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## **GRANTS TO GREEN FUNDING MOVES ITC CLOSER TO A "TOTALLY GREEN" CAMPUS**

(Atlanta, GA, February 19, 2009) - The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) has received a \$50,000 grant to assist with ongoing efforts to “green” the seminary’s 10.2 acre campus as part of its *TheoEcology* initiative, which launched in 2005. The gift is made possible by the Grants to Green Fund.

The grant will allow the seminary to upgrade cooling/heating systems which regulate the environment in its principal classroom building. “We are intentional in our efforts to model *TheoEcology* to the extent that the emphasis on a commitment to better stewardship of the environment is defined as one of the goals of our ten-year Strategic Plan.”, says President Battle. He says that ITC is infusing *TheoEcology* into its curriculum as well as campus facilities, and campus lifestyle. “We genuinely appreciate the support we are getting in our efforts from the Grants to Green partners.”

ITC is in the process of trying to green the entire campus with renovations. The institution has successfully renovated its administration building, created “green” “smart-classroom” to support its growing Distance Learning Program in the Classroom Buildings, a Meditative Atrium that provides excellent “green” space as a retreat for faculty and staff from offices and classroom, and recently dedicated a “Green” Faculty Lounge, Chapel Atrium and Music Room.

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Grants to Green provides environmentally focused knowledge and funding to strengthen nonprofits in the Atlanta region. The founding partners of Grants to Green are The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta ([www.cfgreateratlanta.org](http://www.cfgreateratlanta.org)) providing expertise in grantmaking, Southface ([www.southface.org](http://www.southface.org)) providing expertise in energy efficiency, and Enterprise Community Partners ([www.enterprisecommunity.org](http://www.enterprisecommunity.org)) providing expertise in community development.

ITC is a premier academy for afro-centric theological study in the world with six participating denominational seminaries, the Lutheran Theological Center in Atlanta, and the Harry V. and Selma T. Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship. It is the only theological seminary of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and is a member of the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (ARCHE). ITC is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

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