

## *The Consortium*

**The Boston Theological Institute** is a consortium of university divinity schools, schools of theology, and seminaries. It exists for the following purposes:

- ❖ to further theological education that pursues the truth in love, advances Church unity, and brings closer the healing of a broken humanity;
- ❖ to create and foster a milieu for dialogue, envisioning, and experimentation in theological inquiry and preparation for the ministry;
- ❖ to contribute to the formation of church leaders with strong ecumenical commitment;
- ❖ to strengthen the schools for their respective missions and tasks, and to enhance the particular gifts of each;
- ❖ to promote and provide opportunities for faculty, curricula, and program cooperation among the schools, and;
- ❖ to provide resources for the schools through cooperation and coordination.

### **Member Schools of the BTI**

- Andover Newton Theological School
- Boston College Department of Theology
- Boston University School of Theology
  - Episcopal Divinity School
- Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary
  - Harvard Divinity School
- Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
  - Saint John's Seminary
- Weston Jesuit School of Theology

## *The BTI Exists to Promote:*

- ❖ Cooperation in administrative activities, cross-registration, library access and development, mutual recognition in course and resource allocations, field education placement, and academic planning.
- ❖ Cooperation in program development in areas such as International Mission and Ecumenism, Inter-Religious Dialogue, The Faith and Science Exchange (FASE), Religion and Ecology, Urban Ministerial Education, Spiritual Formation, Liturgy, Worship and the Arts, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry Studies.

## *Faculty and Information*

All the faculty of the BTI schools are possible mentors. The faculty members of the BTI Task Force on Overcoming Violence are persons of first recourse.

For information on current RCT faculty Representatives, contact the BTI Office.

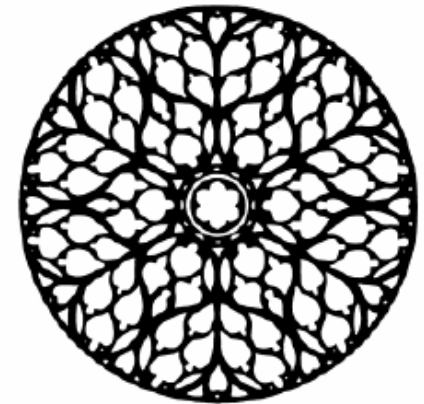
## *For Further Information*

**The Boston Theological Institute**  
210 Herrick Road  
Newton Centre, MA 02459 U.S.A.  
Phone: 617-527-4880  
Fax: 617-527-1073  
E-mail: [btioffice@bostontheological.org](mailto:btioffice@bostontheological.org)  
Website: [www.bostontheological.org](http://www.bostontheological.org)

Boston Theological Institute

# *Certificate*

**In Religion and Conflict  
Transformation**



**New!**  
**For 2006-2007**

**Certificate in Religion and Conflict Transformation**

### **Member Schools of the BTI**

- Andover Newton Theological School
- Boston College Department of Theology
- Boston University School of Theology
  - Episcopal Divinity School
- Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary
  - Harvard Divinity School
- Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
  - Saint John's Seminary
- Weston Jesuit School of Theology

## *The Purpose*

Seminary trained persons in all ministry settings should be prepared to respond to the experience of destructive conflict with peacemaking skills. This requires the conversion of attitudes about conflict, and the development of skills and practices that transform conflict into opportunities for learning, growth, healing, new relationships and stronger communities.

Often, practical skills are not taught in seminary settings. The BTI, in close cooperation with the Religion and Conflict Transformation concentration of the Boston University School of Theology (BUSTh), offers a certificate in Religion and Conflict Transformation in order to prepare individuals to transform conflict and deepen their religious commitments to peacemaking.

## *The Nature of the Certificate*

The Certificate in Religion and Conflict Transformation is awarded by the BTI in recognition of courses taken in that field at the schools of the Institute. Certificate eligibility is determined by the BTI Task Force on Overcoming Violence, which is composed of BTI school faculty.

Certificates are not degrees, but rather recognition of students' interests and academic foci.

**Applicants** for the Religion and Conflict Transformation Certificate may be missionaries, pastors on sabbatical leave, church council executives, theological students, or continuing education students.

## *Earning a RaCT Certificate*

Persons seeking this certificate are required to seek out a faculty advisor from within their school to work with the BTI Task Force on Overcoming Violence on their behalf. This advisor is normally, but not necessarily, a member of the Task Force.

### ***There are two ways to earn certificates:***

- 1) Supplement an existing program for degree candidates in BTI schools, and
- 2) Register for continuing education programs in the BTI schools.

## *Certificate Requirements*

- 1) **Two courses in the Boston University School of Theology core curriculum in conflict transformation**, or their equivalent.

The following BTI Course Areas fulfill this requirement: Spiritual Formation for Peacebuilding, The Principles and Practices of Restorative Justice, Theology and Trauma Healing, Non-Violence and Peacebuilding, and Human Security. For more information, go to: [bostontheological.org/academic/conflict\\_transformation.htm](http://bostontheological.org/academic/conflict_transformation.htm).

- 2) **Three additional courses** which focus on religion and conflict transformation studies.
  - 3) **Field Education Practicum.** This should meet the requirements of the applicant's BTI school, and enable the applicant to participate in the life of a congregation.
  - 4) **A five to ten page integrative paper.** This should summarize and reflect theologically upon your learning and experiences and address your understanding of religion and conflict transformation and describe how the Certificate will serve you in your vocation.
- Certificates are normally given during the graduation ceremonies of the theological institutions which applicants attend.

## *How to Apply*

Requests for this certificate may be made by matriculated students or persons in continuing education programs in the BTI schools as defined in the course catalogue.

❖ Such requests are to be made no later than the end of fall term of the year in which the student expects to graduate from his or her respective BTI school.

❖ Persons seeking this certificate are advised to contact the RaCT representative on their faculty as soon as they are able in the program of study.

Applications are available from BTI schools registrar's offices, through a school faculty representative to the Religion and Conflict Transformation Committee, and from the BTI office or website.

## *BTI Member Schools*

Andover Newton Theological School  
Boston College Department of Theology  
& IREPM

Boston University School of Theology  
Episcopal Divinity School  
Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary  
& CUME

Harvard Divinity School  
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology  
Saint John's Seminary  
Weston Jesuit School of Theology