



## W. L. Bonner College

*"Preparing and equipping them for serving and proclaiming Him"*

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Dear WLBC Students, Alumni, Administration and Staff, Faculty, Denominational Sponsor and Supporters, Family and Friends:

We are writing to report progress in our pursuit of reinstatement to the accredited status. We were given three years to achieve reinstatement, following our February 2014 decision to withdraw. A Team Visit was conducted by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), September 2015, followed by two consultant visits (one in November and another in December 2015). As we have conveyed to you in the past, our ability to generate diverse streams of revenue has been most problematic in our performance. Over the past two years sustainability plans have been improved by both the Board and College Interim President-CEO. In addition, provisions were made by the Founding President, the late Dr. William L. Bonner, to preserve the WLBC legacy. With this increase and enhancement in fiscal resources, the College would have been able to complete action steps to other plans associated with hiring (College Dean; College Librarian, and Chief Fiscal Officer), in a timely fashion. With the unforeseen circumstances that occurred, a decision was made to defer going before the Commission of Accreditation (COA) until our final year (February 2017). During this period we will strengthen performance in all core areas, bringing the College to its highest level of institutional stability and effectiveness.

The College evaluates its performance in light of its own stated mission, as well as ABHE Standards for Accreditation. In reviewing overall results of our assessment plans, we realize that an additional year will enable us to achieve some of the additional desired outcomes, and also prompt a more favorable decision by the COA in February 2017.

Please join us in prayer over the next year that the Lord will send faithful friends and supporters, who will assist us in preserving our rich legacy, initiated by our Founding President, Dr. William L. Bonner. Please see below some of the plans for sustainability initiated by the Board of Directors and the Interim President-CEO.

### **Board Sustainability Plan**

- Board Dues and Assessments (Annually)
- Board Year-End Appeal
- Hall of Fame Washington, D. C.
- PAW (Pentecostal Assemblies of the World) Scholarship
- Monthly Assessment from (MASS )
- Save Our School (SOS)
- Grants

### **Interim Presidential Sustainability Plan**

- Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (3 per year)
- Annual Gospel and Seafood Festival
- Celebrity Games & Clinics
- Annual Golf Tournament
- Brady Foundation Scholarship
- Corporate (Matching Gifts)
- Baccalaureate/Commencement Appeals
- Legacy Initiatives
  - Legacy Publication
  - Legacy DVD Tribute to Founding President
  - Presidential Walkway
  - Legacy Preservation (Taped Sermons by Apostle William L. Bonner)

### **VISION 2020—Expansion**

- Increase among Traditional Students
- Expanded Facilities
- Additional Programs of Study
  - Bachelor of Religious Studies in Counseling
  - Bachelor of Religious Studies in Social Work and Human Intervention

We thank each of you for your ongoing support of WLBC, and we invite you to contact us regarding this correspondence. We promise to keep you apprised of all progress toward reinstatement to the accredited status.

Sincerely,

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