

December 13, 2017

Molly T. Marshall
President
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
6601 Monticello Road
Shawnee, KS 66226

Dear Ms. Marshall:

This is to acknowledge receipt of Central Baptist Theological Seminary's biennial religious exemption report and the 2017-2018 academic catalog and student handbook. Our review of the submitted material indicates that the institution's mission, courses, degree programs, etc. are exclusively devoted to religious and theological objectives and that the catalog represents the institution and its programs in a materially accurate manner.

Consequently, Central Baptist Theological Seminary's religious exemption from the Washington Degree-Granting Institutions Act for the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree program as offered at your facility in Federal Way, WA, continues until January 3, 2020, under the following condition:

WAC 250-61-063(5) requires the following statement be placed in a prominent position in any catalog, general bulletins, course schedules, and websites **in its entirety and exactly as worded below**.

The Washington Student Achievement Council has determined that Central Baptist Theological Seminary qualifies for religious exempt status from the Degree-Granting Institutions Act for the following program: Master of Divinity (M.Div.). The Council makes no evaluation of the administration, faculty, business practices, financial condition or quality of the offerings by this institution. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the Council at P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 or by email at degreeauthorization@wsac.wa.gov.

The exemption is programmatic and applies only to the programs listed. The credit-bearing courses that comprise the Diploma of Theological Studies are also granted religious exemption from the degree authorization requirements of Chapter 28B.85 RCW, however the diploma program itself is not to be included in the required statement.

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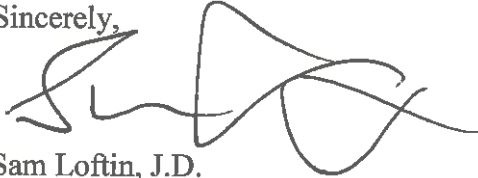
The Washington Student Achievement Council must be notified if any new programs are to be offered, if title changes are made to existing programs, or if the curricular content and/or objectives of existing programs are changed. Notification must be received prior to implementation and/or publication of changes made in the areas mentioned.

A copy of any modified catalog is to be submitted to the Council prior to distribution for review to ensure continued compliance with statutory and rule requirements.

It is understood that Central Baptist Theological Seminary will continue to maintain the conditions under which religious exemption from degree authorization has been granted. Should Central Baptist Theological Seminary wish to make any changes from the current conditions, notification must be made to this office and exemption granted prior to implementation of those changes.

This exemption does not represent an approval or endorsement by the Washington Student Achievement Council. You will be notified at least 120 days in advance that your next biennial report is due. If you have any questions regarding the above matters, please contact us at (360) 753-7869. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Loftin", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sam Loftin, J.D.
Associate Director of Consumer Protection