

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

RECOMMENDATION

Methodist Theological School in Ohio meets the Chancellor's standards, and the staff recommend continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2020, to coincide with the institution's next accreditation reaffirmation review with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC). The Chancellor may, in his judgment, withdraw authorization or require additional review if the institution fails to continue to meet the Chancellor's standards for authorization or is sanctioned by the Higher Learning Commission.

Profile: Methodist Theological School in Ohio, located in Delaware, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Originally established in 1958, the institution today serves nearly 250 students and aspires to "prepare and invigorate transformational leaders to engage the church and the world in leadership and service."

Accreditation/Authorization: Methodist Theological School in Ohio is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation from the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. The Chancellor has authorized the institution since September 1974.

Program Offerings: Methodist Theological School in Ohio offers the following degrees: Master of Arts, Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry.

Institutional Changes: Since the institution's last reauthorization review, the school has had a change in the presidency, expanded its program offerings to new delivery options, and expanded certain program offerings while reducing others to better align resources with student and community needs.

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End of Comment Period: February 17, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED


Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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