

# Mission of Bryn Athyn College

## Mission Statement

Bryn Athyn College of the New Church serves as an intellectual center for all who desire to engage in higher education enriched, guided, and structured by the study of the Old Testament, New Testament, and theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. This education challenges students to develop spiritual purpose, to think broadly and critically from a variety of perspectives, and to build intellectual and practical skills. The ultimate purpose is to enhance students' civil, moral, and spiritual lives, and to contribute to human spiritual welfare.

## Educational Goals

- Offering undergraduate and graduate liberal arts and science programs and outreach programs that integrate academic and New Church spiritual perspectives.
- Enriching students' physical, social, mental, and spiritual lives by providing purposeful, student-centered programs and services guided by New Church principles.
- Educating theological students to serve as priests in the General Church.
- Preparing education students to be successful teachers in public, private, or New Church schools.
- Supporting research and publication that advances secular and New Church thought.  
Providing library services to support the academic programs and New Church collections and archives for use throughout the world.

## Operational Goals

- Recruiting and retaining students who can contribute to and benefit from the institution's mission.
- Recruiting, developing, and retaining high-quality, mission-focused faculty, administrators, and staff.
- Ensuring fiscal stability and resource stewardship to support the mission of the College.
- Engaging friends and alumni, inspiring philanthropic support, and advancing the transformative mission of Bryn Athyn College.
- Developing and maintaining facilities, infrastructure, and grounds to serve the educational, aesthetic, and spiritual values of the institution.
- Responding to evidence in order to continuously improve the implementation of the College's mission.