

Rudersberg, 15 January 2020/hj

**To the
Union School of Theology (UST)
c/o Rev. Dr. Michael Reeves, President
Rev. Dr. Ian Shaw, Provost
Bryntirion House
GB - Bridgend, CF31 4DX**

**Re: Accreditation of the Graduate Diploma in Theology (Level 6) – ECTE Spring
Council session, June 2019**

Dear Michael, dear Ian,

Concerning the “Graduate Diploma in Theology (Level 6)” the ECTE Council observed in a previous session the following difficulty and asked the Quality Assurance Coordinator to investigate with the VET and the school:

“The Graduate Diploma in Theology (60 ECTS at Level 6) has no comparability equivalency to ECTE levels (which are either Certificate at Level 5 or a Postgraduate Certificate at Level 7 – but the ECTE nomenclature makes no provision for 60 credit awards at Level 6).”

I am pleased to inform you that the issue concerning the Graduate Diploma in Theology (Level 6) has been cleared. The following has been decided after dialogue with and at the recommendation of the VET leader, Rev. Adrian Smith, with regard to this programme offered to applicants who have graduated with a BA in another field than theology and wish to prepare themselves for postgraduate studies in the field of Theology:

The Graduate Diploma in Theology (Level 6) being a qualifying/preparatory course of studies in Theology for post-BA students, we considered it as comparable with a Post-Graduate Certificate in Theology (30 – 60 ECTS). This award qualifies for admission into a Masters’ programme in Theology (Level 7).

Please, feel free to contact me or the General Secretary, Dr. Marvin Oxenham, if you have questions concerning this decision.

With best regards,

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