

TRANSNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (TRACS)

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION ACTION

Public Disclosure Statement Regarding the Change of Status for

MORTHAND COLLEGE

West Frankfort, Illinois

From ACCREDITED to ACCREDITED – ON PROBATION

Issued by the Accreditation Commission on October 24, 2017

Morthland College: The following information is provided by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) regarding the current status of Morthland College (MC). Information presented is made available in accordance with TRACS policy. Neither the TRACS Accreditation Commission nor the staff of TRACS will make further comment regarding this institution.

What action has the TRACS Accreditation Commission taken with regard to Morthland College? On October 24, 2017, the Accreditation Commission voted to place MC on *Probation*. MC will have one year to come into compliance with the Standards noted below with a first *Progress Report* due February 15, 2018. A second *Progress Report* will be due August 15, 2018. The Commission action became final upon the expiration of the Appeal period on November 20, 2017.

What is the accreditation status of Morthland College? The institution will maintain the current *Accredited – On Probation* Status until the October 2018 meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

What will happen at the next meeting? At the next meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission has the following options:

If the institution corrects its deficiencies and demonstrates compliance with the Accreditation Standards noted below, the Accreditation Commission shall remove all adverse action against the institution.

If the institution has not corrected its deficiencies and demonstrated compliance with the Accreditation Standards noted below within the period allowed, the Accreditation Commission can:

- i. Grant an extension of *Probation* for no more than six months (This can only be granted one time and is not granted as a matter of right.); or
- ii. Require the institution to Show Cause why its accreditation should not be terminated.

Why was the accreditation of Morthland College changed to Accredited - on Probation? This action of the Accreditation Commission was based on the determination that the institution's non-compliance with the Accreditation Standards is substantively significant and rises to the level where the institution's ability to fulfill its mission or to provide a quality educational experience consistent with that associated with an accredited post-secondary institution is in question. In summary, the Commission found that MC could not demonstrate compliance with Standards 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 17.4, 17.5, 17.6, 17.7, and 18.1 (Financial Stability).