

Catholic Theological Union Signs Letter of Intent with Lutheran School of Theology

Jan 11, 2023 – Catholic Theological Union announced today that it has signed a letter of intent for the Lutheran School of Theology to move into the fourth floor of CTU’s campus building at 5416 South Cornell Avenue in Hyde Park, subject to a mutually agreeable lease.

The Lutheran School of Theology, a long-time neighbor and ecumenical partner of CTU, is a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Its mission is to form visionary leaders to bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. Aligned with its Lutheran heritage and built on a foundation of intellectual rigor, LSTC’s innovative, nationally recognized curriculum gives students skills for innovative Christian leadership in the public sphere.

“We’re delighted to have the Lutheran School of Theology join us in our building,” said Sr. Barbara Reid, OP, President of CTU. “Sharing our space with LSTC will bring numerous benefits to both schools, building on our existing modes of collaboration through the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. This agreement also demonstrates a responsible use of space and resources, in the spirit of Pope Francis’ vision of *Laudato Si*.”

CTU and LSTC already share a commitment to ecumenism and interreligious studies, as well as a joint Doctor of Ministry Program. Students from both institutions have benefited from cross registration for decades. This new arrangement will additionally deepen joint efforts in mission and intercultural studies.

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About Catholic Theological Union

Catholic Theological Union is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry located in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. CTU shares alliances with De Paul University, Dominican University and the University of Chicago. Its mission is to prepare effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ’s good news of justice, love, and peace. More than 4,500 CTU alumni, vowed religious and lay women and men, have gone on to minister in 60 countries worldwide. CTU was founded in 1968, following the Second Vatican Council, during a time of dramatic renewal in the Catholic Church. Fifty years later, CTU has evolved into a premier school of theology and ministry, sponsored by twenty-four men’s religious communities and enjoys a global reputation for academic and pastoral excellence.