

June 25, 2026

Mr. George Neau, President
SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary
1101 Investment Boulevard
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762
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Dear President Neau:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. This letter is your official notification of ABHE Commission on Accreditation actions relative to SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary. The ABHE Commission on Accreditation reviewed your institution at its June 16, 2026 meeting and took the following action(s):

Express concern in light of the failure of SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary (CA) to complete the financial section of the 2025 Annual Institutional Update (AIU) and submit an annual audit and management letter, as required by Standard 5: EE 1, COE 22, and the required progress report. Place the institution on warning in light of the Commission's judgment that the institution marginally complies with ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards listed below. Require submission of the FY 2025 audit, management letter, Annual Institutional Update (AIU) data by no later than September 15, 2026. Require a progress report, due November 15, 2026, with steps that have been or will be taken to ensure consistent and timely submission of the audit and related materials by the required annual due date, and addressing the following concern:

- **Standard 1: EE 2 (Demonstrated fulfillment of applicable Commission policies and requirements as demonstrated by complete and timely communication with the Commission)**

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. 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 as stated below:**

"The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has placed SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary (CA) in light of the Commission on Accreditation's judgment that the institution marginally complies with the following ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards:

- Standard 1: EE 2 (Demonstrated fulfillment of applicable Commission policies and requirements as demonstrated by complete and timely communication with the Commission)

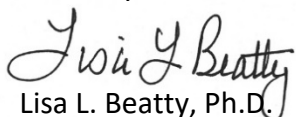
The institution retains accredited status with ABHE during this period of warning and will be subject to periodic monitoring, which may include progress reports and/or focused visits by Commission on Accreditation staff or evaluation teams. If weaknesses are not resolved within the time specified (usually one year), the Commission on Accreditation 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 status should be continued, or (4) withdraw accreditation status. Warning is rarely extended beyond two years."

In addition to required submission of the progress report by November 15, 2026, the institution is expected to send representatives to meet with the COA at the February 2027 meeting to respond to questions relating to 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 the ABHE Standards referenced in the motion above.

The effective date of this action is June 16, 2026. Please see the Report Guide at www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/ for assistance in formatting and submitting any reports required by the Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Shane Wood, your Commission Staff Representative, with any questions that arise regarding this communication. May God continue to bless your service in biblical higher education.

Sincerely,



Lisa L. Beatty, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation

cc: Mr. Richard Picone, Board Chair, [REDACTED]
Dr. Aaron Yom, Accreditation Liaison, [REDACTED]