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Agreement for a Student Exchange Program between the University of Heidelberg and

The Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, California

The Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (herein referred to as Heidelberg), Heidelberg, Germany and the Graduate Theological Union hereby agree upon the following items concerning the Student Exchange Program, beginning with the Fall Semester of 2011 and continuing each regular semester thereafter for an indefinite period.

- (1) The purpose of the exchange program is to promote international friendship and world peace by stimulating and supporting intercultural activities and projects among students from the USA and Germany.
- (2) Each institution will accept two full-time students from the other party in the program for one full-academic year.
 - a) The Graduate Theological Union will accept two full-time students from the other party for one full academic year.
 - b) Heidelberg will accept into the University two full-time students from the other party for one full academic year.
 - c) It is possible for each institution to send students for one semester rather than for one full academic year. In that case, two students for one semester equal one student for one full academic year.
- (3) Exchange students from the Graduate Theological Union will be enrolled as full-time, non-degree students. They are subject to the same regulations about admission to and performance in classes as pertain to students in the receiving institution. Students from Heidelberg will be enrolled under the status of Visiting Scholars. They will be assigned a faculty advisor, are eligible to take courses for audit and enjoy all the facilities normally open to doctoral students. Participation in some programs of the GTU is subject to permission from the member schools and centers.
- (4) The exchange students can be either male or female, the selection of whom is fully up to the sending institution. The students, within reasonable limits, try to represent their home institution and country in the community, speaking to clubs, church groups, etc.
 - (5) Tuition and other fees will be arranged as follows:
 - a) Each student will pay tuition to his/her home institution
 - b) Each student will be exempted from payment of tuition and other academic fees at the host institution

- c) Each student will have to pay all other costs incurred, including room and board expenses, health insurance and transportation.
- (6) The housing will be arranged as follows:
 - a) The student from the Graduate Theological Union will be placed in appropriate student housing in Heidelberg.
 - b) The Heidelberg student will be responsible to find appropriate housing, but the GTU will provide information about potential housing opportunities
- (7) Hospital and other medical expenses are the responsibility of the student. Each student must purchase insurance to cover medical contingencies in the host foreign country.
- (8) In case that one of the two institutions cannot select an appropriate candidate for the student exchange program, the said institution holds the right to send the additional exchange student to the other party the following year.
- (9) Violation of local law committed in the host country may subject the student to immediate withdrawal of the immigration and academic sponsorship and to expulsion of the student from the country.
- (10) The Graduate Theological Union will send a letter from its dean to Heidelberg reporting the student's academic performance. Students from the Graduate Theological Union have to present their "Scheine" to the Heidelberg exchange coordinator in order to receive an official transcript. It will be the responsibility of the home institution to decide on how many credit units the students may actually receive on courses taken at each receiving institution.
- (11) This agreement and program shall continue for an indefinite period, but may be terminated by either the Graduate Theological Union or Heidelberg by written notice of termination signed by the presiding officer of the notifying party. To be effective, the notice of termination must be received by the other party before January 31 of the year in which the termination is to become effective.

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