

Global Institute of Theology (GIT)
Chicago & Grand Rapids
04-29 June 2010
in conjunction with the **Uniting General Council of the**
World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical Council

APPLICATION FORM

Applications should be submitted no later than **December 1st, 2009**, to drs. Annette Mosher, Dean of Students and Academic Affairs, C.O Faculty of Theology, VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1105, Room 13A17, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands (**email: ak.mosher@th.vu.nl – fax: +31.20.4446635**). Applications will be accepted according to the principles of region and gender balance; applicants will be informed of the decision of the admissions committee immediately after its meeting on January 15, 2010. Registration forms, visa questions and other logistics will be dealt with after admission.

Family name: First name(s):
Male/Female: Nationality:
Date of birth: Place of birth:
Postal address:
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Tel (Country code/city code/number): Fax:
Academic institution:
Church affiliation:
Languages you speak apart from English (the working language of the institute is English):
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Why do you want to participate in the Global Institute of Theology?

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Academic background

Institution	Period	Degree

How do you plan to finance your participation in the institute?

(Cost: USD 2,850 incl. tuition fees, board and lodging; excluding travel cost)

Source	Amount in US dollars
Personal contribution	
Church contribution	
Seminary contribution	
Sponsoring body	
Other	

NB: A limited number of sponsorships is available on request for selected applicants from the Global South and Eastern Europe.

CORE COURSE (this course is required of all students)

Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace: in the Churches... in Civil Society... in Creation.

The theme of the Uniting General Council will be: "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace." This theme has also been chosen from the perspectives of community and justice. The Global Institute of Theology is the place where this theme will be reflected upon in a deeper sense than is possible at an ecumenical gathering. Three faculty members will develop and teach this core course from the aspects of creation, civil society, and creation. Within this course draft documents being prepared at the General Council will also be analyzed, and key delegates to the council will be invited for conversation.

ELECTIVE COURSES (every student takes three of these four courses)

E1 Reading the Bible in Context

Reading the Bible without being aware of the contexts wherein the texts were written and are being read today is, in fact, impossible. On the other hand understanding these contexts can only be done in a process of (self-) critical reflection. This course will be part of that process.

E2 New Directions in Mission for the 21st Century.

The urgent need for a fresh understanding of the *missio dei* in the 21st century is the subject of this course. We will analyse the involvement of WARC in mission through its mission project of the past years and from the diversity of our contexts offers theological perspectives and tools to enable students to develop new approaches to mission and evangelism in their churches

E3 Interfaith Dialogue

Today theological education cannot fruitfully be done by ignoring the fact that there is an interreligious context everywhere in the world. The pattern of these contexts is very diverse. The GIT offers an unique opportunity to reflect on the interfaith dialogue in an atmosphere of a global gathering of students and faculty.

E4 The Book of Ephesians

The theme for the Uniting General Council "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace" comes out of Ephesians 4. In this course the theme will be studied in the context of that chapter and the whole letter to the Ephesians.

Please indicate your preferences by putting a "1" beside your first choice, a "2" beside your second choice, and a "3" beside your third choice, in the boxes below.

PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- A recent photo
- A 2-page narrative of your church engagement and the significance of theological studies for you, and
- Two letters of recommendation (one academic, one church: clergy or lay, approximately one page each).

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