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STUDENTS WANT TO KNOW

Anyone making an effort to motivate people to study the Scriptures is to be highly commended; and those inspired by God to found a Bible School certainly deserves recognition. The production of your curriculum and the development of your programs can represent years of labor intensive work. Starting a Bible Institute is a very great accomplishment, and accreditation is the public crowning of that achievement.

Of course, every Theological Seminary was unknown when it first began, and it usually requires years of consistent performance to build a good reputation. Christian educational institutions need all the credibility that they can get, but it's usually difficult to become nationally known. But with some outside assistance you can become more widely known faster.

In the commercial world of today, consumers have learned that all is not what it appears to be so "buyer beware". Likewise, if a student is going to expend time, effort, and money to obtain a Bachelor, Master, or Doctorial degree, it is particularly important to know of the legitimacy, integrity, and prestige of the institution from which it comes. And how can a prospective student know if the school he is considering is of good quality or not? Well, they realize that an outside viewpoint is more likely to be objective. So, an accrediting agency is a kind of consumer protection agency in the field of education to ensure as far as possible that a school is what it says it is and does what it says it does.

So the first question in the mind of an informed prospective student is, "Is your school accredited, and by whom?"

All other things being equal a smart prospective student would definitely prefer an accredited school over an unaccredited one. Accreditation also assures other schools, agencies, and organizations that your school:

- * Has appropriate and clearly defined objectives.
- * That you offer valid programs and meet with acceptable standards in the world of education.
- * That what you promise, you deliver.

Hundreds of people are shopping for a good school right now. Accreditation can enhance the visibility of your school in the eyes of the educational community; and enable you to project a public image that will attract more students and increase your enrollment. Thus the practical advantage of being able to state that your school is accredited is very valuable to the successful operation of your school.

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

By definition, the word "accredit" means to authorize, endorse, and officially approve of. What ordination is to a minister, accreditation is to a school. Accreditation is a group process by which schools voluntarily agree to participate in a set of established standards in order to encourage quality education.

Schools are not legally required to become accredited, but it is a very desirable standing. Accredited status means a school has voluntarily undergone a comprehensive examination to determine that it operates at a worthy level of performance.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Throughout history there has always been some religious confusion, and there is some controversy over the subject of accreditation today. But to clarify the issue:

- * There is secular education and there is religious education.
- * Secular schools seek secular accreditation, and sacred schools receive sacred accreditation --- each by their own peers.
- * Religious institutions need no secular accreditation because they offer no secular degrees.
- * Secular accreditation associations in turn are recognized by governmental agencies. They trace their authority back up to the capitol of a country, like Washington, D.C.
- * Religious accrediting associations are recognized by the Church of Jesus Christ, which has no supreme central office on earth. Our authority is derived directly from Heaven.
- * Civil and religious interests are different and have separate realms of jurisdiction.
- * The state is not superior to the Church. The Church need not wait for approval from the secular world.
- * Civil agencies should not be dictating standards of Christian education, any more than a cop should be directing the worship of God.
- * Theological Seminaries should not be accredited by accrediting associations that are "recognized" by an agency of the federal government, because it is contrary to the Biblical principle of "Separation of Church and State", indicated by Christ when he said, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Mark 12: 7.
- * What business does a Christian educator have, going to the world of unbelievers for recognition and acknowledgment as II Cor. 6:14 says, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?"
- * A Christian educational institution securing accreditation from an association which is attached to a government agency is a Scripturally condemned and unholy union as James 4:4 says, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?"

The Counsel on Post-Secondary Accreditation (C.O.P.A.) in Washington, D.C. has recognized two religious accrediting associations; but the W.W.A.C. has not sought nor would accept recognition from C.O.P.A. nor from the United States Secretary of Education. We seek acceptance and identity only from the Body of Christ at large.

BOGUS ACCREDITATION

Accrediting standards differ widely from agency to agency. Some are next to impossible to get into, and others don't check anything. Any so-called accrediting society that offers to accredit your school without knowing anything about your school is just trying to sell you an expensive piece of paper. As there are bogus schools that sell doctors degrees, even so there are bogus accrediting agencies that will accept anyone who pays their fee.

It is highly unethical for a Bible Institute to accredit itself. It is like a preacher ordaining himself. But such worthless self-accreditation is exactly what most degree mills do. They try to conceal the fact that their so-called school and so-called accrediting association is at the same place by offering no address for the accrediting association, which is why some accrediting associations are unlocatable.

But the W.W.A.C. has nothing to hide because we know where we stand with God and man. We also know that we can't please everyone, but we are not afraid of honest questions and reasonable requests. All our member schools are welcomed and encouraged to list our name and address in their catalogs and bulletins. And you may rest assured, that when called upon to verify your accreditation, we shall render ample support.

WHAT IS THE W.W.A.C.?

