

# **Dedication of the ARTS Campus**

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Brothers and sisters in Christ, faculty, administrators and staff, friends of Africa Reformation Theological Seminary, we are gathered today, in part, to dedicate and to set apart this campus for the service, glory and worship of the one living and true God.

Let us therefore dedicate this campus to its sacred use as a training institution for shepherds and leaders of Christ's church.

To You, God and Father of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We dedicate this campus.

To You, eternal Son of God, Redeemer of Your people and Head of the church, We dedicate this campus.

To You, Spirit of God, Lord and giver of life, our teacher, sanctifier and comforter, We dedicate this campus.

May this be a place for the training of pastors and church leaders whom You God, have called and gifted and given as gifts to your church.

May pastors, preachers, church planters, evangelists, biblical counselors, church educators and Christian school educators be equipped here to serve Christ's church and advance His Kingdom in Africa and around the world.

May you Oh, God, use ARTS to form and educate pastors and leaders who have a passion for the gospel of grace and a zeal for building and multiplying healthy, God-centered, Bible-soaked, gospel-driven, grace-saturated and Christ-exalting churches.

May this campus be a place for pastors and leaders first to learn and then to prepare to teach and equip others in the body of Christ in the practices and propagation of...

True worship and kingdom-focused prayer;  
Faithful preaching of God's Word and the gospel of the grace of God;  
The celebration of the holy Sacraments;  
The faithful application of church discipline;  
Biblical evangelism;  
Global missions and reaching the unreached tribes and nations;  
For the diffusion of the sacred knowledge of the Word;  
For the promotion of righteousness;  
The doing of good deeds of love, justice and mercy;  
For the extension of the kingdom of God;  
For the practice of financial stewardship;  
For release of the captives;  
For recovering of sight to the spiritually blind;  
For rest to the heavy laden;  
For comfort to those who mourn;

For strength to those who are tempted;  
For assurance to those of little faith;  
For the sanctifying of marriage and the family;  
For the nurture of the young and for the discipling of the next generation;  
For the maturing of believers;  
For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry;  
***We dedicate this campus.***  
In gratitude for the gracious keeping of Your divine covenant throughout past generations;  
In reliance upon the power of the Holy Spirit;  
In confidence of the promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Christ's Bride, the church;  
In the hope of the eternal glory of the Church Triumphant;  
For the glory of the triune God;  
***We dedicate this campus.***