

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools

Accreditation Commission Meeting

The Grandover Resort
Greensboro, NC

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION ACTION

November 7-9, 2010

REAFFIRMATION II

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

Bakke Graduate University (1013 8th Avenue, Suite 401, Seattle, WA 98104) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 9, 2010, and was granted **Reaffirmation II Status as a Category IV institution** (approved to offer Master's and doctoral degrees, plus distance learning) with the following condition:

- The institution must select and install a full-time MLS qualified librarian by July 1, 2011.

Reaffirmation II status is for a period of ten years (2010-2020) with an Interim Five-Year-Quality-Compliance Review (QCR) scheduled for 2015. For Reaffirmation III, Bakke Graduate University must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the Commission's Condition and the team Recommendations in a progress report due August 15, 2011, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by November 2020.

REAFFIRMATION I

Temple Baptist College (11965 Kenn Road, Cincinnati, OH 45240) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 8, 2010, and was granted **Reaffirmation I status as a Category II institution** (approved to offer certificates and Associates, and Bachelor's degrees with the following conditions:

- The institution must select and install a new qualified president to provide leadership to the institution by July 1, 2011.
- The institution must exhibit fiscal stability as evidenced through audited financial statements and compliance with the Section 18 Standards of the TRACS *Accreditation Manual* by February 15, 2011.
- The institution must develop and implement an institutional recruiting plan by Fall 2011

- The institution must address all remaining recommendations and suggestions given by the visiting team.
- The institution will host a focus team visit on the above conditions before October 15, 2011.

Reaffirmation I status is for a period of ten years (2010-2020) with an Interim Five-Year-Quality-Compliance Review (QCR) scheduled for 2015. For Reaffirmation II, Temple Baptist College must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the Commission's conditions and the team Recommendations in a Progress Report due by February 15, 2011, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by November 2020.

Mid-America Reformed Seminary (229 Seminary Drive, Dyer, IN 46311) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 9, 2010, and was granted **Reaffirmation I status as a Category III institution**, approved to offer Master's degrees.

Reaffirmation I status is for a period of ten years (2010-2020) with an Interim Five-Year-Quality-Compliance Review (QCR) scheduled for 2015. For Reaffirmation II, Mid-America Reformed Seminary must respond to the team Recommendations and/or suggestions in a Progress Report due August 15, 2011. Mid-America Reformed Seminary also must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by November 2020.

New Saint Andrews College (405 South Main Street, Moscow, ID) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 9, 2010, and was granted **Reaffirmation I status as a Category III institution** approved to offer certificates and Associate, Bachelors and Masters Degrees.

Reaffirmation I status is for a period of ten years (2010-2020) with an Interim Five-Year-Quality-Compliance Review (QCR) scheduled for 2015. For Reaffirmation II, New Saint Andrews College must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the team Recommendations and appear before the Accreditation Commission by November 2020.

The Commission action requires that New Saint Andrews College submit a Progress Report for any remaining Recommendations and/or suggestions by August 15, 2011.

Virginia University of Lynchburg (2058 Garfield Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 8, 2010, and was granted **Reaffirmation I, as a Category IV institution** (approved to offer certificates and Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees, along with distance learning programs).

Reaffirmation I status is for a period of ten years (2010-2020) with an Interim Five-Year-Quality-Compliance Review (QCR) scheduled for 2015. For Reaffirmation II, Virginia University of Lynchburg (VUL) must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the team Recommendations and appear before the Accreditation Commission by November 2020.

The Commission action requires that VUL submit a Progress Report for any remaining Recommendations and/or suggestions by August 15, 2011.

WITHDRAWALS OF ACCREDITATION

Midwest University (851 Parr Road, Wentzville, MO 63385) On October 29, 2010, Midwest University (MU) submitted a request that the TRACS Accreditation Commission withdraw MU's accreditation.

On November 8, 2010, the Accreditation Commission met and agreed to honor MU's request.

Midwest University's accreditation ends as of November 26, 2010, the last day of the Fall 2010 semester as identified in MU's academic calendar as published in the current catalog and online. Although Midwest University requested a later effective date, the Accreditation Commission found the rationale did not provide enough specificity to support a later date.

MU must immediately change its accreditation statement to the following:

Midwest University is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [PO Box 328, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: 434-529-9539; e-mail: info@tracs.org] having been awarded Reaffirmed status as a Category IV institution by the TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 3, 2009; this status is effective for a period of ten years.

On April 13, 2010 the TRACS Accreditation Commission required Midwest University to Show Cause why its accreditation should not be revoked.

On October 29, 2010, Midwest University's Board of Trustees requested that the TRACS Accreditation Commission withdraw its recognition of Midwest University. TRACS Accreditation Commission agreed to honor this request.

Midwest University will remain a member of TRACS through November 26, 2010. After that date, it will no longer be accredited by TRACS.

