



Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Accreditation Commission Meeting November 1, 2016

**Hyatt Regency Orange County
11999 Harbor Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92840**

COMMISSION ACTIONS

CANDIDATE STATUS

Candidate Status is granted to institutions that are in Basic Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Basic Compliance is the determination by the Accreditation Commission that an institution is in full compliance with all Standards related to the Institutional Eligibility Requirements (IERs) and has the ability to be in Substantive Compliance with all of the Accreditation Standards within the period of candidacy. Candidacy is for a period of up to a five-years. During that time, each institution must come into Substantive Compliance with all the Accreditation Standards, conduct a self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited Status by November 2021. To maintain Candidate Status, the institution must remain in compliance with all IER-related standards.

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

St. Luke University (1460 E. Holt Ave., Suite 72, Pomona, CA 91767)

At the meeting on November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant St. Luke University (SLU) Candidate Status as a Category III institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2017, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, the Commission action requires that SLU demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations by the spring 2018 meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

ACCREDITED STATUS

Accredited Status is granted to institutions that are in Substantive Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Substantive Compliance indicates that the Accreditation Commission has determined that an institution's level of compliance is sufficient to warrant accreditation and that the institution can come into full compliance with all the Accreditation Standards within a maximum of two years. Initial accreditation is for a period of five years. For Reaffirmation, each institution 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 2021.

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

The Crown College of the Bible (2307 West Beaver Creek Drive, Powell, TN 37849)

At the meeting on November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant The Crown College of the Bible (CCB) Accredited status as a Category III institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2017, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, the Commission action requires that CCB demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations by the fall 2017 meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

Reformed University (1724 Atkinson Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043)

At the meeting on November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Reformed University (RU) Accredited status as a Category III institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2017, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, the Commission action requires that RU demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations by the spring 2018 meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

REAFFIRMATION

Reaffirmation is granted to institutions that are in *Substantive Compliance* with the TRACS Standards. *Substantive Compliance* indicates that the Accreditation Commission has determined that an institution's level of compliance is sufficient to warrant accreditation and that the institution can come into full compliance with all the Accreditation Standards within a maximum of two years. Reaffirmation is for a period of ten years with an Interim Fifth Year Review (IFYR). For the next Reaffirmation cycle, each institution 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 2026.

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

Christ's College Taipei (No. 51, Ziqiang Road, Danshui Dist., New Taipei City 25162, Taiwan, R.O.C.)

At the meeting on November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Christ's College Taipei (CCT), Reaffirmation II status as a Category II institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2017, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, the Commission action requires that CCT demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations by the spring 2018 meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

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

At the meeting on November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant Southern Evangelical Seminary (SES), Reaffirmation II status as a Category IV institution. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2017, addressing any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team, as well as Financial Monitoring reports until November 2017. Additionally, the Commission action requires that SES demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations by the spring 2018 meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

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

At the meeting on November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to grant the University of Fort Lauderdale (UFTL), Reaffirmation I status as a Category III institution with three conditions. The Commission action requires that the institution submit a Progress Report by February 15, 2017, addressing the conditions, as well as any remaining recommendations and suggestions of the visiting team. Additionally, the Commission action requires that UFTL demonstrate compliance with all remaining recommendations by the spring 2018 meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

ADVERSE ACTION

Community Christian College (1849 N. Wabash Avenue, Redlands, CA 92374)

On November 1, 2016, the Accreditation Commission voted to place CCC on Show Cause. This action requires that, within 60 days of receiving the notice of this Accreditation Commission action, CCC must submit a written report, providing documentation to show cause as to why the Accreditation Commission should not revoke its accreditation.

The institution will maintain the current Accredited Status until the first regular meeting of the Accreditation Commission following the meeting where the Accreditation Commission voted to require the institution to Show Cause

At the next meeting, the Accreditation Commission has the following options:

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

If the institution has not corrected its deficiencies and not come into compliance with the Accreditation Standards, the Accreditation Commission shall:

- a. Terminate the institution's accreditation; or
- b. Place the institution on *Probation* in extenuating cases where significant progress has been made toward correcting the identified deficiencies.
 - 1) This can only be granted one time.
 - 2) This cannot be extended for an additional year.

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 immediately threatens the institution's ability to fulfill its mission or to provide a quality educational experience consistent with that associated with an accredited postsecondary institution, and CCC may not have the resources to correct its non-compliance. In summary, the Commission found that CCC was not in compliance with Standards 4.4 (Ethical Values and Standards); and 17.1, 17.4, and 17.5.1 (Financial Stability).

REMOVAL OF ADVERSE ACTION

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

At the meeting on November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to remove SES from *Probation* after determining that the institution has demonstrated financial stability and compliance with TRACS Standards 17.1 and 17.5.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM ACCREDITATION

On November 1, 2016, the Accreditation Commission accepted the requests of the following institutions to withdraw from accreditation:

Crossroads College (920 Mayowood Road SW, Rochester, MN 55902)

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

World Mission University (500 Shatto Place #600, Los Angeles, CA 90020)

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

On November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission approved the following Substantive Changes:

Epic Bible College and Graduate School (4330 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841)

- *To add an M.Div. degree program*
- *To add a D.Min. degree program (change to a Category IV institution)*

Georgia Christian University (6789 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30360)

- *To add Distance Education for the B.A. in Theological Studies program*

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

- *To add a B.S. in Business Administration*
- *To add a B.S. in Biology*

Oikos University (7850 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621)

- *To add an MBA program*

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ACCEPTED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

On November 1, 2016, the TRACS Accreditation Commission accepted the following Institutional Changes, previously approved by TRACS:

Beulah Heights University (892 Berne Street SE, Atlanta, GA 30316)

- *To establish a teaching site at: 505 Commerce Park Dr., Suite A, Marietta, GA 30060*
- *To relocate the approved Columbus teaching site to: 831 Sixth Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901*

Faith Evangelical College and Seminary (3504 North Pearl Street, Tacoma, WA 98407)

- *To change the name of the institution to "Faith International University"*

Faith Theological Seminary (529 Walker Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21212)

- *To establish a teaching site at: 514-6 Seogiposi, Jeju Island, South Korea*

Georgia Christian University (6789 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30360)

- *To establish a teaching site at: 425 Tasman Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089*

Grace School of Theology (3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77384)

- *To establish a teaching site at: 4735 Norrell Drive, Suite 133, Trussville, AL 35173*
- *To establish a teaching site at: Dhapakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal*

Oikos University (7850 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621)

- *To establish a teaching site at: 2064 E. Marengo Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033*

Shorter College (604 Locust Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114)

- *To establish teaching sites in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Corrections and Arkansas Community Corrections (as part of the Second Chance Pell Program)*

Visible Music College (200 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103)

- *To relocate the approved Dallas teaching site to: 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205*

Word of Life Bible Institute (4200 Glendale Drive, Pottersville, NY 12860)

- *To establish a teaching site at: 2252 Toalmas, Kokai 2, Hungary*