

March 4, 2022

Dr. Kenton Anderson, President  
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Dear President Anderson:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This letter is your official notification of ABHE Commission on Accreditation actions relative to Providence University College and Theological Seminary.

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation reviewed your institution at its February 12-16, 2022, meeting and took the following action:

**Disapprove the progress reported by Providence University College and Seminary (MB) related to Standard 2 (Assessment) and place the institution on warning in light of repeated failure to provide adequate evidence of effective assessment and require a progress report due September 15, 2022, addressing the following concerns:**

- **Standard 2: EE 1, 5, 7 (demonstrate with evidence the creation and implementation of an institutional assessment plan);**
- **Standard 2: EE 4, 6 (demonstrate with evidence at least one cycle of assessment in at least one undergraduate program and one graduate program completed within the last year);**
- **Standard 2: EE 8, COE 8 (demonstrate with evidence the provision of reliable information to the public regarding student achievement, including graduation and employment rates).**

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](http://www.abhe.org/directory). 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 2023 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 2.

The effective date of this action is February 16, 2022. Please see the Report Guide at [www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/](http://www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/) for assistance in formatting and submitting any reports required by the Commission.

The institution is reminded to consult the Policy on Substantive Change (see COA Manual at <https://www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/>) to identify the institutional changes requiring a Substantive Change Proposal. The Policy has specific requirements for institutions that currently are or have been on warning, probation, or show cause in the last three academic years.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Wood with any questions that arise regarding this communication. May God bless your continued engagement in biblical higher education!

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation

cc: Mrs. Johanna Franz, Board Chair, c/o [REDACTED]  
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