

## Global Ministries University (GMU) Report

8/1/20 to 1/31/21

President Gerald Grudzen and Provost Mary Ann Cejka have set up a committee to pursue accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and Council on Higher Education Association (CHEA) for Global Ministries University. GMU is now in the process of submitting a "Formal Denominational Affiliation" document that will be submitted in advance of the Association of Theological Schools meeting in September of 2021. This submission should be completed by June 1, 2021.

Global Ministries University partnered with Pacific Institute in Essential Conversations (PIEC) which is an accredited learning center for Clinical Pastoral Education and pastoral supervision to develop a Certificate Program in Community Chaplaincy. The program currently has 11 students enrolled and participating in the program.

Global Ministries University together with Tangaza University Institute for Religious Dialogue and Islamic Studies are sponsoring an International and Interreligious online Conference August 19-21, 2021: ***Building Bridges for Human Solidarity in light of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter: Fratelli Tutti.*** Regional hubs in Africa, South America, Europe , Asia and USA will feed reports and resources into the plenary sessions.

GMU undertook an interfaith mission in Kenya for the past decade beginning in 2011 with our first visit to the coastal region of Kenya where we met with an interfaith organization headed by Father Wilybard Lagho, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Mombasa and Chairperson of the Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics (CICC). This Interfaith Training Program (40 hrs.) has trained over 140 Christian and Muslim lay leaders, teachers, and principals from several counties in Kenya. It has been endorsed by the Kenyan Director of Education for the six costal counties. Since the Summer of 2020 we have education online instead of in person education which is building a 'train the trainer' model.

Submitted by,

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