The W.W.A.C. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to making a significant contribution to the promotion of Christian education everywhere. We are governed by a Board of Directors and flanked by a Board of Advisors --- all reputable born-again Christians. The W.W.A.C. was founded to:

- * Upgrade standards of scholarship among evangelical educational institutions.
- * To award certificates of accreditation to deserving schools.
- * To continue to monitor compliance with set standards.

We specialize in Theological Seminaries, Christian Colleges, and Bible Institutes of all sizes, including both traditional and alternative programs. We are also concerned with helping any formal ministry teaching the Word of God in an on-going relationship between instructor and students, which may not fit into any denominational mold, to develop into a viable school.

The W.W.A.C. is part of the Full Gospel of Christ Fellowship, Inc., which was originally founded early 1972 in Houston, Texas, and functions within the 501(c)3 status of the Internal Revenue Services. The Board of Directors of F.G.C.F.I. has formally announced its full recognition, endorsement, and approval of the W.W.A.C.

For over 25 years F.G.C.F.I. has licensed and ordained hundreds of pastors and evangelists, and is held in highest esteem by them. This parent organization has about 60 Churches and Evangelistic Associations which are legally affiliated with it, some of which are sizeable ministries bearing much good fruit for the Glory of God.

The W.W.A.C. holds itself accountable to God, the Church, the laws of the land, and the general public. We are non-governmentally connected and we do not engage in partisan political activities. But we do endorse and support the sound principles of the Better Business Bureau. The primary merit of F.G.C.F.I. is derived from all its ministers and ministries everywhere; and the greatest honor of the W.W.A.C. comes from our member schools all over. Unlike regional accrediting associations limited to one area, we were established as a multi-national association of Christian Educational Institutions.

The W.W.A.C. is comparatively new and therefore may be unfamiliar in certain areas of the global educational community, but our initial responses has been very pleasing. We are grateful for the opportunity of meeting a real need, the enthusiastic comments of educators far and near and the continuing blessings of God. We may not be the world's largest accrediting association, but we are not the most expensive either, and our requirements are reasonable. Due to advertising on the Internet and elsewhere we are probably one of the fastest expanding networks of Christian Institutions of its kind.

OTHER SERVICES

Any school official who needs ministerial license and ordination may be referred to the Credentials Department of F.G.C.F.I.

Any school or ministry that needs to be legally established as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization is referred to the Tax-Exempt Department of F.G.C.F.I.

If your school would like to enlarge its curriculum, we have access to some excellent Bible correspondence courses, including copyright privileges.

THE FOUNDER

The W.W.A.C. was founded by Dr. Paul Richardson and a group of Christian educators associated with the Spirit of Truth Institute. Dr. Richardson has been in full-time Christian Service since September, 1958. He is also the Chancellor of the Spirit of Truth Institute, which is not accredited by the W.W.A.C., but by another agency. Being involved in Christian higher education for some years, he has an understanding of the difficulties that confront school administrators, and after some urging by friends finally felt led to fulfill the vision God gave him in 1981 of establishing the W.W.A.C.

Dr. Richardson founded two Churches in Texas, two in North Carolina, and now with his wife, Dr. Faye Richardson, co-pastors Christ Worship Center, a Bible-believing, Christ-Centered, and Spirit-Filled Church, where many scores of ministers have been ordained. Dr. Richardson has taken missions to Japan and Israel and plans to go to the Phillippines. He has appeared on numerous T.V. programs.

OUR VISION

Proverbs 29:11 says, "Where there is no visions, the people perish..."

1. Our vision is to promote quality Christian education everywhere; and to serve those dedicated to teaching Christians and training ministers.
2. Our mission is to meet the needs of unaccredited, independent Bible Institutes that grant academic degrees.
3. Our purpose is to foster professional standards, integrity, and accountability among our member schools.
4. Our goal is to enable Evangelical Educational Institutions to demonstrate that they meet or exceed acceptable standards of operation and performance.
5. We want to assist fundamental pastors who conduct seminars and workshops in their Churches in an on-going basis to set up their own Bible School.
6. The W.W.A.C. was also founded to disseminate information about our member schools and provide referrals about non-traditional educational options.
7. Another duty is to advise the general public of the current status of the institutions that we have accredited, and assure prospective students of their academic qualifications.

By the grace of God we are continuing to accomplish these objectives.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

In a way, all the world is a classroom and the Spirit of God is our daily Teacher; but the Bible is the basis of all true education, and should be at the heart of every school's curriculum. We are very concerned about the Scriptural soundness of the teachings of our member schools. Of course, we don't attempt to judge every doctrinal detail, but all of our schools should be in general agreement with the following statement of faith:

1. We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and the infallible and authoritative rule of all doctrine and practice for the church today.
2. There is only one true and living God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost --- one in three and three in one.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, is the Divine Son of God, lived a sinless life, worked miracles, and provided for our salvation and healing through his suffering. He was bodily resurrected from the dead, ascended to heaven, is at the right hand of God, and shall soon return to rule the kingdom of God. He is the only Saviour of all mankind.

