



BEACON INSTITUTE OF MINISTRY

GRADUATION/COMMENCEMENT

Welcome

You are cordially invited to participate in the commencement exercises at BIM. We look forward to having you, your family, and friends attend. We congratulate you as a member of the graduating class at Beacon Institute of Ministry. Graduation is a joyful and momentous occasion, and we certainly share your excitement in this life time achievement. Undergraduate and graduate degree candidates are responsible for completing an application for graduation. Please carefully review this web site which includes sections entitled: **Graduation Requirements, Pertinent Reminders, Special Instruction, and General information for Graduation Guests.** Questions or concerns about commencement should be directed to: **Pepper Braun: Director.**

Graduation Requirements

Attendance

All students who have completed degree or credit requirements for 2010 may participate in the November 1, 2013 commencement. Attendance is not mandatory.

Filing Application

Students are reminded that to be a graduate, an Application for Graduation and all coursework must be completed by the end of the semester. Failure to complete all work (i.e. incomplete and /or “x” grades, etc.) will result in updating the students graduation date to the next graduation date in which the coursework and/ or application was completed. In, addition, students must reapply for graduation, and will be assessed the records verification fee of \$25.00.

Students who have not applied for graduation must process an application no later than September 1, 2013. Applications are available in the office of the Administration, see Pepper Braun.

The Institute cannot guarantee inclusion in the November commencement program for applications that are received in the administrations office after October 1. Applications received after the **Late Deadline Date** will automatically be processed for the following graduation period. Please do not wait until you receive your grades before you apply for graduation. If you have applied on time and it turns out that you will be unable to graduate, your application fee will be refunded.

Graduation Session:

Deadline Date	September 1, 2010
Late Deadline Date With late fee	October 1, 2010
Processed for next Graduation	October 15, 2010

Please Submit form to:
Beacon Institute of Ministry
Pepper Braun
2630 E. 18th
The Dalles, Or 97058

Honors

To receive Latin honors, a minimum of 60 credits must be completed at Beacon Institute of Ministry.

Summa Cum laude	with highest honor—3.800-4.000
Magna Cum laude	with high honor—3.6-3.799
Cum laude	with honor—3.500-3.599

You will be notified at the time of ordering your academic regalia if you qualify for Latin honors.

Rehearsal

A Commencement rehearsal is scheduled on the Monday evening prior to graduation from 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. For the rehearsal the candidates are asked to go directly to the educational building at Covenant Christian Community Church where rehearsal instruction and a seating roster will be distributed. We will also have group pictures taken.

Commencement

The commencement ceremony will begin at 7:00 P.M. on graduation day. A reception will be held for the graduates, their families, and friends, and the faculty following the ceremony. ***All Fees and other financial obligations to the Beacon must be paid before Commencement***

PERTINENT REMINDERS

Invitations and Announcements

Formal printed invitations are available for the BIM Commencement Ceremony and are now available. Each graduating student is eligible to receive 4 invitations and matching envelopes, at no charge. Students needing additional invitations may purchase them at \$1.00 each through the Administration office, see Pepper Braun.

Photographs

We have arranged for a photographer to take group photos on the night of practice and a picture of each of you with President Cottle as you receive your diploma during the ceremony. You will need to be early for the group picture. Information concerning these photographs will be sent to all graduates.

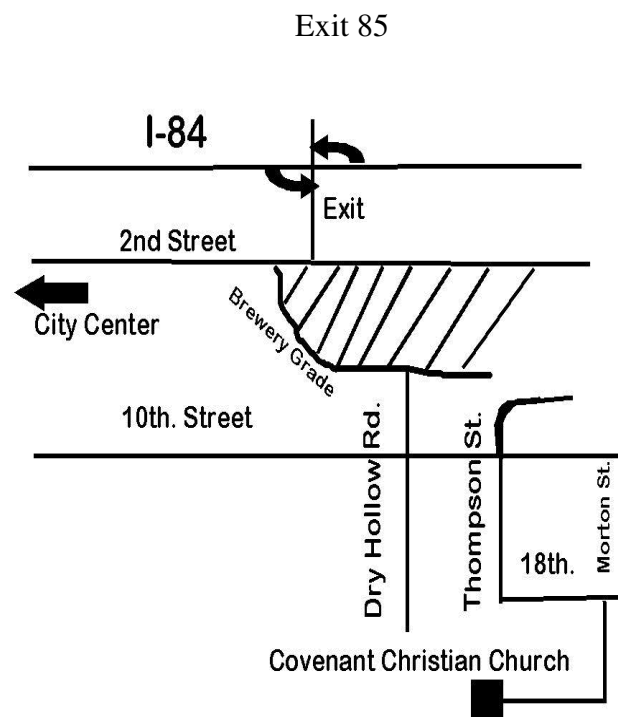
Flowers

Students of Beacon Institute of Ministry will be selling fresh cut roses on Commencement Day. Cash or Check will be accepted.

NOTE: DUE TO THE RECEIVING OF DIPLOMAS, GRADS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY ROSES WITH THEM ACROSS THE STAGE.

Map and Directions

Beacon Institute of Ministry, The Dalles Campus is located at the end of the Oregon Trail in the scenic Columbia River Gorge overlooking the Beautiful Columbia River on Interstate I-84 approximately 82 miles east of Portland, Oregon.. Visit the many museums, art galleries, wineries, waterfalls, and dams. You can hike the many trails in the Mt. hood forest, fish for salmon, windsurf on the Columbia River, (the windsurfing capitol of the world), or take a ride on the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler or the Mt Hood Historic Railroad, and take part in many recreational activities. We hope you enjoy your visit.



General Information for Graduation Guests

The November, 2013 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013 at Covenant Christian Community Church in the sanctuary.

The Ceremony begins promptly at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited. Tickets are not required for the November ceremony. Seating is on a first-come first-serve basis.

Guests should go directly to the Commencement site. They should **not** Accompany you to the processional assembly area.

Staff or student body will be handing out programs to all guests. If you would like an additional copy, please contact Pepper Braun at 541-298-5551.

We ask that you please not give flowers (or anything to the graduates until after the ceremony.

Immediately following commencement, **you and your family and friends are invited to attend a congratulatory reception.**

The local campus hires a professional photographer to take graduate photos as student is receiving their diploma. Family and guests will be allowed to take pictures after the ceremony is complete.

Child care services are not provided. Children need to remain with a responsible adult during and after ceremony.

During the ceremony no smoking is allowed. We request that guests utilize the parking lot away from the Church facility as they are a very gracious host.

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

For health and safety reasons, animals are not allowed at the graduation ceremony unless they are registered guide dogs.

Public parking will be available for you and your guests during the Commencement ceremony.

The Ceremony is expected to last about 2 Hours including processional.