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PROPOSED CURRICULUM FOR
BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

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2.0 THE CURRICULUM

2.1 *Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) Program*

2.2 *The Underlying Philosophy of the Program*

The educational philosophy undergirding this program is to produce Christ-centred leaders of integrity for the church and society whose training is based on solid theological, biblical and contextual grounds as pastors, Christian workers and lay leaders to enable them minister effectively in their various callings within the African context and globally. AIU programmes are theologically grounded on the primacy given to the Bible. The ability to “correctly handle the Word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15) and theologically interpret the Word is central to the program’s philosophy. Since the Scriptures are historical documents that are subject

interpretive frames, the science of interpretation or hermeneutics becomes central to all else. Bible and Moral Issues becomes important from the point of view of the underlying rationale of the institution's philosophy of primacy of the scriptures and core values of excellence, relevance, justice, leadership, spiritual development and community, all of which require moral intervention and learning in integrity, righteousness, and love. The African Church and African Societies are given pre-eminence in the curriculum to relate teaching and learning to the realities that confront the church in Africa and to answer questions that Christians are asking. The overarching mission of AIU is promoted through engaging in research and publication to address the concerns and needs for African Christianity.

2.3 *Rational and Justification for the Programme*

The Church in Africa is growing rapidly. There are many churches mushrooming everyday with many untrained pastors giving leadership in these Churches. If the pastors of these churches will be effective, there is the need to train them so that the Church in Africa would become mature and grounded in the faith. This programme is intended to address this critical need for the Church to have mature and qualified shepherds to lead them. There is a great market and demand for this program.

2.4 *Goal of the Programme*

The Bachelor of Theology program is a 4-year or 8 academic semesters and 2 years or 4-5 academic semesters for those with Diploma from an accredited institution requiring. For the former, the student requires 129 credit hours (4yrs) or for the latter a minimum of 66 credit hours (2yrs) of course work to graduate. The programme seeks to promote excellence in African Christianity and aims at preparing and providing foundational knowledge, competencies, skills and contextual theological education for pastors, Christian workers, lay leaders, teachers, for ministry in churches, theological institutions and Para-church organisations in Africa and beyond

2.5 *Expected Learning Outcomes of the Program*

At the end of the course of study in the B.Th. program, a student would have competencies, knowledge, and skills to:

1. Teach and preach the gospel to transform Church and society.
2. Explain and articulate the basic theological doctrines of the Christian faith.
3. Apply the knowledge gained to the major issues and concepts in theological studies
4. Appropriately address the theological and human issues of life
5. Build and support others for Christian ministry in Africa.

2.6 Mode of Delivery of the Program

The B.Th. Programme is delivered in two modes: (1). A 4-year (8 semesters) programme for those without any prior theological training and (2). A 2-year (4-5 semesters) programme for Diploma holders from an accredited theological institution. The programme would use a variety of delivery modes: face-to-face learning at the Karen Campus and our Extension Teaching Centres

2.7 Academic Regulations

2.7.1 Admissions Requirements for Undergraduate Level Programmes

In addition to the minimum entrance requirements specified in Section 1.4, all applicants for admission to the Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) programme shall meet the following requirements:

- a. KCSE mean grade C+ or its equivalent.
- b. Diploma holders in relevant field of study with a GPA of 2.5 on a grade scale of 4.0 and a C grade in KCSE
- c. A Level with two principal passes or its equivalent.

2.7.2 Course Requirements

- a) Each candidate shall be required to take all the prescribed courses for every semester in the first three years of study as well as all courses in the option chosen during the fourth year of study.
- b) No candidate will be allowed to progress to the next level without passing all the prescribed course's units
- c) Students are expected to attend at least 70 per cent of the scheduled classes for each unit to be allowed to sit for the end of term examination.
- d) In the 3rd year, Students will do their 3-hour ministry Practicum with a local Church or a Para-Church organization. This is a requirement to graduate from the programme. The student would be assigned a supervisor at the field of attachment. The student would be assessed in these areas:
- e) The lecturer will meet students face-to-face during each unit, teach, and facilitate the class for the time assigned for lecture time.