

**United Theological College of the West Indies  
Advertisement for President**

The Board of Governors of the United Theological College of the West Indies invites applications and or nominations for the position of President. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the college and reports to the Board.

The candidate should have an earned research doctoral degree in a theological discipline along with leadership experience in progressively responsible positions in higher education administration or Church Administration. **Equivalences in education and experience will be considered.**

Along with the above, the ideal candidate should be:

- A visionary Christian leader with demonstrated commitment to ecumenism. .
- An educator who will guide the curriculum and pedagogical developments in keeping with local and regional imperatives as well as current global trends in theological education.
- An administrator who possesses effective oral, written, and listening communication skills and exceptional interpersonal qualities and can effectively represent the college to its larger community, including the public media.
- A person with cultural awareness as demonstrated by sensitivity to, and appreciation of, religious, ethnic, cultural, socio-economic and social diversity.
- A leader who is committed to consensus-building through participatory/shared governance.
- A leader who can foster student-centered environment offering learning-centered programs, student support services and can be sensitive to the effects of all decisions on students.
- An individual who will work with the heads of the participating communions in furthering pastoral formation and building leadership skills for the Christian community.

It is expected that all candidates for consideration will have the endorsement of at least one of the participating denominations of the UTCWI.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a new President is selected, interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials to the address below by 30 June 2017 to assure optimal consideration. Application and/or nomination materials should include current curriculum vitae, a letter of interest or nomination and endorsement letter from one of the participating communions, addressed to:

**UTCWI Presidential Search Committee  
c/o The Chairman of the Board of Governors  
United Theological College of the West Indies  
Golding Avenue  
P.O. Box 136  
Kingston 7, Jamaica  
Email: [unitheol@cwjamaica.com](mailto:unitheol@cwjamaica.com)**



## **Background Information**

**The United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) is the seminary to which Participating Churches send candidates whom they have selected for training, with a view to ordination. Eleven denominations participated in the launching of UTCWI, but after amalgamations and expansions the participants are: The Anglican Church, Jamaica Diocese, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana, The Guyana Presbyterian Church, The Jamaica Baptist Union, The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas, The Moravian Church - East West Indies Province, The Moravian Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, The Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Grenada and The United Church of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The College also accommodates other students who come to study at the UTCWI, from non-participating communions.**

The UTCWI has been described as “the most significant venture in Caribbean ecumenism to date”. The matrix of the College goes back much further than the date of its dedication on Wednesday, April 27, 1966. It is an affiliated Institution of the University of the West Indies and provides the Theological training in the Faculty of Arts and Education. Since its inception, it has trained over 900 Christian leaders, who have received a greater understanding of the beliefs, worship and traditions of the various denominations. Academically, the graduates have excelled, fulfilling their roles as Pastors, Priests, Deaconesses and lay-leaders throughout the region and beyond.

The College now seeks to appoint its next President to lead the implementation of its Strategic plan 2017 – 2022.

The President reports to the Board of Governors and is charged with effectively implementing Board policies and providing inspirational and visionary leadership to the College. The President will be the strategic leader who is committed to the vision and mission of the college and to ecumenism in Christendom. The selected individual will be student-centered, foster and appreciate a dedicated and talented faculty and staff, and a successful fund- and friend-raiser for the college. The best candidates will have unquestioned character, exemplary interpersonal and communication skills, experience in higher education, and will be an active participant in the life of the college, the University of the West Indies and the adjoining communities.