

Friends Theological College

Founded in 1942, and located in the highlands of western Kenya, FTC prepares Friends for pastoral ministry and Christian leadership in East Africa. With around 70 students and an independent Board of Governors, FTC encourages academic excellence and spiritual growth, seeking to integrate faith and learning, while focusing on the process of maturing in Christ, from a Friends' (Quaker) perspective. Some FTC students are recent secondary school graduates, but most are adults with substantial experience in pastoral ministry. Instruction is in English.

Affiliation with St. Paul's Limuru
St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, provides FTC students with an accredited diploma through external examinations. All the coursework is done in Kaimosi at FTC, but the exams are marked and moderated by St. Paul's faculty in Limuru. This enables our graduates to pursue further study with less time and expense. Most other colleges will now require only two additional years to complete a bachelor's degree.

Academic Programs

FTC offers three academic programs:

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry
Designed as a solid introduction to pastoral ministry, the certificate includes courses as follows: Introduction to Theology, Bible Survey, Intro to Pastoral Ministry, Intro to Pastoral Counseling, Intro to Quakerism, as well as several English courses. Students with

KCSE of D+ or below enter this certificate program. It can serve as a preparatory year, leading to the St. Paul's SEE; students who perform well are invited to join the Diploma program. For other students, this certificate is sufficient, and they return to ministry upon completion.

Length of study: *One year*

Diploma in Theology

Designed for students with KCSE of C- or above, or those who perform well on the St. Paul's SEE, the Diploma provides a rigorous theological education and intensive preparation for pastoral ministry or further study.

Length of study: *Three years*

Bachelor's Degree in Theology

It is our goal within the next five to seven years to offer a bachelor's degree program alongside our current programs.

Co-curricular Programs

At FTC, every student participates in two co-curricular programs throughout their studies:

Spiritual Formation

Every Wednesday afternoon is devoted to a Retreat in Everyday Life, with prayer, reflection, Bible study, small group discussions, and a Convocation lecture series. A faculty mentor helps students identify their gifts in ministry.

Practical Ministry

In the first two years, students are provided with an opportunity for practical ministry in a local Friends church (or congregation of their own denomination). Diploma students in their third year undertake an attachment for eight weeks in the field. In addition, all students are required to complete two workshops: in HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness, and in peace and conflict resolution skills.

Faculty

The faculty at FTC hold a minimum of bachelor's degree, and all are pursuing further study to obtain advanced degrees. Each faculty member is equipped to teach in a broad range of subjects, with a specialty in one or two areas.

Library

The Edith Ratcliff Memorial Library at FTC has over 7,000 holdings, including books, periodicals, pamphlets, audio cassettes and CDs. Students are allocated textbooks from the library for certain courses, particularly the English reading and writing courses and Quaker studies. The unique *Anani na Tumaini* collection contains materials on peace, social justice, and women's issues. Friends who wish to contribute used books in good condition may send them to Kenya by M-bag (see website for details). Financial contributions for library cataloging supplies may be sent to Friends United Meeting earmarked for "FTC Library Materials." Please inform us of your gift by email or letter.

What do FTC graduates do?

At FTC students are provided with the broadest possible understanding of pastoral ministry. Graduates of FTC engage in work as pastors, religious education teachers, missionaries, and chaplains. It is our hope that in coming years, students may also choose to minister as counselors, scholars, writers, professors, administrators, and by Christian service in NGOs.

Admission requirements

Prospective students must have a recognized calling to ministry, with at least one year of service to their local church or Friends meeting. Students from all denominations are considered, but Friends are given precedence. FTC encourages women to apply. Students with a C- or above enter directly into the Diploma program. Students with D+ or below enter a preparatory year, which culminates in the St. Paul's Special Entrance Examination (SEE) and the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry; qualified students may enter the diploma program in their second year, or continue one more year to earn a second certificate in Basic Theological Studies.

How to Apply

Write to FTC by the end of September the year *before* you wish to enter. We will send you an application packet. You will need to submit your supporting documents in order to be invited for an interview the following February. These include: KCPE and KCSE school leaving certificates, letters of recommendation from church leaders, and health examination form. Classes begin each year at the end of August.

How to support FTC

Friends are encouraged to support FTC through annual giving, and those who contribute will be recognized annually at Donor Appreciation Day. Visit the campus, have tea with the students, attend our Convocation lecture series, tour our library, and bring your contribution along. Karibu!

If you are interested in the publications of Kaimosi Friends Press, or if you feel called to ministry, visit <http://ftc.quaker.org>, or contact: Friends Theological College
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FTC is a ministry of Friends United Meeting, Global Ministries, based in Richmond, Indiana, with an Africa Ministries Office in Kisumu, Kenya. Other FUM ministries in East Africa include Turkana and Samburu Friends Missions, and the Friends Hospitals at Lugulu and Kaimosi. For more information about supporting FUM ministries or field staff, visit www.fum.org or write:
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Friends United Meeting commits itself to energize and equip Friends through the power of the Holy Spirit to gather people into fellowships where Jesus Christ is known, loved and obeyed as Teacher and Lord. FUM's four priorities are:

- Evangelism
- Leadership Development
- Global Partnerships
- Communications

Friends Theological College Kaimosi



Sending forth pastoral ministers
who will be

thoughtful listeners,
effective evangelists,
dynamic preachers,
informed educators,
and models of integrity.