

Society for Emerging Theologians (SET)



SOCIETY FOR
EMERGING THEOLOGIANs

- A formative academic society supporting emerging theologians
- A program of the Warren Theological Foundation

The Need on Campus

- Many students interested in theology lack structured scholarly community
- Early academic formation improves graduate outcomes
- SET provides guided intellectual engagement outside the classroom



What SET Is



A MENTORED
THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



REGULAR COLLOQUIA
WITH SHORT STUDENT
PAPERS



FACULTY AND
PASTORAL
ENGAGEMENT



CLEAR ACADEMIC AND
PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS

What SET Is Not

Not a devotional club

Not partisan or political

Not a substitute for coursework

Not an independent legal entity

Benefits to the Institution



Supports academic excellence and student formation



Enhances undergraduate and seminary preparation



Encourages faculty–student scholarly interaction



Strengthens institutional reputation

Benefits to Students

Early exposure
to academic
norms

Practice in
writing and
presentation

Mentorship
and vocational
discernment

Pathways to
publication and
advanced study

Faculty and Advisor Involvement

- Minimal administrative burden
- Intellectually meaningful engagement
- Opportunity to mentor serious students
- Alignment with teaching and research missions



Institutional Oversight and Alignment

- SET operates under a formal charter
- Clear bylaws and reporting structures
- Oversight by the Warren Theological Foundation



What We Are Asking



Permission to establish a recognized SET chapter



Approval to meet on campus



Identification of a faculty advisor



Institutional acknowledgment of affiliation

Why SET Is a Low-Risk, High-Value Initiative

- No financial obligation required
- Clear governance and accountability
- Mission-aligned with academic institutions
- Scalable and sustainable





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