



## **DECR chairman visits Dallas Theological Seminary**

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On 11 February 2011, Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, visited the Dallas Theological Seminary.

The Seminary was founded as Evangelical Theological College in 1924 to develop research in Bible studies. At present it is a major theological school in the USA with over 2,000 students studying at the seminary and its extension campuses in Washington, Atlanta, Houston, and other cities.

President of the Seminary, Dr. Mark Bailey, received Metropolitan Hilarion in his study. DECR chairman spoke about the revival of theological education in the Russian Orthodox Church and presented Dr. Bailey with the first volume of his book *Orthodoxy* in the English language.

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk delivered a lecture *Have Salt Among Yourselves* to the faculty and students and answered many questions. He believes that Christians should feel free to express their opinions on various social issues, also through the mass media. Christians of different confession should uphold traditional moral values together.

He said further that the Church, while fulfilling its mission, should be open to all who are not indifferent to its preaching, but it should not adapt Gospel message to the current notions of political correctness to the detriment to the faithfulness to tradition.

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