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CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: Christian Theological University in America, Owner
Christian Theological University in America
276 S. Rampart Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90057

INSTITUTION CODE: 65090578
CITATION NUMBER: 2021208
CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: March 11, 2021
DUE DATE: April 10, 2021
FINE AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00

ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: Yes

Christina Villanueva issues this Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement (Citation) in her official capacity as Discipline Manager of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to Christian Theological University in America, Owner of Christian Theological University in America (Institution) located at 276 S. Rampart Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90057, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.9; California Education Code (CEC) sections 94936 and 94932; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 75020 for the violations described below.

BACKGROUND

The Bureau’s Quality of Education Unit (QEU) determined that Institution’s pursuit of accreditation to obtain compliance with the Senate Bill No. 1247 mandate that provisionally approved degree-granting Institutions to become accredited per CEC section 94885.5 was not met. The Institution did not obtain pre-accreditation by the October 15, 2020 deadline. In addition, the Institution did not request an extension. On December 15, 2020, the Bureau issued an Order Suspending Approval to Operate Degree Granting Programs No. 1006540 to the Institution with an effective date of December 20, 2020.

VIOLATION

#	Below you will find the California Education Code (CEC) and/or Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR code) section(s) of law you are charged with violating.
1.	<p>Violation: CEC Section 94868. To Offer to the Public <i>"To offer to the public" means to advertise, publicize, solicit, or recruit."</i></p> <p>CEC Section 94897 (i)(3) Prohibited Business Practices <i>An institution shall not do any of the following:</i> <i>(i) Use a name in any manner improperly implying any of the following:</i></p>

(3) *The institution grants degrees, if the institution does not grant degrees.*

5, CCR Section 74250 (d)- Unaccredited Degree-Granting Institutions That Are Automatically Suspended

(d) Failure of any institution to comply with the requirements of this section will be considered a violation and subject to action by the Bureau.

On January 15, 2021, Bureau staff found that the Institution is advertising, and offering, the suspended degree programs on their website.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to abide by the Suspension Order issued on December 15, 2020 and provide the Bureau with the documentation and information as outlined in the Order Suspending the Degree programs.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$50,000.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$50,000.00

ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94936; and 5, CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fine in the amount of **\$50,000.00** for the violations described above.

Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5, CCR section 75020 the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. **Evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement must be submitted, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.**

APPEAL OF CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation through an informal conference with the Bureau; and/or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this Citation, you must submit the 'Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing' form (enclosed) within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation. *If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing within 30 days from the service of the Citation, you will not be able to request one at a later time.*

Unless a written request for an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing is signed by you and delivered to the Bureau by **April 10, 2021**, you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to appeal this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on **March 11, 2021**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **April 10, 2021**. Your payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged.

If a hearing is requested, you will not be required to comply with this Citation until 30 days after a final order is entered against you.

Payment of the administrative fine and/or written request for appeal must be mailed to:

Cheryl Lardizabal, Discipline Citation Program
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

Failure for an applicant or institution to abate the violation(s) listed above or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed may result in denial of an application for an approval or renewal to operate; disciplinary action, and/or collection action. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce this Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this Citation, or desire further information, please contact Cheryl Lardizabal, Citation Analyst, at Cheryl.Lardizabal@dca.ca.gov.

“Original signature on file”

“3/11/2021”

Christina Villanueva
Discipline Manager

Date

Enclosures

- Applicable Laws Violated
- Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First- Class Mail