

PROMOTING
CHURCH
REFORMATION
THROUGH BIBLE
EDUCATION

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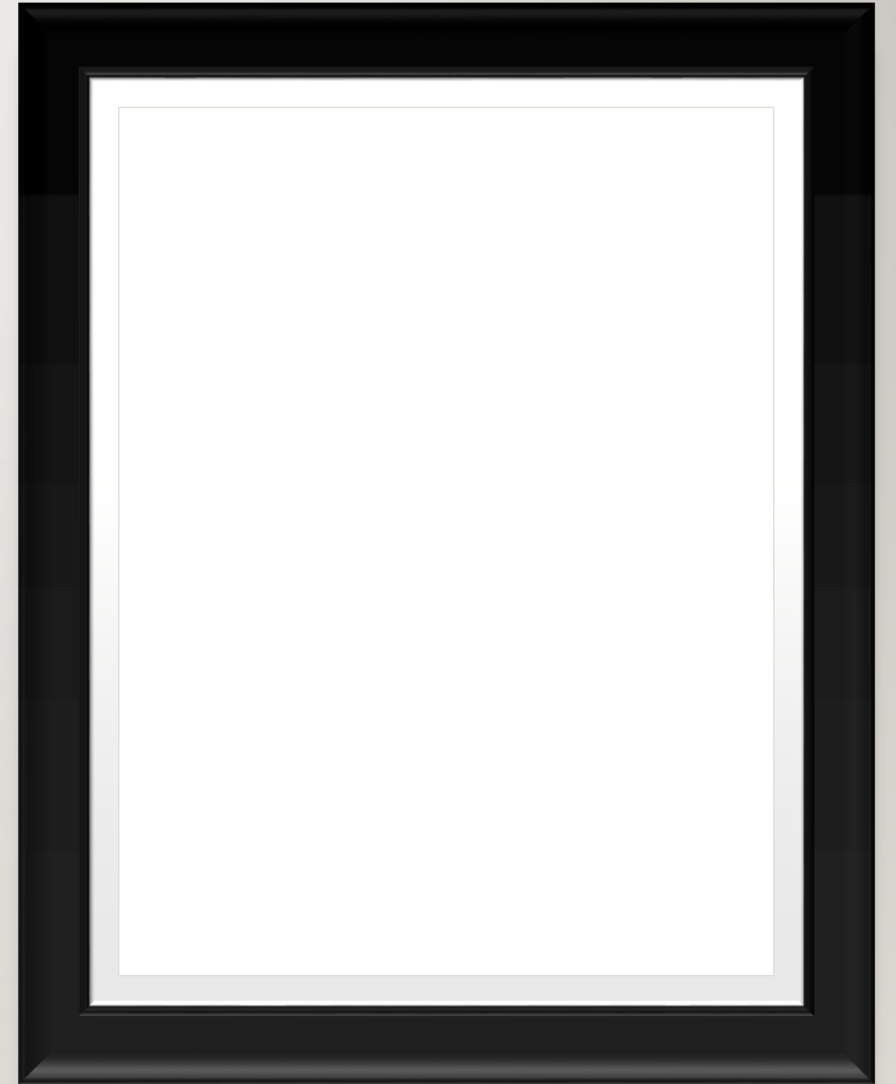
QUESTION

What is the percentage of world Pastors with Theological education?



QUOTE!

Of Theological Education,
they say; it is in crisis. It is
not healthy and vital; as a
discipline, it is bankrupt.



JOHN KNOX

“The virtuous education and godly upbringing of the youth” is essential for the “advancement of Christ’s glory.”



REVIEW OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND CHURCH MINISTRY

Relationship – Church & Academia

Church History and Theological
Education

Cathedral, Monastic, Chantry,
Catechetical Schools

Reformation: Wycliffe, Huss, Luther,
Calvin etc

**CHALLENGES TO
THEOLOGICAL
EDUCATION**

Secularism

Prosperity Gospel

Nominalism

Syncretism

Compromised Biblical faith

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING OFFERING FOR CHURCH REFORMATION

- Solid foundation of Biblical teaching
- Training and modelling in Christian character
- Pursuit of high academic excellence - research.
- Conducive environment for cooperation – Church and Seminary

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING OFFERING FOR CHURCH REFORMATION (CONT'D)

- Provision and development of qualified personnel for the Church.
- Lifelong opportunities for the pastoral team in the field
- Promotion of the cherished Reformed Traditions and heritage.
- Equipping Clergy for engagement with societal challenges.

AREAS OF CHURCH AND ACADEMIA COLLABORATION

- Personnel Supply – Mutual
- Resource mobilisation
- Research and publication
- Life Long Learning opportunities
- Placement of Theological Desks at Church Courts
- Library Services and Information Sharing

REFORMING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

- Biblically based
- Theologically sound
- Practically appropriate
- Intellectually captivating
- Academically sound
- Contextually applicable
- Reformed and Reforming
- Spiritually Uplifting
- Apologetically sound

CONCLUSION

- For a healthy church and society - sound theological education.
- To rightly educate today's teachers and preachers - re-definition of theology in the minds of present-day believers.
- Revisit the curriculum contents of our theological colleges - review and update
- Contextually relevant curricular
- The instructors – sound theologians with balanced world-views.
- In the end, the academia should serve the church and the church must support the academia.

FOR FURTHER THOUGHTS

How important is theological training in your church?

How can we mainstream the collaboration of the Church and the Academia?

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Thank you

