Public Disclosure Notice on
Bethel University
and
Bethel Seminary
St. Paul, Minnesota
Effective: June 12, 2014

At its meeting on June 12, 2014, the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees (“the Board”) approved the consolidation of the separate accreditations of Bethel University (“the University”) and Bethel Seminary (“the Seminary”) into a single accreditation under the University.

Current accreditation status of Bethel University and Bethel Seminary
The University is accredited, and the Seminary is accredited as a component of the University. The Seminary is no longer separately accredited.

Next Steps
The University will host a focused evaluation within six months of the merger. The focused evaluation will include a review of the appropriateness of the approval and the institution’s compliance with any commitments made in the application for approval and with the Criteria for Accreditation and Eligibility Requirements. The University is scheduled to host its next evaluation for reaffirmation of accreditation in 2019-20.

About the Higher Learning Commission
The Higher Learning Commission accredits more than 1,000 colleges and universities that have a home base in one of 19 states that stretch from West Virginia to Arizona. The Commission is a private, nonprofit regional accrediting agency. The Commission’s mission is to assure and advance the quality of higher learning. It is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The institutions the Commission accredits include public, private not-for-profit, and proprietary institutions at degree levels from the associate’s through the doctoral degree level and from small, specialized institutions through large research universities.

Students, parents, and others from the general public with questions regarding the Commission’s work should contact John Hausaman at the Higher Learning Commission by email at info@hlcommission.org or by phone at 312-263-0456.

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