

History of the Institute, College and Seminary

"I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou has a little strength, and has kept my word, and has not denied my name." (Rev. 3:8)

Rev. Rufus Carter had a vision for a Bible Institute, College and Seminary on the east-side of the inner-city of Baltimore. The Lord provided the way and moved him to fulfill that vision. On September 7, 1985, Philadelphia Bible Institute, College, and Seminary, originally named Philadelphia Bible Institute, held its first class with 15 students. By September, 1993, the student body had grown tremendously to over 100 students actively participating in various areas of study.

The Institute offers a one-year and two year certificate program; the three-year course of study offers an Associates of Arts in Biblical Studies. The College offers Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral Programs in Theology, Christian Education, and Ministry Management. The Seminary began in the Fall of 1993 and offers a Ph.D. program.

Philadelphia Bible Institute, College, and Seminary operates as a tax-exempt corporation. Philadelphia's Charter (Articles of Incorporation), have been filled with the Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland. The corporation is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with a Board of Directors and Board of Trustees to oversee the management and operation of the school.

The school celebrates 25 years of preparing and edifying the Body of Christ for Kingdom service at its 25th Commencement - June 13, 2009. This growth has not come without challenges. Philadelphia's administration consists of men and women who desire to establish and maintain a school whose doors are open to all who seek a greater knowledge of God's Word. Our faculty is composed of dedicated men and women with experience as leaders in various fields of ministry.

Philadelphia is fully accredited through the International Accrediting Commission, and recognized by the State of Maryland (according to Code Maryland Regulations ¹13.50.02), as a Christian Educational Institution.

¹ Requirements for Authorization of Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutions to Offer Courses, Academic Programs and Award Certificates and Degrees in the State of Maryland.