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Christian Colleges and Schools**

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ACCREDITATION COMMISSION ACTION

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REAFFIRMATION I

The following institution was granted Reaffirmation I status by the Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team.

Christian Life College (Mount Prospect, IL) a Category II Institution approved to offer Diplomas, Certificates, and the Associate and Bachelors degrees.

Christian Life College, as per policy, will host a Five-Year Interim Review (Quality Compliance Review, QCR) in 2012 for quality compliance monitoring and feedback. The College then will complete a successful self-study, host an on-site peer evaluation visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by 2017 for Reaffirmation II.

ACCREDITATION

The following institutions were granted Accreditation by the Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

Central Baptist Theological Seminary (Virginia Beach, VA) a Category III Institution, approved to offer the Masters degrees.

Community Christian College (Redlands, CA) a Category I Institution, approved to offer the Associate Degree.

DEFERRED:

After completing a self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team, the following institution's request for Reaffirmation I status was deferred for a period of one year.

Williamson Christian College (Franklin, TN) a Category II Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Associate and Bachelors degrees, plus distance learning, was deferred for one year to allow time for the College to address certain important items of omission. The Institution will submit a Progress Report to the TRACS office by February 15, 2008, which will fully address the following conditions:

- Full Development of the College facility. Since the College's initial accreditation, it has not fully completed the development of its College facility to meet the needs of its students. A second floor should have been developed by now to provide sufficient and additional space for the library and other academic support and student learning areas as the College may outline in its Report. A Progress Report for developing the College facility will be submitted to the TRACS office for review by February 15, 2008.
(Standards 28.2-28.4; Standards 28.6-28.8)
- Responses addressing the "Partially Compliant" Recommendations including complete documentation for each remaining recommendation. These responses must be submitted in a Progress Report by February 15, 2008.
(Standard: Institutional Effectiveness, 24.1-24.2)

WARNING

After completing a self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team, the following institution, applying for Reaffirmation I status, was placed on Warning for a period of one year to allow them time to correct deficiencies.

Southern Methodist College (Orangeburg, SC) a Category II Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Associate and Bachelors degrees, plus distance learning programs.

The College will submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2008, addressing the actions to be taken by the College Board and the Administration to ensure future financial stability of Southern Methodist College. The Accreditation Commission requires that the Progress Report address the following items:

1. Financial Stability (Standards 18.1– 18-14)
2. Leadership Stability (Standards 5.1, 5.2, 5.11, 5.15, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5).
3. Institutional Advancement (Standards G: 1-5 and Standards 22:1-22.7).
4. Institutional Effectiveness (Standards 23.1-23.6).

The Accreditation Commission, at its regular April 2008 Meeting, will consider the progress as indicated in the Progress Report of Southern Methodist College and will discuss further proceedings with the College's representatives, who will appear before the TRACS Commission at the spring 2008 meeting. The College will continue on Accredited status for one year and may submit additional materials until August 15, 2008, for consideration at the November 2008 Accreditation Commission Meeting.

WITHDRAWAL

The TRACS Accreditation Commission accepted the letter of withdrawal from the following institution:

Institute of Creation Research (Dallas, TX) [formerly from El Cajon, CA; approved for Reaffirmation I, Category III status offering the Master's degree] was removed from TRACS membership.

TERMINATION

The Accreditation Commission terminated Accredited Status to the following institution:

Hawai'i Theological Seminary (Wahiawa, HI) a Category IV institution formerly approved to offer the certificate, the Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees, was removed from TRACS membership for the following reasons:

Failure to demonstrate that the Institution had the financial resources to support the academic programs currently offered as evidenced by its non-compliance with the following Standards:

1. Standard 18.4: Finances must adequately support the institutional programs and purpose. The Seminary was unable to demonstrate that its finances could support its programs and achieve its purpose.
2. Standard 18.9: The institution must provide evidence that the finances will continue to support the programs for the current students and provide the resources for them to complete their degree programs.

The Seminary was unable to give solid evidence through plans that future anticipated finances would continue to support current program offerings and provide students the assurance of being able to complete their academic programs.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION

The following institutions were granted approval by the Accreditation Commission for substantive changes:

1. **Apex School of Theology** (Durham, NC) approved to initiate a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) in January 2008. This will move Apex School of Theology to a Category IV institution approved to offer certificates, the Associate, Bachelors, Masters and doctorate degrees, plus distance learning offerings.
2. **Beacon University** (Columbus, GA) approved the final review of the M.A. in Organizational Leadership and Management.
3. **Community Christian College** (Redlands, CA) approved to move two current TRACS' approved teaching sites (Sun Valley and San Bernardino) to branch campuses.
4. **Tennessee Temple University** (Chattanooga, TN) approved to add a Ph.D. in Leadership beginning in January 2008.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES DENIED BY THE COMMISSION

The following institution's request for a Substantive Change was denied by the Accreditation Commission:

1. **Bethesda Christian University** (Anaheim, CA) denied request to offer a Doctor of Ministry.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The following institutions were granted approval by the Executive Director for substantive changes:

1. **Bakke Graduate University of Ministry** (Seattle, WA) approved to change name to Bakke Graduate University
2. **Beacon University** (Columbus, GA) approved to initiate a Seminary (Cottle Theological Seminary) as a fourth school offering the ministry-oriented and Doctor of Ministry degree programs currently offered through the School of Religious Studies.
3. **Carolina Evangelical Divinity School** (High Point, NC) approved to establish three teaching sites at:
 - a. River Oaks Community Church, Winston Salem, NC
 - b. New Directions International, Burlington, NC
 - c. Trinity Church, Greensboro, NC

4. **Clinton Junior College** (Rock Hill, SC) approved to initiate an Associate degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and to initiate an Associate degree in Science.
5. **Community Christian College** (Redlands, CA) approved to establish a teaching site at Ontario Christian School in Ontario, CA.
6. **Faith Evangelical Seminary** (Tacoma, WA) approved to add a concentration in Christian apologetics within the Doctor of Ministry Degree.
7. **International Baptist College** (Tempe, AZ) approved to reinstate the Master of Education degree and to initiate a Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Church Music.
8. **Liberty University** (Lynchburg, VA) approved to establish a teaching site at the First Redeemer Church in Cummings, GA.; to add the Associate of Arts Degree in Government; and to initiate a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree.
9. **New Saint Andrews College** (Moscow, ID) approved to add two new graduate programs at the same level: the Master of Studies (M.St.) degree in Classical Christian Studies and a Graduate Certificate (Grad. Cert.) in Classical Christian Studies
10. **Southern Methodist College** (Orangeburg, SC) approved to offer on-line courses as a part of the On-Line Consortium of Christian Colleges (Knowledge Elements).
11. **Virginia University of Lynchburg** (Lynchburg, VA) approved to offer: a Certificate in Church Leadership (on-line); a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (on-line); and a Master of Divinity (on-line)
12. **Word of Life Bible Institute** (Pottersville, NY) approved to establish a teaching site in Pyongtaek City, Republic of Korea