

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of  
INTERDENOMINATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTER  
Atlanta, Georgia  
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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Interdenominational Theological Center. Information presented below is in accord with the Commission's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Interdenominational Theological Center. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by the Board of Trustees of SACS Commission on Colleges took place on December 9, 2013, and the institution's next review is December 2014.

**What is the accreditation status of Interdenominational Theological Center?** Interdenominational Theological Center is accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was continued in accreditation for good cause, denied reaffirmation of accreditation, and placed on Probation for 12 months following its comprehensive decennial review and submission of the following reports: (1) a Second Monitoring Report from the decennial review, (2) a report on compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic policies) originating with a formal complaint filed against the institution, (3) a report on compliance with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) originating from unsolicited information, and (4) a Special Committee Report. Prior to the institution's next review by the Commission in December 2014, a Special Committee will conduct an on-site evaluation of its compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of the Commission. SACSCOC accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to the Commission; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

**What does it mean to be continued in accreditation for good cause and continued on Probation?** When an institution has exhausted its two-year monitoring period for complying with the *Principles of Accreditation* of SACS Commission on Colleges, instead of removing the institution's accreditation, the Commission can extend accreditation for good cause if (1) the institution has demonstrated significant recent accomplishments in addressing non-compliance, **and** (2) the institution has provided evidence which makes it reasonable for the Commission to assume it will remedy all deficiencies within a twelve month period, **and** (3) the institution has provided assurance to the Commission that it is not aware of any other reasons, other than those identified by the Commission, why the institution cannot be continued for good cause. An institution must be placed on Probation when it is continued in membership for good cause beyond the maximum two-year monitoring period. The maximum consecutive time that an institution may be on Probation is two years. In December 2014, Interdenominational Theological Center will have been on Probation for one year. For additional information about sanctions, refer to the Commission's policy entitled "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership" that can be accessed at <http://www.sacscoc.org/policies.asp>.

**Why was Interdenominational Theological Center continued in accreditation for good cause, denied reaffirmation of accreditation, and place on Probation?** Interdenominational Theological Center was continued in accreditation for good cause, denied reaffirmation of accreditation, and placed on Probation. The SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that, at the time of the institution's third review, it had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The cited standards expect an accredited institution to provide evidence that it (1) has a sound financial base and a demonstrated history of financial stability, (2) ) identifies expected outcomes, assesses student achievement, and provides evidence of improvement in the area of educational programs and student learning, (3) exercises appropriate control over all financial resources; and (4) complies with program responsibilities under Title IV. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the *Principles of Accreditation* at <http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>.)

**What will happen in December 2014?** The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Interdenominational Theological Center following review of financial statements, a Third Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance, and the report of the Special Committee that will visit the institution in fall 2014. The Board will have the following options: (1) reaffirm accreditation and remove the institution from Probation without an additional report or with a Fifth-Year Follow Up Report; (2) continue accreditation for good cause, deny reaffirmation, continue the institution on Probation, authorize a Special Committee, and request an additional report; and (3) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation* or for failure to meet the provisions of good cause. Commission staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the Commission's Board in December 2014.

For additional information regarding the Commission's accreditation process, access the *Principles of Accreditation* (<http://www.sacscoc.org/principles.asp>).