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**AUSTIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY MOVES INTO NEW  
BUILDING TO SERVE GROWING STUDENT BASE, EXPAND COMMUNITY  
PROGRAMS**

The Austin Graduate School of Theology has a new home to support its growing ministry.

The school this week completed its move into a new 26,000-square-foot location at 7640 Guadalupe St., well in time for the start of the spring semester on Jan. 22. Known as Austin Grad, the school is a seminary associated with Churches of Christ and in conversation with all who call on Jesus Christ as Lord.

Austin Grad officials signed a contract last August to purchase the 26,000-square-foot building, which is two-and-a-half times larger than its former location at 1909 University Ave., just south of the University of Texas campus.

With the five-month renovation complete, the new location allows our school to meet the needs of our growing student body while expanding our outreach to churches and the community, said Austin Grad President Stan Reid. The school launched a three-year, \$3 million capital campaign known as "Building the Dream" to purchase and remodel the new facility.

"This is a tremendous milestone for Austin Grad, and we're really excited about the opportunity it gives us to fulfill our mission of educating Christian servants and edifying churches," Reid said. "No longer will Austin Grad be one of our city's best-kept secrets."

After 30 percent growth in student population in the last several years, the school needed more classroom space and student parking. Eventually, the school will offer its first master of divinity degree, which also will require more faculty and staff, offices for additional personnel, and a larger library.

The extra room will also let the school host more seminars and workshops on its campus instead of relying on other institutions' facilities.

Architect for the project is Studio 8, and contractor is Structura Inc., both of Austin.

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**About Austin Grad:**

The Austin Graduate School of Theology, ([www.austingrad.edu](http://www.austingrad.edu)) known informally as Austin Grad, is a seminary associated with the Churches of Christ and in conversation with all who call on Jesus Christ as Lord, which exists to promote knowledge, understanding and practice of the Christian faith. Since its inception in 1917 as a Bible Chair to the University of Texas, Austin Grad has grown into an independent institution that has educated thousands of individuals and edified churches in the understanding and practice of the Christian faith by equipping ministers and other Christians for service. Austin Grad is accredited by the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Decatur, Ga, to award bachelor's and master's degrees.