

## Accreditation and Licensing

### Accreditation

#### *Present Status*

Due to our purpose and desire to operate free of subjection to outside influences, MCTS has chosen not to pursue accreditation with any regional or national agencies. MCTS is committed to provide and maintain academic standards equal to or higher than those held by accredited institutions. Several accredited institutions have agreed to transfer course work from MCTS to their institutions if a student desires to complete his studies elsewhere. These institutions at present include: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Toronto Baptist Seminary, and Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. We are confident that this list will grow in the near future.

#### *Future Intention*

MCTS is considering the possibility of seeking accreditation through The Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries (A.R.T.S.). A.R.T.S. is a private association of Reformed schools of theology which provides mutual accountability for like-minded institutions. "The Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries was created to help meet a growing need in theological education for an accrediting agency that understands and is dedicated to the mission of reformed theological education" (from the A.R.T.S. website). You can find out more about A.R.T.S. at: <[www.artseminaries.org](http://www.artseminaries.org)>.

### Licensing

#### *Present Status*

The state of Kentucky requires a license to confer certain degrees. Not all states require such a license. Many have an exemption clause for religious institutions. Kentucky, however, does not. Due to various factors, we are not presently able to obtain such a license, though we are seriously considering it for the near future. Therefore, in respect of the state laws we are under, MCTS will award two different certificates:

**Track I Certificates:** Upon completion of the Track I curriculum, students will be awarded the Certificate in Pastoral Studies (C.P.S.). It is our equivalent to the Masters of Divinity.

**Track II Certificates:** Upon completion of the Track II curriculum, students will be awarded the Certificate in Religious Studies (C.R.S.). It is our equivalent to the Masters of Arts in theology.

Our curriculum is academically rigorous and practically relevant. It cuts no corners in either sphere. We are confident that what we offer is up to the standards set in the Scriptures for training future leaders of the church. We are also confident that our vital connection to the local church will further enhance the student's experience and training.

This unique feature is sorely lacking in many institutions committed to the training of future pastors in our day.

*Future Intention*

Assuming MCTS decides to and gains accreditation through A.R.T.S., we will pursue licensing with the state of Kentucky to confer both the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and the Master of Arts (M.A.) degrees.