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December 18, 2020

Dr. Lawrence Rast  
President  
Concordia Theological Seminary  
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Dear President Rast:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Concordia Theological Seminary by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on December 15, 2020. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action.** IAC continued the accreditation of Concordia Theological Seminary with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2029-30. Despite comprehensive review modifications associated with COVID-19, the institution's next Reaffirmation of Accreditation date remains aligned with the start date of the original comprehensive review in Spring 2020.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

In early January, 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 <https://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions.html>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation will go into effect on September 1, 2020. Institutions will be evaluated against the revised Criteria for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted after September 1, 2020, that reference the Criteria should be written to the revised version. More information about the revised Criteria, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions, is available on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/criteria>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

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