The above statement must be on MU's website where it currently identifies its

accreditation and must remain there until November 27, 2010. MU must also provide this notice in writing to all current students and all current applicants by November 26, 2010.

Beginning on November 27, 2010, MU must either retain the above statement or post the following:

On October 29, 2010, Midwest University's Board of Trustees requested that the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [PO Box 328, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: 434-529-9539; e-mail: info@tracs.org] Accreditation Commission withdraw its recognition of Midwest University. TRACS Accreditation Commission honored this request.

As of November 27, 2010, Midwest University ceased to be accredited by TRACS.

Either of the above statements must be on MU's website as long as any of MU's publications which cite TRACS accreditation are being used. It must continue to be displayed for a reasonable length of time after such publications are no longer being distributed to ensure no applicant considers MU based on its accreditation by TRACS. In addition, all applicants who received a catalog or other documents which reference TRACS accreditation must be provided with a copy of either of the above statements with the first response MU provides to those applicants.

Should MU choose to reapply for candidacy status with TRACS, it may do so on or after May 27, 2011.

Northwest Baptist Seminary, (4301 North Stevens Street, Tacoma, WA 98407)
Northwest Baptist Seminary merged with Corban University

On November 8, 2010, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to accept the request for withdrawal of accreditation received on October 4, 2010, from Northwest Baptist Seminary. The accreditation is considered in effect until the completion of the Fall 2010 semester.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

The following institutions were **granted approval** for substantive changes:

Bakke Graduate University (1013 8th Avenue, Suite 401, Seattle, WA 98104)

- *To change degree name & concentrations – MOGUL—effective August 9, 2010*
- *To change requirements for MB—effective August 9, 2010*
- *To change course requirement--MASCE—effective August 9, 2010*
- *To offer Certificate for Theology for Work Teachers—effective August 9, 2010*

Bethesda California University (730 North Euclid Street, Anaheim, CA 92801)

- *To change name to Bethesda University of California—effective October 29, 2010*

Carolina Evangelical Divinity School (2400 Old Chapman Street, Greensboro, NC 27403, P.O. Box 7148 Greensboro, NC 27417)

- *To add MA in Strategic Christian Leadership—effective June 14, 2010*

Community Christian College (251 Tennessee Street, Redlands, CA 92373)

- *To add teaching site at
The Bloomington Christian High School—effective July 28, 2010
955 S. Bloomington Avenue
Rialto, CA, 92376*

Faith Evangelical Seminary (3504 North Pearl Street, Tacoma, WA 68407)

- *To change name to Faith Evangelical College & Seminary—effective May 6, 2010*
- *To add new concentration – Leadership Coaching—effective June 21, 2010*
- *To add BA in Leadership degree—effective June 21, 2010*

Hiwassee College (225 Hiwassee College Drive, Madisonville, TN 37354)

- *To approve Associate Degree Completion Program in Dental Hygiene—effective October 22, 2010*

King's College & Seminary (The) (14800 Sherman Way, Los Angeles, CA 91405)

- *To change name to The King's University—effective June 30, 2010*

Luther Rice University (3038 Evans Mill Road, Lithonia, GA 30038)

- *To add 72-hour M.Div. Program—effective October 21, 2010*

Northwest Baptist Seminary (4301 North Stevens Street, Tacoma, WA 98407)

- *To revise Master of Ministry Degree—effective May 21, 2010*
- *To make change in Master of Divinity Degree—effective May 21, 2010*

Shasta Bible College and Graduate School (2951 Goodwater Avenue, Redding, CA 96002)

- *To add M.Div. Program—effective November 2, 2010*

Shepherds Theological Seminary (6051 Tryon Road, Cary, NC 27518)

- *To establish Distance Education—effective August 24, 2010*
- *To establish a teaching site at—effective August 24, 2010
Laramie Valley Chapel
4801 Quarter Horse Dr.
Laramie, WY 82070*

Southern California Seminary (2075 East Madison Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92019)

- *To add Th.M. to existing Master's Programs—effective August 18, 2010*
- *To add D.Min to Programs—effective August 18, 2010*

Southern Evangelical Seminary (3000 Tilley Morris Road, Matthews, NC 28105)

- *To add Master of Theology—effective May 26, 2010*

Trinity Baptist College (800 Hammond Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32221)

- *To make program changes to Master of Education—effective November 5th, 2010*
- *To make program changes to Master of Ministry—effective November 5th, 2010*

University of Fort Lauderdale (4093 N.W. 16th Street, Lauderhill, FL 33313)

- *To offer Distance Education—effective June 29, 2010*

Virginia University of Lynchburg (2058 Garfield Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501)

- *To offer on-line BA degrees in Religious Studies & Sociology—effective June 30, 2010*

Word of Life Bible Institute (P.O. Box 129, 4200 Glendale Drive, Pottersville, NY 12860)

- *To change from quarter hour to semester hour—effective June 14, 2010*

World Mission University (500 S. Shatto Place, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90020)

- *To add D.Min. program—effective December 6, 2010*