## **HISTORY**

South Sudan gained freedom after decades of civil war, with Christian movements being the driving force of the country's independence from the Islamic State of Sudan. South Sudan was approved as an independent state by the United Nations in 2011.

Rev. Enoch Song heard about South Sudan while cooperating with a theological seminary in the neighbouring country, Kenya. His goal was to provide high quality education for the local pastors, and he envisioned that this work would benefit South Sudan as well. After years of preparation, "South Sudan Reformed Theological Seminary" began in 2017 working with the Jesus Great Commission Ministry based in Juba, with the aim of educating pastors and supporting local churches in South Sudan.

In February 2020, the Seminary was renamed the "Bethel Theological Seminary in South Sudan" (BTS-SS) after obtaining permission from the Bethel College & Seminary (BCS), Philadelphia, USA for a joint degree certification.

Currently Bethel Theological Seminary in South Sudan has more than 50 students, and our goal is that they lead the next generation of South Sudan by equipping them with humble discipleship and strong leadership. We hope that this work will revive South Sudan and Africa.



# **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Admissions are accepted until 31st of July every year.

All students are required to submit the following:

- · Application form
- Confession of faith (approx. 2 pages)
- · Recommendation letter from the pastor
- Certificate of graduation from last education
- · Transcripts from last education
- · Two passport photos

Application forms can be provided by contacting Pastor Joseph Sula (contact details below).

Admission fee: 1,000 SSP.

## **CONTACT**

Admission enquiries should be addressed to:

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## **FACULTY AND LECTURERS**

- Rev. Enoch Song, Ph.D. Founder & President
- Rev. Paul Cho, Ph.D. Dean of Academic Affairs
- · Rev. Timothy Kim, Ph.D. Dean of Students
- Rev. Sanghoon Lee, Ph.D. Dean of Administrative Affairs
- Eric Song, M.A. Administrative Director
- Rev. Kyung Hur, Th.M., M.Phil. Dean of Libraries
- Rev. Joanne Park, B.D.
- · Other visiting professors



# Bethel Theological Seminary in South Sudan

certified by

Bethel College & Seminary (Philadelphia, USA)

in partnership with

Jesus Great Commission Ministry
(Juba, South Sudan)

founded by

Pilgrim Christian Centre (UK charity no. 1106220)

"God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation
in the knowledge of him."

Ephesians 1:17

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Bethel College & Seminary (BCS) was founded in 2009 in Philadelphia, USA. It was accredited in 2016 by the National Bible College Association (NCBA), the accrediting commission of Christian Colleges and Universities, and the International Association of Christian Schools (IACS).

In 2020, *Bethel Theological Seminary in South Sudan* (BTS-SS) was certified by BCS as a sister institution where students are able to receive an equivalent degree upon successful completion of the courses. BTS-SS offers courses from lecturers all around the world for the purpose of educating the future leaders of South Sudan.

## **OUR BELIEFS**

Bethel Theological Seminary teaches and adheres to the following beliefs:

- 1. The inerrancy of the Scripture
- 2. God's sovereign work
- 3. The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity
- 4. The virgin birth of Jesus Christ
- 5. Christ's substitutionary atonement
- 6. Holy Spirit's work and power
- 7. Christ's physical resurrection and second coming





#### **EDUCATION**

Classes began in 2017 at the Teachers Training Centre in Juba, even before Bethel Theological Seminary was established.

The classes were designed to benefit ministers of churches in South Sudan, teaching the following goals:

First, to be a *True Christian* 

Second, to be a Faithful Pastor

Third, to be an Evangelical Missionary

### **EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

Bethel Theological Seminary has the following objectives:

- 1. Establish the Calvinistic Reformed Theology throughout the Old and New Testaments as the living Word of God.
- 2. Develop a spirituality that combines passion and intellect for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 3. Raise humble servant behavior through prayer and piety.
- 4. Teach effective pastoral strategies for church growth through training of discipleship and spiritual leadership.
- 5. Construct effective missional strategies for evangelism in South Sudan and Africa.

#### **PROGRAMS**

Bethel Theological Seminary offers the following programs:

Degree	Credits	Duration
Bachelor of Arts	120	4 years
Master of Divinity	108	3 years
Diploma (conditional)	60	1~2 years

Classes are provided in English, by video recordings or in-person lectures where possible.

Degrees are awarded upon successful completion of the courses and examinations. The certifications are awarded by Bethel College & Seminary (BCS), and is recognised by US Department of Education and theological seminaries around the world.

#### **CAMPUS**

Bethel Theological Seminary does not currently have an official campus, but classes have been held in the Teachers Training Center in Juba since 2017.

In the near future, we will set up an official education center for BTS-SS with a library and 24/7 internet access for the students.

Since all courses are carried out in English, all students will have to pass an English test to enroll. There will be separate English courses for those who need help with their English before enrolling for degrees.

