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Department of Theology

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BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY Academic Programme

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B. DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

2.0 Bachelor of Theology Programme

2.1 Introduction

The Department of Theology offers a four-year equivalent course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Theology (BTh). The Bachelor of Theology programme aims at equipping students with theological and pastoral competence in order to meet the spiritual needs of the society in a changing environment, both in the church and the world at large.

2.2 Objectives of the Programme

The curriculum is designed to produce effective pastors, chaplains, preachers, lay leaders, and trainers who are capable of interpreting the Biblical message so as to meet the spiritual needs of communities both in the rural and urban environments.

The programme further seeks to enable graduates to think for themselves, to be creative, adventurous, and visionary, as they take up pastoral and ministerial responsibilities in various sectors of the society. To support these objectives, this programme gives a broad training in the areas of theological, psychological, and sociological knowledge, and in the practical skills of communication, Church management, pastoral care, preaching and evangelism.

The Bachelor of Theology programme has established close links with various churches and para-church organisations in the development and implementation of the curriculum. These links are useful in ensuring continuous relevance of our curriculum to the needs of the society.

2.3 Programme Structure

During the first two years, the students take the foundation courses, which include general courses and the programme courses. In the third year, students will take courses in respective concentration together with related electives. Current options for concentrations are: Applied Theology, and African Religious Studies. Students may also take a minor in either of the two concentrations. A minimum of 160 credit hours is needed for graduation.

2.4 Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the University entrance requirements, applicants must have obtained at least a C in KCSE or its equivalent qualification in English, in order to be allowed to pursue a Bachelor of Theology degree.