

The Emerging Mission of the Global Mission Center for Christian Education

The focus of theological education at Union Presbyterian Seminary is the same as the focus of the church: *Jesus Christ and his mission in the world*. Entering a second century of service, Union Presbyterian Seminary seeks an even stronger partnership to further advance our shared commitment to global missions.

The new Global Mission Center for Christian Education will be a generative resource for educators from other countries who seek support for their Christian education work. The Center will prepare an international group of students, including students from the United States, for passionate and effective careers in their home nations or for mission work that will spread the Good News of God's Grace throughout the world.

We envision a variety of students engaging the resources of the seminary through the Global Mission Center for Christian Education.

- Some students will seek a degree in the new Global Format MACE degree program. This is a two-year program in which students will complete the first year of their studies in residence on our Richmond campus and the second year back in their country through the resources of instructional technologies.
- Some students will complete a certificate program in Christian Education over a limited time frame.
- Some doctoral students and professors from other theological schools around the world will have an opportunity to pursue independent research in our world class library.

As a resource for the seminary, the Global Mission Center for Christian Education will assist the faculty in reviewing and refining international travel seminars and other opportunities for contextual education. Additionally, it will assist faculty, staff, and students in offering hospitality to international students as their presence grows across degree programs.