



## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**Lancaster Theological Seminary**  
**555 West James Street**  
**Lancaster, PA 17603-2897**

Lancaster Theological Seminary has been accredited by the Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 1938. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in summer 2025, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers. The school's current period of accreditation expires July 31, 2035.

The school's current status of *Accredited in Good Standing* means the school meets all applicable COA Standards of Accreditation. The school demonstrates educational quality and financial stability and provides evidence that its student learning outcomes are appropriate, rigorous, and being achieved. The school has no public sanctions (i.e., warning, probation, or show cause).

The school is approved to offer the following degree(s): MDiv, MA in Chaplaincy, MA in Theological Studies, Master of Ministry, Master of Religion and Public Life, DMin

The school notified the Commission that the following approved degree(s) will be *discontinued* (i.e., to be deleted when the last student has exited the program): MA in Religion

The school is approved to offer distance (online) education at the following level: Comprehensive (Half or More of a Degree)

The school is not approved to offer half or more of a degree at any additional location(s).

The Board of Commissioners has approved Lancaster Theological Seminary's request for a change in ownership and governing control. The first step in this process transferred management oversight to the President of Moravian University and Dean of the Moravian Theological Seminary. This occurred on July 30, 2021. The Board required a follow-up report by September 1, 2021, and authorized a focused visit within six months (i.e., effected January 2022) of this change in ownership and governing control, per *Policies and Procedures*, IV.C. The seminary will continue as a separate degree-granting entity until all approval processes are complete (anticipated late 2025).

*The Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools accredits more than 250 graduate schools of theology and seminaries in the United States and Canada. The COA has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1952 as an accreditor of freestanding, single-purpose institutions and of specialized programs at larger institutions offering post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education. The COA is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as a national faith-related accrediting organization that accredits free-standing seminaries and academic units of larger institutions in the United States and Canada that offer post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education.*