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CASSELBERRY, FL – Thirdmill Seminary gladly announces that it has achieved formal accreditation through the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), located in Washington, DC. DEAC is listed by the US Department of Education and the Council for Higher Learning (CHEA) as a recognized accrediting agency.



Currently, our accredited programs include a Graduate Certificate and Master of Arts in Christian Studies in English, as well as a Master of Arts in Christian Studies in Spanish (*Maestría en Artes en Estudios Cristianos*).

Thirdmill Seminary offers a unique partnership between credentialed faculty in the online classroom and mentors who supervise and contextualize the ministry practices of our students locally. Our faculty and staff are committed to providing an enriching, sound, theological education that meets the highest academic standards and embodies the best practices of distance learning. Each class contains a unique combination of elements: award-winning video lessons with related quizzes; the latest published scholarship with discussion questions; spiritual formation activities; video-conference tutorials with credentialed faculty; local in-person meetings with mentors in ministry; and, a final paper or project.

About Thirdmill Seminary

Thirdmill Seminary provides affordable access to a quality, multilingual, theological education, so Christian leaders can study Scripture deeply and communicate its teachings clearly where they serve Christ and His Church.

Thirdmill Seminary is a founding partner in the Thirdmill Global Network that spans barriers of language, cost, and distance (note how our logo spans three obstacles) to gather leaders of the global church for a deep engagement with Scripture, and to provide certified learning pathways, that foster servant leadership and life-long discipleship.

Higher education in general and theological education in particular is in a time of profound change that requires traditioned innovation if we are to more fully engage the global church and marketplace. In his sermon on Romans 12:2, "Transformed Nonconformist," Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote,

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"The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists, who are dedicated to justice, peace, and brotherhood. *The trailblazers in human, academic, scientific, and religious freedom have always been nonconformists.* ...Paul offers a formula for constructive nonconformity: 'Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.' ...By opening our lives to God in Christ, we become new creatures. This experience, which Jesus spoke of as a new birth, is essential if we are to be transformed nonconformists and freed from the cold hardheartedness and self-righteousness so often characteristic of nonconformity" (*Strength to Love*, pp. 16-17).

The learning community of Thirdmill Seminary believes every Christian deserves a well-trained pastor. At a time when the global church is growing the fastest where access to formal biblical studies is least available, new models of theological education are needed. Most faith leaders are co-vocational, providing for their families, while serving the communities in which God has called them.

Affirming the importance of indigenous leadership and contextualization, we connect members of our learning community to the truths of the global church—truths that arise from God's gracious self-revelation to the world, climactically in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Heeding both the promise and warnings of Dr. King's exposition of Romans 12:2, Thirdmill Seminary fosters a learning community of disciples, who are committed to repentance, justice, peace, and the gospel message of reconciliation, teaching and learning from each other and for each other in Christ.

To learn more about the activities of Thirdmill Seminary:

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