

**THETA EPSILON DELTA**  
**HONOR SOCIETY**

2011 Edition

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **THETA EPSILON DELTA**

#### **HONOR SOCIETY of the ASIA PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

##### **PREAMBLE**

The purpose of Theta Epsilon Delta honor society is to encourage and honor manifest Christian character, develop Christian leadership, and academic excellence among the graduates of member schools of the Asia Pacific Theological Association.

##### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this society shall be Theta Epsilon Delta, meaning "appointed to service" from the words Themenos Eis Diakonian and is based on the biblical passage in 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Those who are honored after being chosen for membership in the society have manifested Christian character, leadership ability and academic excellence, and have demonstrated their dedication to bring honor to their Lord. This is reminiscent of the apostle Paul's faithfulness to Jesus Christ and had "appointed him to service." In his service he evidently brought honor to Christ declaring, "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor to Christ declaring Amen." (NIV)

## **ARTICLE II - OFFICERS**

1. The chief officer of Theta Epsilon Delta shall be the President, who shall normally be the Executive Director of APTA, unless otherwise determined by the APTA Executive Board. The President shall discharge the duties and responsibilities generally associated with that office.
2. The Association Business Officer shall be designated by the Executive Boards and shall keep all business and financial records of the honor society, receive and disburse funds subject to established policies and regulations, account for all receipts and disbursements, and issue financial reports as required.
3. The Executive Board of APTA shall give general direction to the honor society and its activities.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

1. There shall be two classes of membership - scholastic and honorary. In both cases, membership shall be limited to graduates of member schools of APTA.
2. Nominations shall be limited to those graduates of undergraduate programs consisting of at least 64 semester units, or graduates of post-baccalaureate programs of 32 semester units or more.
3. Nomination to membership shall be made by the faculty member schools at the beginning of the final term before commencement for a given academic year.
4. The qualifications for scholastic membership are Christian character, leadership ability, and a scholastic average of not less than 3.3 in the 4-point system, or its equivalent. Not more than 7 percent of the graduating class for any one year may be nominated. Where uneven figures are involved, one candidate may be nominated when 7 percent equals 0.5 to 1.4 seniors, two candidates, when 7 percent equals 1.5 to 2.4 seniors etcetera. Each school shall be allowed to nominate at least one graduate to the Honor Society, no matter how small the graduating class is.

5. The faculty of a member school may nominate alumni for honorary membership in Theta Epsilon Delta who have (a) completed programs of 64 semester units or more at the undergraduate level or who have completed post-baccalaureate programs of at least 32 semester units, (b) manifested Christian character, leadership ability in some area of Christian work, and outstanding intellectual achievement. The nominees should have been a graduate for at least ten years. The number of nominees for honorary membership should not exceed the number for those who are nominated for scholastic membership. There shall be no more than 3 grants of honorary membership in the same year.

#### **ARTICLE IV - CERTIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

A certificate bearing the embossed seal of the Asia Pacific Theological Association and the signature of the society president and the signature of the institution president or principal shall be presented to all elected members.

#### **ARTICLE V - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Executive Board shall be authorized to adopt such policies and procedures and establish financial charges from time to time as it deems advisable or necessary. Such policies and procedures shall be set forth in writing and circulated to the member institutions.

#### **ARTICLE VI - REVISION OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

The Executive Board is authorized to revise this constitution, the policies, procedures and financial charges of the honor society as it deems advisable or required. A two- third vote of the Board members present and voting shall be required to make any revision.

## **ASIA PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

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### **Theta Epsilon Delta Honor Society**

It is time to order certificates for forthcoming graduates who are nominees for the Asia Pacific theological Association's Honor Society ---Theta Epsilon Delta. Orders must be received in time to allow 30 days for processing in the APTA office.

Students who have been chosen for membership can display their certificates with satisfaction that their teachers have recognized their dedication to bring honor to Christ through manifesting Christian character, leadership ability and academic excellence.

### **Eligibility**

Nomination to Theta Epsilon Delta scholastic membership must be made by the faculty early in the student's final academic year before graduation. Not more than 7% of the graduating class for any given year may be nominated. Each member institution shall be allowed to nominate at least one qualified graduate for membership regardless of the size of the graduating class. Nominating for honorary membership should be made at the same time of the year as for scholastic membership.

1. Scholastic Membership
2. Honorary Membership

Graduates who have exhibited Christian character, leadership ability, and outstanding intellectual achievement may be nominated for scholastic membership in any given year.

### **Ordering Information**

Please return to the APTA office two (2) of the (3) order forms enclosed. Names of nominees must appear exactly as you wish them to appear on their certificates. Do not use titles. Please include the date of your commencement.

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**Order Form**

(Return TWO copies of this form)

Name of Institution : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of President or Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Commencement: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator or other person designated to receive materials (Name & Title)

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Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic Graduates Nominees (current year)

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Honorary Nominees (Graduates from 10 years or more)

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Certificates (Scholastic) \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates (Honorary) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of certificates \_\_\_\_\_

Keep your fee updated.

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**For Official Use Only**

**Date Order Received** \_\_\_\_\_ **Invoice Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Sent to Engraver** \_\_\_\_\_ **Invoice Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Sent to College** \_\_\_\_\_

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