



June 22, 2006



Charles S. Kelley Jr., President
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
3939 Gentilly Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70126-4858

Dear President Kelley:

The Board of Commissioners met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in June 2006 and included on its agenda the report of the comprehensive evaluation committee. The Board also reviewed the institution's self-study. After appropriate deliberation, the Board voted as follows:

1. To reaffirm accreditation of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for a period of ten years (spring 2016).
2. To approve the following degree programs:

- Master of Divinity (MDiv)
- Master of Arts in Christian Education (MACE)
- Master of Arts in Worship Ministries (MA in Worship Ministries)
- Master of Arts in Missiology (MA in Missiology)
- Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling (MA in Marriage and Family Counseling)
- Master of Music in Church Music (MMCM) (*change of nomenclature from previous MCM*)
- Master of Arts (Biblical Studies) (MA [Biblical Studies])
- Master of Arts (Theology) (MA [Theology])
- Doctor of Ministry (DMin)
- Doctor of Educational Ministry (DEdMin)
- Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA)
- Master of Theology (ThM)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

To grant approval to offer ongoing courses at the following extension sites:

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| Central Louisiana Center, Pineville, LA | (MDiv/MACE) |
| North Louisiana Center, Shreveport, LA | (MDiv) |
| Clinton Center, Clinton, MS | (MDiv/MACE) |
| Birmingham Center, Birmingham, AL | (MDiv/MACE) |
| North Georgia Campus, Atlanta, GA | (MDiv/MACE) |
| South Georgia Center, Albany, GA | (MDiv) |
| Pensacola Center, Pensacola, FL | (MDiv) |
| Graceville Center, Graceville, FL | (MDiv/MACE) |
| Jacksonville Center, Jacksonville, FL | (MDiv) |
| Orlando Center, Orlando, FL | (MDiv/MACE) |
| Center for the Americas, Miami, FL | (MDiv) |

3. To encourage that attention be given to maintaining and enhancing the following distinctive strengths:
 - a. Resilience of the whole Seminary community in the face of adversity.

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- b. Solidarity of the school with its parent denomination and hundreds of Christian congregations.
 - c. Clarity in mission.
 - d. Dedicated competent staff, forward-thinking administration, mission-driven faculty, and vocationally committed students.
 - d. Effective and efficient extension programs.
4. To require the following reports:
- a. By November 1, 2006, providing the Seminary's 2005-2006 external audit. (Commission Standard 9.2.2.2)
 - b. By April 1, 2007, on the following:
 - (1) The clarification of the campus facilities. (Commission Standard 9.3)
 - (2) The John T. Christian Library negotiations regarding formal written agreements with local libraries to ensure that all NOBTS extension students have adequate library services, including borrowing privileges, at the college or seminary libraries that are in close geographic proximity to the extension site. (Commission Standard 10.2.4.3)
 - (3) The administrative oversight of the selection and supervision of faculty members at the graduate extension sites. (Commission Standard 10.2.6.3)
 - c. By April 1, 2008, on the implementation of a comprehensive assessment plan that focuses on the comparability of the graduate extensions to the main campus in such areas as student learning and formation, faculty performance, and student services. (Commission Standards 10.2.2.2 and 10.2.2.3)

Marsha Foster Boyd would be happy to respond to any questions you may have. As Secretary to the Board, I would also be glad to respond to your inquiries.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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cc: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools