

March 1, 2013

Rev. Stan Perea, Executive Director Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana (AETH) 2620 S. Parker Road, Suite 274 Aurora, CO 80014

Dear Rev. Perea:

The Board of Commissioners met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in February 2013 and included on its agenda the AETH initiative.

After its discussion of the previously circulated AETH document entitled, "AETH Commission on Certification of Bible Institutes: General Institutional and Educational Standards," the Board voted to:

- 1. Affirm the work of AETH, particularly the document as presented, as congenial with the expectations of the Board of Commissioners regarding general institutional and educational standards of quality theological education;
- 2. Acknowledge that certification of Bible institutes by AETH, based on the general institutional and educational standards as presented, is illustrative of Educational Standard ES.7 regarding admission to Commission accredited-masters' programs exclusive of the 15 percent exception;
- 3. Recognize that upon AETH certification, the Board of Commissioners would consider a graduate of an AETH-certified school as meeting the expectations of baccalaureate equivalency as described in educational standard ES.7, section 7.1.4, and subject to the discretion of individual member schools regarding the determination of equivalency as stipulated in educational standard ES.7, section 7.1.2;
- 4. Invite AETH to continue its dialogue with ATS as it develops and finalizes its certification process.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lester Edwin J. Ruiz, Secretary

Board of Commissioners

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