

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, in and through the constituent schools, theological education that pursues the truth in love, advances the unity of the Church, and brings closer the healing of broken humanity;
- ❖ to create and foster a milieu for dialogue, envisioning and experimentation in theological inquiry and preparation for 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 of them;
- ❖ to promote and provide opportunities for faculty, curriculum, and program cooperation among the schools;
- ❖ to provide resources for the schools that are best made available through cooperation and coordination.

THE BTI EXISTS TO PROMOTE:

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

FACULTY AND INFORMATION

All of the faculty in the BTI schools are possible mentors. The faculty members of the International Mission and Ecumenism Committee of the BTI are persons of first recourse. For information on current IMEC school representatives, contact the BTI Central Office.

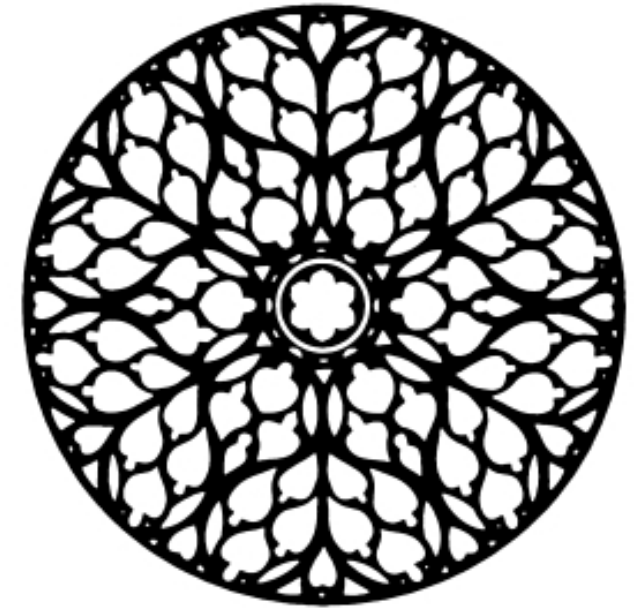
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CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL MISSION AND ECUMENISM
of the Boston Theological Institute

Certificate in International Mission and Ecumenism



*... a new program for the
churches of the twenty-first
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THE PURPOSE

Christians today recognize the vital importance of the fields of international mission and ecumenism. To stimulate studies that address both fields and the critical nature of their inter-relationship, the BTI offers a certificate in International Mission and Ecumenism.

Our common calling but different ecclesiologies draw us to reflect together on the universality of God's love and work in Jesus Christ in the context of contemporary social change, technological adjustment, and epistemological assessment.

The existence of this certificate acknowledges the value of the diversity of our academic and ecclesial expression. It encourages students to participate in this diversity. It recognizes that the way ahead for the churches requires the kind of common efforts that this certificate seeks to promote.

THE NATURE OF THE CERTIFICATE

The certificate in International Mission and Ecumenism is awarded by the BTI in recognition of courses taken in Mission and Ecumenism at the schools of the Institute. The award is determined by the International Mission and Ecumenism Committee (IMEC) composed of faculty who represent each of the BTI schools.

It is understood to represent recognition for work done, not the accrediting of that work which is done by the faculty of a given institution. The certificate is not a degree but rather a recognition of a student's interests and the specific focus in a student's program.

There are two ways to earn a certificate:

1. Supplement an existing program for degree candidates in the BTI schools.

2. Register for continuing education programs in the BTI schools. Registrants may be missionaries, pastors on sabbatical leave, councils of churches executives, or others desiring Continuing Education Units through the schools.

The certificate normally is given at the time of the graduation ceremonies in a given year at the respective institutions.

How To Do It ?

Persons seeking this certificate are required to seek out a faculty advisor from within his or her school who will cooperate with IMEC on the student's behalf. This advisor, or mentor, is normally but not necessarily an IMEC faculty member.

To earn the certificate the applicant must fulfill four requirements:

1. One course in the series "Comparative Christianity" or its equivalent.

2. Four additional courses which, in the estimate of the student and advisor, give attention to issues of mission and ecumenical studies.

3. Demonstrated engagement beyond one's tradition or denomination. This may be done in ways such as through cross-registration, pattern of course selection, workshops attended, participation in mission or ecumenical activities, the nature of field education.

4. An integrative paper that summarizes the applicant's experience and reflection on mission and ecumenism studies.

HOW TO APPLY

Requests for this certificate may be made by any person in a bona fide program in the schools (e.g., either 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 institution.

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

Applications are available from the registrars' offices of the individual BTI schools, through a school's faculty representative to the BTI Religious Education Studies Advisory Committee, or from the BTI office.

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