4. All men are sinners by nature and subject to eternal judgement. Man is a free moral agent to choose salvation by repentance from sin and faith on Christ. We may know that we are saved, but must endure to the end.
5. New converts are to be baptized in water, to pray daily, study the Bible often, and fellowship the church regularly. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is an endowment of power from on high and the Gifts of the Spirit are available today.
6. Christ is the founder and head of the Church, made up of every born-again believer on earth. We believe in the ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's Supper or Communion.
7. We believe in an endless and everlasting heaven and hell. There are angels and demons active today.

SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. There should be a legal instrument or formal document creating and naming your educational institution.
2. It should state your purposes and clearly define your educational objectives.
3. You should have a Board of Directors, who have agreed to serve on it. (Usually three to nine in number).
4. All officers and faculty of your school must exemplify good Christian character. Immoral or unbecoming conduct by staff or personnel must not be tolerated.
5. If you are going to confer academic degrees, you should check with your state Council of Higher Education to obtain a religious exemption. There is usually no fee for this simple formality.
6. You must be totally honest in your school advertisements, and all promotional literature must be truthful.
7. All full-time instructors should possess an earned degree.
8. Faculty - student ratio must reflect a realistic work load, so teachers can provide sufficient care and encouragement to individual students.
9. Admission policies must be in accordance with federal anti-discrimination laws. I.E., students must not be excluded from any educational program on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
10. Institutions must provide students with a catalog, bulletin, or information sheet describing its curriculum, certificates, and fees.
11. All degree candidates should hold a high school diploma or the equivalent.
12. All schools must be in general harmony with fundamental Christian teachings.

13. On campus colleges must provide adequate classroom facilities to accommodate student needs. They should be safe and conducive for learning.
14. Schools should require a minimum of one year or the equivalent for each level of their certificates.
15. Students must be advised of all fees, tuitions, and refund policies prior to admission.
16. There should be sufficient office space to maintain files and student records. Students shall have access to their own transcripts.
17. Christian Schools must understand their vital relationship with local Churches; inasmuch "as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it..." Ephesians 5:25.
18. Schools should be able to demonstrate a satisfactory period of ethical operation.

If you favor these ideals, your school is cordially invited to seek membership in the W.W.A.C. If you fall beneath these standards, you will find the effort to qualify for membership in the W.W.A.C. well worth it.

WHO ARE YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS?

I believe the W.W.A.C. includes some of the most Spiritually effective schools in the world, as we accept only good Bible teaching institutions.

We accredit Christian Schools on both the undergraduate and graduate levels --- both colleges with campuses and colleges without campuses. But none of our Christian educational institutions offer any secular programs or degrees.

The W.W.A.C. is whole-heartedly dedicated to foreign missions and especially happy to include colleges and universities located overseas, providing they communicate with us in English.

Some of our schools started out as modest as a weekly class for local students in a storefront building. And we include some small special interest institutions who have elected non-traditional methods of instruction delivery such as audio and video tapes and the popular correspondence courses.

EXCLUSIONS

The W.W.A.C. is strongly opposed to the anti-christ concept of a one-world government and a one-world Church. We never have nor will be a part of the World Council of Churches, National Council of Christian Churches, or any other apostate ecumenical movements.

We do not accept into membership any colleges or universities which include in their curriculum courses on metaphysics, parapsychology, psychical research, hypnotism, E. S. P., Eastern type meditation, (T.M.), or the theory of evolution or reincarnation. We reject all so-called new age, neopaganism, humanistic, occultic, and any other unGodly teachings.

SITE INSPECTIONS

During the accreditation process, an on-site inspection is made by an outside peer, where practicable. The purpose is to make observations and gather data to determine if a school meets the set standards of the W.W.A.C.

We have representatives in many cities of the USA that could visit your school to acquire this first-handed knowledge for evaluation, although in some places, especially overseas schools, this must be handled by a Self-Evaluation Report, wherein we rely upon the honesty and honor of Christian professionals. It is unnecessary to insist upon expensive on-site inspections in some cases because of the high degree of mutual respect and trust between the W.W.A.C. and our member schools.

THREE STAGES OF ACCREDITATION

As the Church has traditionally recognized three ranks of those called to the ministry: 1 Exhorter, 2 Licensed, and 3 Ordained; even so the accreditation process is identifiable in three distinct phases:

1 Applicant, 2 Associate, and 3 Accredited. But with the W.W.A.C. you will not have to wait three to five years to get through the steps. The time factor is mostly up to you.

