

St. Frumentius Theological College



In 2015, the Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa will realize a long-awaited dream: the opening of the St. Frumentius Anglican Theological College. Named for the first bishop of the church in Ethiopia, the college will provide theological training and support to church leaders in and around Gambella, Ethiopia, a region which has experienced massive growth in the last several years. Eighty congregations are served by just sixteen clergy, only one of whom has theological education. Unfortunately, church leaders in Gambella cannot leave their congregations to travel to school—so the diocese and its partners have decided to bring school to them.

The college will train current clergy and develop new lay and ordained leaders to spread the good news of Christ in Ethiopia. Renovations of existing buildings are underway, and the school's dean has already arrived in Gambella to begin preparations for the inaugural academic term. Rev. Dr. Johann van der Bijl holds a Doctor of Ministry from Trinity School for Ministry (Pittsburgh, USA) and has previously served the church in India, Philippines, Haiti, Namibia, and South Africa. His experience and wisdom will be complemented by the theological knowledge of Rev. Jeremiah Maet Paul, a Gambella clergyman currently studying at the Alexandria School of Theology, and by visiting lecturers from other regional universities.

Please pray for Rev. Dr. Johann and his wife Louise as they study the Nuer language and make a home in Gambella, for the facility renovations in progress, and for the additional funding needed for new facilities and materials. Read more about the project [here](#), and visit [this page](#) to support ongoing facility development and materials for this new ministry.