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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY

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Timothy W. Eaton, President
Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
Accreditation Commission
15935 Forest Road
Forest, Virginia 24551

Dear Dr. Eaton:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I now find TRACS compliant and grant TRACS renewed recognition as a institutional and programmatic accrediting agency for a period of three years. I concur with the recommendations of the Department staff and of the NACIQI. Accordingly, I grant renewed recognition to TRACS for a period of three years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate" status) of Christian postsecondary institutions in the United States that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees, including institutions that offer distance education.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of TRACS. We appreciate the work that the TRACS does to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

Diane Auer Jones

Principal Deputy Under Secretary

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