

Association of Christian Theological Schools (ACTS)

Articles of Affiliation

An Auxiliary of the Kerygma Educational Network

Article I – Name and Identity

The name of this body shall be the Association of Christian Theological Schools (ACTS). ACTS exists as an auxiliary agency of the Kerygma Educational Network (KEN). The official seal and insignia of ACTS shall identify its affiliation with KEN.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of ACTS is to strengthen Christian theological schools committed to competency-based distance education, establish and maintain standards of quality, accountability, and theological fidelity, foster mutual recognition of competencies and credentials among member institutions, and serve as the accrediting and quality assurance arm of the Kerygma Educational Network.

Article III – Doctrinal Commitment

ACTS affirms the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed as foundational statements of Christian orthodoxy. All member institutions must affirm the authority of Holy Scripture and maintain fidelity to historic Christian teaching.

Article IV – Educational Relationship

ACTS functions as the accrediting and standards body within the Kerygma Educational Network. KEN institutions may apply directly for ACTS membership and recognition. ACTS may also extend accreditation to external institutions aligned with its values and standards.

Article V – Governance

A Board of Reference shall be appointed by KEN to advise on theological and educational fidelity. The Commission on Accreditation is empowered to review institutions, grant accreditation status, and enforce standards. An Executive Director shall be appointed by KEN leadership to oversee daily operations. ACTS shall submit annual reports to the KEN Executive Committee.

Article VI – Membership

Membership in ACTS is open to Christian theological institutions that affirm the doctrinal basis of ACTS, commit to competency-based education and distance learning standards, and agree to mutual recognition of competencies. Membership categories include Candidate, Accredited, and Affiliate.

Article VII – Finances

ACTS shall operate on a non-profit basis. Membership and accreditation fees will fund ACTS operations. ACTS is financially accountable to the Kerygma Educational Network.

Article VIII – Amendments

These Articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Commission on Accreditation, with ratification by the KEN Executive Committee.

Article IX – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all assets of ACTS shall revert to the Kerygma Educational Network. No funds or property shall inure to the personal benefit of any officer, director, or member.

Formal Adoption

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 20__, by the authority of: The Kerygma Educational Network and the Founding Commission of the Association of Christian Theological Schools (ACTS)