

**MEMORANDUM
OF
UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

BETWEEN

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is designated to foster a friendly relationship between affiliated institutions to advance the discipling of the nations of the world through the ministry of theological education.

God has blessed the individual ministries of Asbury Theological Seminary (ATS) and Program for Leadership Advancement & Continuing Education (PLACE). The growth of the Global Church, however, calls for a level of collaboration that will garner greater fruit through theological education than either organization could accomplish by itself. Future endeavors must continue to call forth pastors, church planters, and leaders for various ministries in the life of the church. Together ATS and PLACE embrace the task of developing these persons for leadership in the Global Church.

ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Asbury Theological Seminary (ATS) was established in 1923 as an evangelical seminary in the Wesleyan tradition. Asbury Seminary consists of five schools (Biblical Interpretation, Practical Theology, Theology and Formation, E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism, and Urban Ministries) located on two campuses: Orlando, Florida, and Wilmore, Kentucky and selected teaching sites, i.e., Memphis, Tennessee and Tulsa, Oklahoma. In addition, ATS delivers courses from each of its degree programs vis-a-vis its online platform.

ATS is committed to historic Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition in a way which is globally engaged, spiritually formative, and missionally alert. Our founding motto, which remains on the Seminary's seal is "The Whole Bible for the Whole World."

ATS exists today as "... a community called to prepare theologically educated, sanctified, spirit-filled men and women to evangelize and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world through the love of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to the glory of God the Father."

THE PROGRAM FOR LEADERSHIP ADVANCEMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (PLACE)

The Program for Leadership Advancement and Continuing Education (PLACE) is an initiative of The Church at Powai in Mumbai, India. The vision of PLACE is twofold. Firstly, to provide ministry professionals and aspirants an opportunity to hone existing skills and stay abreast of new cutting-edge ideas. Secondly, to provide theological training to pastors/persons in ministry, who have not had the opportunity to acquire the same. To this end, PLACE utilizes the expertise and knowledge of world-class scholars to train, equip and enhance the capabilities of those engaged in sharing the "Good News." With the aim of keeping their ministries relevant and current, PLACE uses formats of education that include one-day seminars and five day intensives. PLACE is committed to offering a variety of disciplines for pastors and those committed to ministry. The shortened, intensive format of teaching is intentionally adapted to enable students to stay connected with their ministries, while still taking part in "continuing education."

OBJECTIVES

Based on twelve years of collaboration that has included sending ATS Counseling Faculty to teach in PLACE programs, this MOU seeks to define the terms and conditions of a multi-faceted cooperative affiliation between ATS and PLACE