

Rudersberg, 15 January 2020/hj

To the  
**International Seminary of Theology and Leadership (ISTL)**  
**c/o Stefan von Rueti, President**  
**Hans-Peter Ruegg, Academic Office**  
**Regensbergstrasse 242a**  
**CH - 8050 Zürich,**  
**Switzerland**

**Re: Candidacy for ECTE accreditation**

Dear Stefan, dear Hans-Peter,

I have the pleasure to announce to you that based on the Accreditation Visit at the International Seminary of Theology and Leadership (ISTL) conducted on October 28-30, 2019 by an ECTE VET-Team (Dr. Joachim Pomrehn, Dr. Paul Keinert) **the ECTE council decided to grant ISTL accreditation at the Vocational Bachelor level** for the following programmes and awards delivered by the school:

- BTh in Theology (210 ECTS; 4 Years)
- BA in Theology (180 ECTS, 3.5 Years)
- BA in Pastoral Leadership (180 ECTS, 3.5 Years)
- BA in Theology & Social Management (180 ECTS, 3.5 Years)
- BA in Intercultural Studies (180 ECTS, 3.5 Years).

The accreditation is valid for five years. ISTL is at the end of this period advised to request a new visit and submit the necessary documentation for a renewed visit.

In order to foster quality enhancement in between two visits, the school is also requested to send after completion of the academic year (preferably in summer) an **Annual Progress Report (APR)**. For that purpose a form is available in the download area of the ECTE website. The first part is a statistical report on student figures; the second consists in a narrative report explaining how the requirements and recommendations listed in the “Visitation Follow-up Report” attached to this letter are being implemented by the school. In order to give the school the necessary time for implementation the first narrative report is normally only due in the calendar year after the accreditation. However part one of the report (student statistics) is due also in the first year.

For further information the school is advised to consult the ECTE website. Please, feel also free to contact the General Secretary, Dr. Marvin Oxenham, or the Quality assurance Coordinator, Dr. Hubert Jurgensen, if you have questions.

With best regards,

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