

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools

Accreditation Commission Meeting
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Virginia Beach, Virginia
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ACCREDITATION COMMISSION ACTION

REAFFIRMATION I

After completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team, **Williamson Christian College** (Franklin, TN) a Category II Institution, approved to offer Certificates, the Associate's and Bachelor's degrees along with Distance Learning, was granted **Reaffirmation I** for a period of ten years.

As per TRACS policy, the College will host a Five-Year Interim Review (Quality Compliance Review, QCR) in 2013 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 2018 for Reaffirmation II.

ACCREDITATION

The following institution was granted **Accreditation** by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

Northland Baptist Bible College (Dunbar, WI) a Category IV Institution, approved to offer the Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's and doctorate degrees, was granted Accreditation for a period of five years. Within this five-year period, the College must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Reaffirmation I by 2013.

CANDIDACY

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

Shepherds Theological Seminary (Cary, NC) a Category III Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees as well as distance education, was granted Candidacy for a period of five years. Within this five-year period, the Seminary must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited status by 2013.

Virginia Baptist College (Fredericksburg, VA) a Category III Institution, approved to offer certificates, diplomas, the Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees, was granted Candidacy for a period of five years. Within this five-year period, the College must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited status by 2013.

DEFERRED

After completing a self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team, the following institution's request for Accreditation was **Deferred for Good Cause** by the TRACS Accreditation Commission until the November 5-7, 2008, Commission Meeting.

New Life Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC) a Category III Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Bachelor's and Master's degrees, was Deferred for Good Cause until the November 5-7, 2008, Accreditation Commission Meeting. The Institution will maintain their Candidate status until a decision is made at the Accreditation Commission meeting in November.

The Accreditation Commission's decision of deferral was based on the failure of New Life Theological Seminary to provide adequate financial evidence to be assured that the Seminary will have sufficient monetary support to ensure the continuity of the essential operations. At the November 2008 meeting, the Seminary must demonstrate compliance with TRACS standards #18.4, #18.4.a., #18.5, #18.6, #18.9.a., #18.9.b., and #18.12.

WARNING

Southern Methodist College (Orangeburg, SC) a Category II Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Associate's and Bachelor's degrees, as well as distance learning programs, was continued on **Warning** until the November 5-7, 2008, Accreditation Commission Meeting. The College will maintain their Accredited status until a decision is made at the Accreditation Commission meeting in November.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

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

- 1. Beacon University** (Columbus, GA)
 - To add the Associate of Arts in General Studies*
 - To delete the Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Management with a Student Teach-Out Plan*
 - To delete the Master of Arts in Counseling and Student Teach-Out Plan*

- 2. Beulah Heights University** (Atlanta, GA)
 - To implement the Master of Divinity program*

- 3. Bob Jones University** (Greenville, SC)
 - To delete the following:*
 - *A.A.S. Horticulture/Landscape Technology major*
 - *A.A.S. Hospitality and Conference Operations major*
 - *B.S. Horticulture Management major*
 - *B.S. Bible Teaching major*
 - *B.S. Operations Management major*
 - *M.A. Fine Arts major*
 - *M.S. Radio and Television Broadcasting major*
 - *Specialist in Education degree, Personnel Services major*

 - To merge the following:*
 - *B.S. Electronics/Computer Technology and B.S. Broadcast Engineering majors*
 - *B.S. Global Technologies Management major into the B.S. Information Systems Management major*

 - To combine the following:*
 - *Bachelor of Science degrees in Aviation Management, Automotive Services Management, Culinary Arts Management, and Residential Construction Management into the Bachelor of Science Business major with concentrations in each of the listed areas*

 - To add the B.S. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major*
 - To add a Teaching Site in Guam*

- 4. Liberty University** (Lynchburg, VA)
 - To initiate four certificate programs in the following areas:*
 1. *Computer Based Skills (CCBS)*
 2. *Counseling and Care Giving (CCOU)*
 3. *Global Executive (GEIC)*
 4. *Bible Exposition, Pastoral Leadership and Global Evangelism (CBEC)*

- 5. Luther Rice University** (Lithonia, GA)

*To add the Master of Arts in Apologetics degree
To add the following new concentrations to the Bachelor of Arts in Religions degree:*

- 1. Biblical Counseling*
- 2. Christian Worldview (Apologetics)*

- 6. Michigan Theological Seminary** (Plymouth, MI)
*To delete the Bachelor of Religious Education degree
To change the name of the Master of Arts in Theological Studies to the Master of Theological Studies*
- 7. Midwest University** (Wentzville, MO)
To change the Doctor of Ministry in Christian Social Work Practice to a Doctor of Social Work (D.S.W.)
- 8. Pacific Islands Bible College** (Barrigada, Guam)
To add a Graduate Program (M.A. in Religion) The addition of this degree moves the College to a Category III institution—one that is approved to offer certificates, diplomas, the Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's degrees.
- 9. Piedmont Baptist College and Graduate School** (Winston-Salem, NC)
*To offer on-line M.A. in Biblical Studies in Spanish
To close the Egypt Branch Campus in Alexandria*
- 10. Trinity Baptist College** (Jacksonville, FL)
To reorganize the College—moving it from a ministry of Trinity Baptist Church of Jacksonville, FL to an autonomous institution.
- 11. Trinity Life Bible College** (Sacramento, CA)
To incorporate Knowledge Elements as an additional resource

The following are informational items. (All were presented to the Commission.)

QUALITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW (QCR) REPORTS *(Information only)*

(Fifth-year review in the ten-year cycle)

1. Michigan Theological Seminary
2. Word of Life Bible Institute
3. Shasta Bible College and Graduate School
4. California Christian College

MENTORING STAFF VISITS *(Information only)*

1. Barber-Scotia College (NC) December 7, 2007
2. Beacon University (GA) December 12-13, 2007
3. Angelos Bible College (VA) January 14, 2008
4. University of Fort Lauderdale (FL) February 12-13, 2008
5. Eastern Carolina Christian College (NC) February 21-22, 2008
6. Beacon University (GA) February 25-26, 2008