chance to meet them and that they are part of my life, not only for this time, but for all eternity.

Svetlana Subotic - Bosnia — Herzegovina



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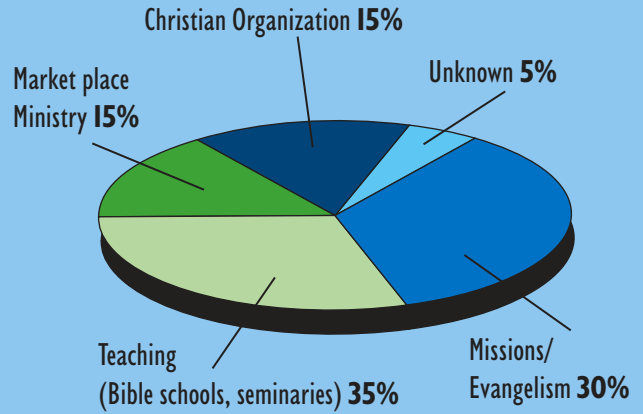
General information:

The institution was founded in 1972

Number of graduates since the seminary was founded: 640

Number of graduates estimated or known to be in Christian ministry: 450

Where are the ETS alumnae?



The approximate number of ETS graduates known to minister around the world:

Albania (12), Bulgaria (24), Croatia (56), Bosnia & Herzegovina (13), Romania (29), Macedonia (26), Slovenia (19), Ghana (6), Ethiopia (5), Nigeria (4), Madagascar (1), Belarus (25), Ukraine (29), Slovakia (4), Switzerland (5), Jordan (3), Germany (12), France (8), Russia (18), USA (16), Yugoslavia (40), Holland (6), Hungary (15), India (8), Kosovo (10), Brazil (5), Moldova (8), Montenegro (15), Scotland (6), Armenia (6), Austria (15), England (25), Canada (23).

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Volumes in the library 49,000

Unique titles in the library 40,000

The library receive regularly 160 journals

The collections are in: English, Croatia, Serbian, Bosnian, Macedonian, German, Romanian, Slovenian, Russian, Bulgarian, and Albanian

