

# Distance Education for Pastors and Ministry Leaders



## Letter from the Chancellor

Welcome to Teleo University. We are a global distance education institution committed to equipping pastors and church leaders with world-class practical ministry training without leaving their churches and networks of ministry relationships.

*Teleo* is a Koine Greek word that means 1) *to bring to a close, to finish*; or 2) *complete or fulfill a command*. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul used *Teleo* in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race." Again, in John 19:30 as Jesus died on the cross for our salvation, He said, "It is finished." In Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28, Jesus told his followers that they would be His witnesses in their cities, their countries, and throughout the whole world until the Great Commission was *finished*. *Teleo* captures our passion for *finishing* the Great Commission by being and making disciples of all nations.

We believe the Great Commission can and will be *finished*. We believe the whole world will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God. It is our all-consuming passion to do everything we can, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to see it through. Join us in this obeying Christ's call to *finish* the Great Commission. I can think of no greater pursuit in our lifetime.

Dr. Jay Klopfenstein

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Klopfenstein".

## History and Heritage

The Teleo University story began in **1991** when T-Net was founded by Bill Hull, a pastor committed to returning his church and others to their disciple making roots. T-Net is an interdenominational ministry **committed** to coaching pastors and church leaders to **finish** the Great Commission in their congregations, regions, and in every country of the world. Finishing the Great Commission in every country of the world so that no nation is unreached is what we call **PROJECT ZERO** because the mandate of "all nations" or "all ethnos" ends at ZERO.

After years of partnering with Christian colleges and seminaries to grant degrees, T-Net founded Teleo University to serve the thousands of pastors completing T-Net's Theological Education by Extension in dozens of countries in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Dr. Klopfenstein is leading T-Net and Teleo University to finish the Great Commission in every nation through the **Project Zero** initiative. T-Net will continue to train international pastors to multiply disciple making churches. And Teleo University will offer distance education and degrees that are built upon T-Net's rigorous training program. We follow the principle found in 2 Timothy 2:2, "Teach faithful men who can teach others also" until the Great Commission is finished...**Because the Mandate ENDS AT ZERO.**

## Teleo University Distinctives

Teleo University plays a unique role in Theological Education by Extension. Teleo University's focus is on *Finishing* the Great Commission of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20) in each nation of the world by empowering indigenous pastors and church leaders. Teleo University only seeks students who are currently pastors, church planters, or key lay leaders. These Christian leaders do not need to leave their ministries and families to attend classes. Teleo University offers no resident campus learning. Instead, students must remain in a local church ministry to implement what they learn in this unique correspondence distance education program.

Teleo University professors share their knowledge with students through cross-culturally tested correspondence

courses. Students only meet their professors through the printed curriculum. Our printed curriculum, supported by local study groups and experienced facilitators, empowers our students to receive practical theological education while continuing to serve in their local church ministry. By gathering students into study groups called T-Net Training Centers, students benefit from carefully prepared study materials, collaboration with fellow students, and facilitators (called T-Net Trainers) who have studied and applied this curriculum in their ministries. Furthermore, the Internet now offers access to more resources and allows student exposure to Teleo University professors, course authors, and subject matter experts.

## What are the benefits?

- Create a plan for using all the ministries of your church to make mature disciples
- Increase your church's weekly giving by 75% - 200%
- Significantly increase the conversion (evangelism) growth of your church
- Mobilize 50% - 85% of church members to join a weekly intentional disciple making small group
- See 10% - 40% of church members graduate to a higher spiritual maturity level each year
- Develop effective disciple making lay leaders in your church through an apprentice training process
- Plant 1-2 new house churches or evangelistic home groups every year using trained lay leaders
- See your church grow by 50% - 200% in three years
- Join a team and train other pastors and church planters in effective disciple making to finish the Great Commission in their churches, cities, and regions
- *And play a significant role in "finishing" the Great Commission in your lifetime!*

*Our Mission is to provide affordable, accessible, accredited education to pastors and ministry leaders who are seeking to finish the Great Commission through multiplying disciple makers and initiating saturation church planting.*





Teleo University offers the following three-year distance learning Degree and Diploma programs based on the curriculum of T-Net International.

**Tier 1 Core Programs:**

- Certificate of Pastoral Ministry (CPM)
- \*Diploma of Pastoral Ministry (DPM)
- \*Bachelor of Pastoral Ministry (BPM)
- ^Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry  
\* Accredited Programs

**Tier 2 Advanced Programs:**

*(Prerequisite: Tier 1 program completion)*

- Diploma in Church Growth
- Bachelor of Ministry in Church Growth (degree completion for DPM graduates)
- ^Post Graduate Diploma in Church Growth  
^Provisional Accreditation

**Basic Programs in Christian Ministry:**

- Certificate in Christian Ministry (CCM)
- Diploma in Christian Ministry (DCM)

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WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE



*Join over 2500 pastors and church leaders who have graduated from these programs while growing their churches and finishing the Great Commission*



**Authorization (USA)**

*Teleo University is exempt with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. An exemption is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.*

**Accreditation**

*Teleo University is an Accredited Member with ATA (Asia Theological Association). Teleo University has institutional accreditation and program accreditation for several degree programs.*

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