hile theological education is moving more and more online, bricks-and-mortar projects are not going away. Starting with the Summer 2014 issue, In Trust began a series on new construction and renovation on the campuses of our member institutions. If you'd like yours to be included, e-mail editors@intrust.org. — Matt Forster

Bethel Seminary

San Diego, California

Denomination:

Converge Worldwide (Baptist General Conference)

What was built:

6,800-square-foot renovation and 14,500-square-foot addition

What it cost:

\$6.8 million



In 2013, Bethel Seminary opened its renovated and expanded San Diego campus, allowing the seminary to move out of classrooms that had been rented from a Baptist church. The new construction includes five new classrooms, offices, a student center, and 375-seat auditorium, all enhanced by architectural ornaments from the seminary's home campus in Minnesota.





Brite Divinity School

Fort Worth, Texas

Denomination:

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

What was built:

W. Oliver and Nell A. Harrison Building, a 24,000-square-foot academic building finished in 2012

What it cost:

\$15 million





The new Harrison building houses Brite's faculty and administrative offices and features nine classrooms, including the Walker Preaching Center, a technology-enhanced preaching laboratory. The building also includes four conference spaces, some of which are rented out for private functions.





In 2008, when the University of Chicago offered to purchase Chicago Theological Seminary's 80-year-old complex of buildings — and also help the seminary construct a brand-new facility a few blocks away — the seminary's president and board embraced the offer. The new LEED-certified facility was finished in 2011 and includes offices, four classrooms, six breakout rooms, a library, a

large dining area, and two chapels—a small one for prayer and meditation (below right) and a large one that seats 300. Outside the upper windows is a 5,000-square-foot green roof.







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At Biola University, undergraduate Bible courses and master's-level students in philosophy and ethics have been taking classes all around the campus. The new classrooms, conference rooms, offices, and gathering spaces in Talbot East allow all Bible and theology classes to be held in the same core area, freeing up space around campus for other expanding academic programs. Signature windows, edged with scripture verses visible inside and out, emphasize Talbot's theological foundation. The gray panels on the exterior are made of recycled paper and wood pulp mixed with resin.

Biola University, La Mirada, California

Denomination:

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What was built:

Talbot East building, including eight classrooms, conference rooms, 31 offices, and a multipurpose space, all covered with a green roof.

What it cost:

\$21.4 million

