

August 4, 2015

Dr. Daniel L. Anderson President Appalachian Bible College 161 College Drive Mt. Hope, WV 25880

Dear President Anderson:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Appalachian Bible College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on July 27, 2015. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action with Interim Monitoring. IAC continued the accreditation of Appalachian Bible College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2024-25. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Monitoring. Interim Report due July 28, 2017 on academic program review, assessment of student learning, use of retention and completion data, and the governance role of department heads.

Rationale: The topics in the interim monitoring are important and need to be reviewed sooner than the next Assurance Review and Comprehensive Evaluation, which is why the date was set for two years from date of action. Since 2005, the HLC has reviewed the institution's finances eight times through a series of progress reports, monitoring reports, financial panel reviews and most recently a focused visit in April 2014. Since the curriculum revision in 2007-2010, there has been no systematic program reviews. The team documented a lack of clarity about the roles and responsibilities of the five department chairs including review of proposals, working on challenges, personnel authority, and access to budgetary information.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for Accreditation Liaison Officers to review and manage information regarding the institution's accreditation relationship. Accreditation Liaison Officers may request the ISR Report on HLC's website at http://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request.

Information on notifying the public of this action is available at http://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/institutional-reporting-of-actions.html.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Steph Brzuzy. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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