



March 8, 2021

Dr. Sanghoon Lee, President
America Evangelical University
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Los Angeles, CA 90006
c/o [REDACTED]

Dear President Lee:

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation reviewed your institution at its February 13-17, 2021 meeting and took the following action:

Place America Evangelical University (CA) on warning and continue accreditation in light of the Commission on Accreditation's judgment that the institution marginally complies with the ABHE Standards as listed below, and require a special progress report, due November 15, 2021 addressing the following concerns:

- **Standard 2: EE 1, 2 (documentation of evidence validating, as a result of using the outcomes assessment plan, that students are achieving the stated outcomes relative to institutional goals, program-specific objectives and course objectives)**
- **Standard 3: EE 5, 7 (documentation of honest, open, and timely communication related to compliance with agencies such as accrediting, licensing, and governing bodies regarding submission of reports and requested documentation, and communication with COA; documentation demonstrating evidence of integrity in financial matters with respect to ownership and missional use of property)**
- **Standard 6b: EE 8 (evidence documenting a budget process that is informed by institutional planning)**

The effective date of this action is February 17, 2021.

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 accredited 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 accreditation should be continued, or (4) withdraw accreditation. 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/america-evangelical-university. A link to this action letter will also be available on the ABHE website. **Within seven (7) days after receiving notification from the COA of a decision to place the institution on warning (this letter), 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 2022 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 Standards 2, 3, and 6b.

Please see the Report Guide at www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/ for assistance in formatting and submitting any required reports to the Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Associate Director Shane Wood. May God bless your continued engagement in biblical higher education!

Sincerely,



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Director, Commission on Accreditation

cc: Mr. Song Cho, Board Chair, c/o [REDACTED]
Mr. Brian Kim, Accreditation Liaison, c/o [REDACTED]