

## Emanuel D. Naydenov

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Emanuel D. Naydenov was named director of accreditation for ATS in 2023. He is responsible for facilitating accrediting reviews, providing education and support to member schools about the process of accreditation, and providing staff support to the work of the Board of Commissioners of the ATS Commission on Accrediting.

An educator with more than 30 years of experience in theological education and formation for ministry, Naydenov came to ATS from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of Trinity International University (TEDS). He served as director of the master's programs and director of the MA in Theological Studies Program, and he led the Office of Extension and Affiliated Education. He served on the Board of Commissioners of the ATS Commission on Accrediting where, along with many other responsibilities, he contributed to the work of the Global Awareness and Engagement Initiative of ATS. Prior to TEDS, he was involved in launching Bulgaria's first accredited seminary after the fall of Communism.

Naydenov, an ordained minister in the Evangelical Free Church of America, is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the American Academy of Religion, a cofounder of the Roundtable for Distance Education, and a contributor to the *Bulgarian Journal of Theology* and other indigenous theological and educational projects.

He earned an MDiv from Bethel Theological Seminary and a PhD in religious studies in the area of systematic theology from Marquette University.