1. **APPLICANT or PROVINCIAL STATUS** --- means that a school has submitted an application with the fee, and we have acknowledged that the school is in existence.

2. **ASSOCIATE or CANDIDATE STATUS** --- the interval between our examining your application and your receiving a Certificate of Accreditation. It may mean that you are working to meet a certain requirement to rise up to our standards or it might mean that you are awaiting an on-site visit and report approval, or that we are in the process of verifying your Self-Evaluation Report. Hopefully this will be a relatively short period of time.

3. **FULLY ACCREDITED MEMBER STATUS** --- means that the on-site visit report has been approved, or your Self-Evaluation Report has been verified and accepted, and that the W.W.A.C. has concluded that you have met or exceeded the minimum standards set, and that your school has been awarded the Certificate of Accreditation.

YOUR CERTIFICATE

Upon our determination that your school has satisfactorily met or exceeded the predetermined professional standards of the W.W.A.C., you will receive a beautiful and frameable Certificate of Accreditation to be displayed in your school office or classroom for all to see. It certifies that you are recognized as a reliable Christian school engaged in teaching God's word. It shows that we have judged your school as a legitimate and worthy school, offering quality instructions. It states that you are a member in good standing with the W.W.A.C. and indicates that you are pledged to maintaining Christian educational excellence.

ANNUAL RENEWAL

The W.W.A.C. keeps a confidential file on your school, containing your application, the on-site visit or Self-Evaluation Report, and other supporting information. This file is maintained perpetually.

Each member institution is also required to submit an annual report on the form provided by W.W.A.C. at the time.

Any member school which fails to maintain the standards of the W.W.A.C., or fails to submit the annual report and renewal fee within thirty days after notification, will be placed on probation until such deficiencies have been rectified.

WHY SCHOOLS CHOOSE THE W.W.A.C.?

- * In order to be accredited without compromising the Scriptural principle of "Separation of Church and State."
- * To be associated with other like-minded and respectable Christian Schools.
- * To receive greater incentive to achieve and maintain a more professional quality of performance.
- * Because of the attainable standards and reasonable fees of the W.W.A.C.

MULTIPLE ACCREDITATION

It is not uncommon for schools to be recognized by a number of outside organizations, nor is it unethical for a Theological Seminary or Bible College to be accredited by more than one accreditation association, and many are. Your school is entitled to as many sources of recognition and approval as you wish, and it is rather desirable.

FAIR FEE POLICY

Although accreditation status represents a significant personal and financial commitment, it is not bought, it is earned.

Most accrediting associations are too expensive for many schools. For instance, the American Association of Bible Colleges charge a minimum of \$350, plus \$500 for the evaluation team visit, plus their expenses of travel, room, and board for some days. Others charge up to \$1,000 and some bring in over \$500,000 a year.

Also most accrediting associations put all their schools on the same accounting cycle and do not prorate fees for schools that apply at different times of the year. But you can join the W.W.A.C. at any time of the year for a full twelve month membership; and we operate on a sliding scale with a minimum and maximum fee.

We charge only \$1 per student with a fixed minimum of \$50 and a fixed maximum of \$100. We feel this is low enough to fit the most modest school budget.

EXAMPLE OF FEES

10 to 50 students.....	\$ 50.00 fee per year
60 students.....	60.00 fee per year
75 students.....	75.00 fee per year
85 students.....	85.00 fee per year
100 - 1000 students.....	100.00 fee per year

So the question at once becomes, "Can you afford to not be accredited by the W.W.A.C.?"

However no application will be considered without enclosure of the appropriate fee, payable by check or money order. Please do not send cash. If your application is unacceptable for any reason, you will be informed why, and your complete fee will be returned.

CONCLUSION

A person called to the ministry without any credentials can go around trying to find places to preach, but if he has credentials from some established religious body, he can get into more hospitals, jails, and Churches. In the same way a school without any accreditation may rely upon the good will of the students alone, but this is an unnecessary limitation. A preacher or school may say, "I have approval from God!" Wonderful! But why not have power and favor from both God and man like Jacob, Gen. 32:28, Joseph, Gen. 29:21, Samuel, I Sam. 2:26, and Jesus, Lk. 2:53.

Accreditation with W.W.A.C. could provide the added boost your school has needed. Every serious Christian educational institution should voluntarily seek accreditation to promote a professional public image and increase the prestige of its certificates, diplomas, and degrees. Whether your school is new or

old, small or large, campus or correspondence only, we believe we can be a benefit to your school; and we hope you will allow us the opportunity to serve your interests. If you elect this option, you will probably be saying, "Joining the W.W.A.C. was one of the wisest investments I ever made."

We are happy for you to contact us by mail for any appropriate assistance. We will respond as quickly as possible, but please allow up to two weeks especially in case of holidays, weather, and etc. If there is no application accompanying this information booklet, please write and request one.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Richardson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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