

Ghana Partnership Committee Report
May 19, 2019

At our last congregational meeting, it was decided that given the changes in our congregational priorities, we would no longer renew our covenant agreement with Good News Theological Seminary (GNTS) in Ghana, but would continue to maintain contact with them and support a scholarship student, preferably a Mennonite student, and preferably a woman student when possible.

We will replace the partnership committee with a representative to maintain contact with the seminary and oversee the administration of the scholarship.

I have written to President Rev. Thomas Oduro to share our decision, and we will confirm details as they are available.

We have also received a copy of a write-up of the recent graduation ceremony at Good News (it was the 19th). It is wonderful to see that the seminary continues to stand as a beacon in providing solid theological training and holding out an alternative to what often passes as “Christianity” in Ghana.

The newsletter is attached at the end of this report. There will also be a copy of it in the fellowship hall.

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'Flee' From 'Materialism' – Good News Theological Seminary Graduates Advised

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RELIGION



Good News Theological Seminary has held its 19th Graduation Ceremony with a call on the graduates to distinguish themselves from the "lost preachers", "uphold the principles of the sound doctrine" and resist the temptation of materialism".

Dr. Nicoletta Gatti, Lecturer at the Department for the Study of Religions at University of Ghana in her key note address, reiterated the belief that Ghana is a religious country blessed with many precious natural resources and peace.

But she was quick to observe how Ghana like many other countries, is swallowing in corruption in the midst of several churches and pastors.

"...Ghana has been affected by what Jesus indicated as the two viruses, able to corrupt human heart and the world: love of money ('mammon') and love of power. The just desire of a dignified life is now transformed in craving for quick money, greed and exploitation. The consequences are before us; our mother earth is destroyed; our forests, oceans, rivers are polluted for short term development and blind enrichment of a few. Relationship among people are distorted by the game of money and power; even funerals are transformed in money-making exercises," she indicated. She decried the incessant craze for wealth among modern day "Ministers of the Gospel and their silence on social injustice which she blames for the imbalance in society and the surge in corrupt activities."

