March 11, 2019

Mr. Clint Nelson, President
Pacific Life Bible College
15030 66A Avenue
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Canada
c/o [Redacted]

Dear President Nelson:

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed your institution at its February 20, 2019 meeting and took the following action:

Receive the explanation provided by Pacific Life Bible College (BC) concerning financial stability indicators and place the institution on warning in light of the institution’s current liquidity crisis and continued accumulation of operating deficits and require a progress report due November 15, 2019, addressing 1) adequate revenue streams to support operations, 2) the precise nature of the institution’s relationship with the Bible Fellowship Housing Society, including the disclosed guarantee of a construction loan, and 3) the precise nature of the institution’s relationship with Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada and the details of the financial transactions reported in the institution’s response to concerns over their financial responsibility composite score. (Standard 6b, EE 3, 6).

The effective date of this actions is February 20, 2019.

Warning is a negative, public action indicating that the COA has determined that an institution is in substantial compliance with ABHE standards, but meets one or more standards with sufficient weakness that, if the current trend is not altered, the institution is in jeopardy of being found out of compliance with a standard in the near future and placed on probation. The institution retains candidate status with ABHE during a period of warning, and will be subject to periodic monitoring, which may include progress reports and/or focused visits by COA staff or evaluation teams. If weaknesses are not resolved within the time specified (usually one year), the COA may (1) extend the warning for a second year, (2) place the institution on probation, (3) order the institution to show cause why its candidate status should be continued, or (4) withdraw candidate status. Warning is rarely extended beyond two years. Rather, an institution that fails to strengthen specified weaknesses by a stated COA deadline is placed on probation. Warning is not an appealable action.
ABHE provides notification of the action to the United States Department of Education, state and provincial postsecondary education offices, and recognized accrediting agencies at the same time as notification is provided to the institution. Within 24 hours of this notification, the action and the reasons for the action will be posted to the ABHE website and appear on the Accreditation Fact Sheet in the institution’s directory listing at www.abhe.org/directory/pacific-life-bible-college. A link to this action letter will also be available on the ABHE website.

Within 30 days after receiving notification from the COA of a decision to place the institution on warning, the institution will publish notice of the action to its website. The prescribed language for that notification is found in the Policy on Communication of Accreditation Decisions in the COA Manual.

In addition to the report indicated above, the institution will be expected to send representatives to meet with the COA at the February 2020 meeting to respond to questions and provide clarifications regarding further progress in addressing the concerns. At that time, the COA will act to remove warning, continue warning, or impose another sanction, depending on the progress made in strengthening compliance with ABHE Standard 6b.

Please see the Report Guide at forms.abhecoa.org for assistance in formatting and submitting required reports to the Commission.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ronald C. Kroll, Ed.D.
Director, Commission on Accreditation

cc: [Redacted], Board Chair, c/o [Redacted]  
    [Redacted], Accreditation Liaison, c/o [Redacted]