

July 19, 2024

Dr. James Nieman
President
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
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Dear President Nieman:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on July 16, 2024. 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 Lutheran School of Theology with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2029-2030. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Interim Report. An Interim Report due 12/1/2027 on finances.

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

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for the institution to review and manage information regarding its accreditation relationship. Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers may download the ISR Report in Canopy at <https://canopy.hlcommission.org>.

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>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation and Assumed Practices will go into effect on September 1, 2025. Institutions will be evaluated against these revised HLC requirements for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted on or after September 1, 2025, or institutional reports or Assurance Arguments for visits that will take place on or after September 1, 2025, should be written to the revised version of the Criteria or Assumed Practices as applicable. More information, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions of the Criteria, 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, Karen Solomon. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Christine Wenderoth, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Karen Solomon, HLC Staff Liaison