

# ECTE STUDENT NETWORK

## WHAT IS THE ECTE STUDENT NETWORK?

The ECTE Student Network is part of the ECTE<sup>1</sup> network, with more than 70 Bible Colleges and more than 1800 students.

The Student Network was created to give a voice to the student body into the ECTE Council. Students are the foundation and the voice of the network and can be a primary source of input into the quality of theological education in Europe.

How you will be involved:

- Bi-monthly ZOOM meetings
- Be inspired by ideas from the other Bible Colleges
- Bring your suggestions of improvement to the attention of the ECTE Council
- Attend the bi-annual ECTE Conference and meet your international friends in person!

## WHY SHOULD I BE INVOLVED IN THE STUDENT NETWORK?

### BE AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR BIBLE COLLEGE

Can students really change something in their own theological education? Yes! As part of the ECTE we would love to hear your ideas and address the issues of your student body. If you feel that your college is not responding to your suggestions, we can bring the issue to the ECTE Council and address it with your college faculty.

### BE IN CONTACT WITH THE ECTE COUNCIL

The network of students is led and organised by a student council member who has direct communication to the ECTE Council in which this student member is actively involved. In a two-year term one student from an accredited Bible College is nominated as student council member – which could be you!

Another branch of the ECTE Council is the “Visitation and Evaluation Teams” (VET). These teams visit the Bible Colleges and check their compliance to the “Standards and Guidelines” of the ECTE.

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<sup>1</sup> European Council for Theological Education, more information at [www.ecte.eu](http://www.ecte.eu).

Students have the option and can also be recommended for the VET position so that they can be involved in the accreditation process. This position offers us, as students, the opportunity to improve the quality of our theological education while understanding the structural workload of our faculties.

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#### LEARN FROM OTHER CULTURES

Because of our cultural background, each one of us interprets the Bible and theological teachings differently. This network offers you the opportunity to learn from other cultures, how they read and understand the Bible, and ultimately encourages you to reflect on your own beliefs.

The structure and environment of any Bible College varies by country; meaning that you could learn how other Bible Colleges are organized and operated. You will receive various ideas from other cultures that you may want to incorporate into your Bible college!

#### COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER BELIEVERS INTERNATIONALLY

The Network considers itself as a part of the holy body of Jesus Christ: “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Eph. 4:3-6 NIV)

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#### MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

There are many young adults all over Europe who believe in the same God as you do and who also strive to know more about Him. Through the ECTE student network you can meet fellow Christians from different Bible colleges and over time form friendships that can be a positive influence in your life. We’re looking forward to meeting you!

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#### GROW IN FAITH

Studying the Bible with people from different countries gives you a wider understanding of the text and can help you grow in your walk with God. We can also support each other through prayer. In addition to this, we can celebrate your successes and the accomplishments of your community together.

### ARE YOU READY TO CREATE CHANGE FOR YOUR BIBLE COLLEGE?