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ABSTRACT

Religious architecture has historically played a primary role in both the study and the development of architectural practices and theories. Undoubtedly, this influence is tied to the position which religious institutions have historically held in shaping cultural values. However, Christian culture has transitioned into a position where religious organizations are often no longer the primary authority for determining cultural, social, and interpersonal values for many Christians.

Additionally many individuals have, for one reason or another, become uncomfortable or feel unwelcome in traditional church structures due to the historical hierarchies associated with them, the innate formality of the spaces, the perceptions of expected behaviors, or discomfort with language and interpretations of spirituality or religion.

These changes have had a major impact on the economic and functional dynamics to which religious institutions must now adhere.

While churches remain a venue for architectural expression, they no longer hold the position as the primary source for considering architectural culture; which has, for the most part, transitioned to museums, cultural, commercial, or office buildings.

It is clear that the manner in which religious organizations operate and conduct themselves must therefore evolve in order to respond to these new forces, and so must the architecture which houses them. Only by adapting to these new pressures can these religious organizations hope to remain relevant and active in the changing cultural climate where religious institutions and religious individuals are often greeted with skepticism and suspicion.

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CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1. 1: PROJECT TITLE:

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

A DESIGN FOR A CHRISTIAN CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT

1.2: INTRODUCTION:

- A **seminary**, **theological seminary**, major **seminary** or divinity school is an educational institution for educating students (sometimes called **seminarians**) in **theology**¹, generally to prepare them for ordination as clergy, academia, or ministry.
- Theological Seminary is a place to instruct candidates for Christian ministry in Biblical Studies and to prepare them for service in the Christian Church and generally provide training in Christian character and mission.

1.3: PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

1.3.1: SITE:

Site is located on Harappa road Sahiwal. Area of the site is 19 acres.

1.3.2: CLIENT

Pastor Anwar Fazal, founder of Eternal Life Ministries of Pakistan.

1.3.3: CLIENT BRIEF

Eternal life Ministry is the biggest Christian ministry working on various projects in Pakistan. As the ministry is growing day by the it is need of time that the ministry should be expanded to various cities of the country. Their is need to build a Bible college/seminary to start study of theology and to provide well educated ordinate pastors to the Christian community and to

¹ Theology is the critical study of the nature of the divine. It is taught as an academic discipline, typically in universities, seminaries, and schools of divinity.