



To: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents  
From: John L. D'Agati  
Subject: Conferral of Degrees: Bethel Seminary of the East  
Date: August 29, 2011  
Authorizations:

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)**

Should the Board of Regents confer degrees upon students successfully completing programs at Bethel Seminary of the East?

#### **Reason for Consideration**

Required by State statute and State regulation.

#### **Proposed Handling**

The question will come before the full Board at its September 2011 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

#### **Background Information**

Bethel Seminary of the East is a provisionally chartered institution and until such time as its charter is made absolute, section 224 of the Education Law requires that the Regents award degrees on its behalf.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents confer upon the individual listed, who has completed the requirements for his registered degree program at Bethel Seminary of the East, the respective degree as listed.

## **Information in Support of Recommendation**

### **Bethel Seminary of the East**

Bethel Seminary of the East was granted a provisional charter by the Board of Regents on May 23, 2006, authorizing the Seminary to confer the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Arts (M.A.) degrees. Until the Regents grant Bethel Seminary of the East an absolute charter, all academic awards are to be conferred on graduates by the Regents.

### **Master of Divinity (M. Div.)**

7. Dhanpat Jr., Edward