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ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY FORMS EXPLORATORY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL

DENVER, CO. – The Iliff School of Theology is pleased to announce the formation of an exploratory partnership with the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

The partnership, finalized earlier this summer, seeks to promote cooperation between faculty, administrators, and students of the two schools. Potential avenues for partnering together will include: collaborative research and writing projects, study abroad programs, and teaching and information exchanges.

The partnership came about through a public-facing, online course taught last fall by Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Iliff's Director of the Office of Professional Formation and Term Assistant Professor of Leadership and Formation. Dr. Federico Settler, Associate Professor in Sociology of Religion at UKZN, learned about the course and enrolled several of his current and former students. From this exchange, the partnership was formed.

In the coming months and years, specific projects and programs are expected to arise as the institutions get to know one another. Dr. R. Simangaliso Kumalo, Acting Dean of the School of Religion, Philosophy, and Classics and primary facilitator of the partnership agreement at UKZN, remarked, "Like in any relationship, as it grows you discover more opportunities of mutual benefit. We are looking forward to having those in this partnership, and we are very committed to it."

"I see some very real possibilities in this connection," said Dr. Thomas V. Wolfe, Iliff President and CEO. "Iliff and UKZN have similar shared commitments around social justice, and this partnership provides a nice platform for exploring those commitments together through potential teaching and learning exchanges."

About Iliff

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