



Great Lakes Christian College

Accreditation Probation Sanction Lifted at GLCC

Higher Learning Commission expresses confidence in GLCC's future

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Yesterday the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Board of Directors voted to remove Great Lakes Christian College from accreditation probation and return the College to the standard accreditation pathway.

“This decision marks the end of a process begun by HLC in 2022,” stated GLCC President Dr. Frank Weller. “With this decision, HLC validated the significant progress the College has made in becoming more financially stable.”

At a meeting with HLC officials in July, the GLCC Administration attributed the turnaround to three factors: the goodness of God, the generosity of his people, and the hard work of everyone at the College.

Giving to the College has increased significantly since 2022. More than 165 individuals have joined The Log Cabin Society, pledging monthly gifts of \$84 or more for a period of five years. Contributions from churches have increased in the past two years, and major donors have contributed to the College's General Fund and the Legacy Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for the children of full-time ministers and missionaries.

Enrollment increases also contributed to the College's improved finances. Fall 2023 enrollment increased 7% over the previous year and enrollment for Fall 2024 increased 24%.

Higher Learning Commission officials especially noted improvement in the College's Board of Trustees. Through a partnership with the Association for Biblical Higher Education, the GLCC Board became certified in Board Governance Excellence. Coached by former Hope International University President Dr. John Derry, they developed metrics for continuous improvement and increased their ability to ensure the College remains financially viable.

With private colleges closing at the rate of one per month in America, the challenges facing GLCC remain formidable. According to President Weller, for the College to remain sustainable, enrollment needs to continue to grow, as does financial support from individuals and churches. Remarking on the progress GLCC has made and the progress still needed, President Weller said, “While the College is not yet out of the woods, we thank God we are no longer in the swamp!”

Great Lakes Christian College, an institution of higher education affiliated with Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, seeks to glorify God by preparing students to be servant-leaders in the church and world. Located in Lansing, Michigan the College is accredited by Higher Learning Commission to grant bachelor's degrees in thirteen programs, associate degrees in eight programs, and offer six online degrees.

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