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Study Opportunities

The Department of Theology and Christian Education (DTCE) offers bachelor's degrees in Evangelical Theology and Mission, a Master's degree in Evangelical Theology, and a PhD in Theology. Students completing the Master's degree in Theology can also complete a DMin.

All programs are offered in resident or distant forms of study as well as in the Slovak and English languages.

Students completing the Bachelor's degree in Evangelical Theology and Mission gain both theoretical and practical preparation for Christian oriented work in the pastorate or in Christian education and can go on to serve in the church, in ecumenical or parachurch organizations, or in state or private educational facilities.

Students completing the Master's degree in Evangelical Theology gain theoretical knowledge along with experience in the areas of theoretical, historical and applied theology. These students are professionally prepared to embark on roles in the church that require sapiential theological understanding.

Students who are awarded the PhD in Theology are prepared to engage in theological research and publish original work. These individuals are able to shape a Christian worldview informed by biblical interpretation.

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About our Department

Education

DTCE educates and trains of students in the areas of Christian education, theology, and missiology. Emphasis is given to preparing future pastors, religious educators, missionaries and social workers. The Slovak Alliance of Evangelical Churches (ZEC) together with the Faculty of Education at Matej Bel

University sponsors a library that serves the students of DTCE and the public.

Research

Our department organizes international theological conferences focused on relevant themes in the current evangelical environment in areas touching on mission, Christian education and social issues.

“God is raising up a new generation of leaders who are committed to giving their energy and creativity to the service of his kingdom. They are prepared to share the gospel contextually and they desire for their lives to count for God’s kingdom.”

Bwana Yesu asifiwe!

“Glory to the Lord Jesus!”
KETM alum Roman Mészáros (MA, 2015) left on August 31, 2015 for a one year mission trip with Wycliffe Slovakia to serve Tanzania and Uganda. In a recent update he included this prayer request, “the preparation of four completed NT translations for printing, their delivery to their intended communities, and for people in those communities to come to know the goodness of God through those translations.”

“I’m glad that we can serve our God together, who is the perfect example of a servant.”

Our Mission

As a result of God’s grace, ever since 1993 we have been educating and training future pastors, missionaries, Christian educators, prison workers, Christian social workers, and youth workers. A significant portion of those currently serving in evangelical churches in Slovakia or the Czech Republic, or even internationally (Ukraine, Romania, Serbia), are graduates of DTCE. Our alumni have been involved in not only short term, but also long term missions with sending organizations such as Wycliffe Slovakia and Operation Mobilization. Two grant projects for the Slovak Bible Society recently required significant effort on the part of our faculty members. They were recently involved in a revision of the SBS Ecumenical Translation of the New Testament and Deuterocanonical writings. The results of this work, which was led by Professor Imrich Peres, will be published in the notes of the new edition of the UBS Ecumenical Translation of the Bible. The other project is the current effort to translate the Gospel of Mark into eastern Slovak dialects. Dr. Viktória Šoltésová served as consultant for the original text of the New Testament translation into the Roma language which was published in 2013. In 2015 our faculty administered the pilot project “Introduction to Clinical Pastoral Care,” which leads to specialized education in clinical pastoral care. Professor Pavel Procházka and Dr. Albín Masarik are working on a project for applied research on a typology of spirituality (Holy and consecrated) which is currently underway in evangelical churches in the Slovak Republic.



Research Projects

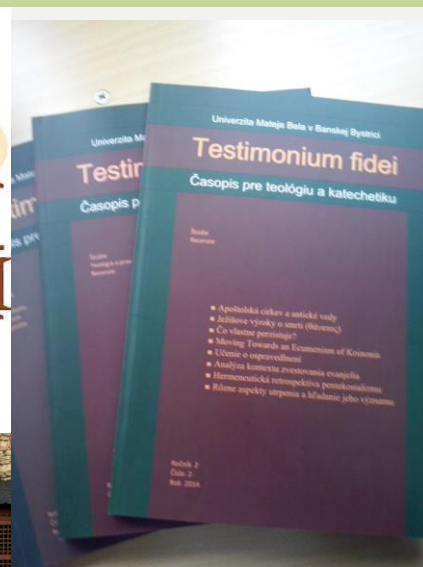
Research activities at the Department of Theology and Christian Education are focused on areas which affect the impact of Christianity on the individual and society as it pertains to life in the church but also outside the church. Active participation of the faculty in the local church is integral to the successful and biblical impact of its research.

Current programs of research are approved by the College of Education's Research Board for the arts and social sciences. Research results are used by the Matej Bel University and other Universities, for religion classes at Elementary and High Schools, social-cultural institutions, and religious denominations.

The Department of Theology and Christian Education organizes an international conference every year that focuses on contemporary issues in evangelical theology, mission, Christian education, and charity work. It also publishes academic literature for teachers but also professional literature for a broader lay audience.

The Department Library

The Slovak Alliance of Evangelical Churches (ZEC) in cooperation with the Faculty of Education at the Matej Bel University operates library facilities for its students and for the public. From its inception the library has served interested individuals from local churches. Its collection includes foundational volumes for the educational needs of the local church.



Testimonium fidei

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“The journal is not just ecumenically oriented to the base of denominations that participate in ZEC (The Slovak Alliance of Evangelical Churches) but its ambition is to foster more diverse and creative theological reflection with the aim of bringing together theologians and readers from other Christian traditions who, through their theological witness have confirmed that they begin from a Christological core and that the unity of Christ's church is our common goal.”

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An Invitation to Study Theology

Click on this link to listen to an invitation to study theology:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5PJWtzZaxk>

You can request more information at this site:

<http://www.detm.org/pozvanie-ku-studiu-na-katedre-teologie/>

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