

**Statement Regarding the Status of
Apex School of Theology
Durham, North Carolina
Issued by the Accreditation Commission on April 25, 2020**

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

What is the accreditation status of Apex School of Theology? On November 4, 2019, the Accreditation Commission voted to terminate the accreditation of ASOT as a Category IV institution and remove ASOT from the list of member institutions. In accordance with TRACS Board Policy - BP219, ASOT was given the opportunity to file an appeal of the Accreditation Commission action. On December 5, 2019, a notice of appeal was received from ASOT and, in accordance with TRACS Policy, the institution was continued in Accredited Status until the completion of the appeal process. The institution identified four grounds which are delineated in BP219 as the basis of their appeal.

On March 19, 2020, an Appeal Committee (which was approved by ASOT) met to hear the appeal. ASOT was allowed opportunity for their representative(s) to make a presentation which was followed by questions from the Appeal Committee. TRACS representatives were not present during ASOT's appearance before the Appeal Committee. ASOT had the burden of proof.

After conclusion of ASOT's appearance, representatives of TRACS made an appearance before the Appeal Committee, which was followed by questions from the Appeals Committee.

After concluding the presentations from ASOT and TRACS, the Appeal Committee deliberated and found that ASOT did not demonstrate, as appropriate to the appeal, that the action of the Accreditation Commission was not based on any of the grounds identified in the ASOT appeal. The Appeal Committee further affirmed the original decision of the Accreditation Commission on November 4, 2019, to terminate the accreditation of ASOT. The effective date of the termination of accreditation is March 25, 2020, the date on which the Chair of the Appeal Committee notified ASOT of the Committee's final decision.

Why was the accreditation of Apex School of Theology terminated? The termination action taken by the Accreditation Commission was based on the determination that the institution's level of non-compliance with the TRACS Accreditation Standards is substantively significant, that the institution is no longer able to fulfill its mission or to provide a quality of educational experience consistent with that associated with an accredited postsecondary institution, and ASOT does not have the resources to correct its non-compliance. In summary, the Commission found that ASOT was not in compliance with Standards 4.1 (Integrity / Honesty); 11.1 (Adequate Finances), 17.10 (Fraud / Abuse), and 17.12 (Title IV Program Responsibilities).