

**PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD**  
**February 5-7, 2014**  
**Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW Ministry Area**

**ITEM C.104**  
**FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
	A. Finance		E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance
	B. Justice		F. PC(USA), A Corporation
X	C. Leadership		G. Audit
	D. Worshiping Communities		H. Executive Committee
			J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
			P. Plenary

**Subject: Knoxville College**

**Recommendation: That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board vote to discontinue disbursements of the Christmas Joy Offering (CJO) to Knoxville College, as it is not accredited and does not meet the CJO Institutional Standards, as approved by the General Assembly.**

**Background:**

According to 1.D.1 of the Institutional Standards for Participating in the Christmas Joy Offering, "Institutions that are not accredited will have a three-year period in which to achieve accreditation."

After 16 years without accreditation, Knoxville College began seeking accreditation with the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) in 2012. On March 11, 2013, James Ephraim, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board member; Rhashell Hunter, Director of Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/PW; and Simone Adams-Andrade, Associate for Educational and Financial Support/Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges, visited Knoxville College. During this site visit, Knoxville's projected accreditation timeline included an appearance before the accrediting board at its fall 2013 meeting, with a possible decision by December 2013.

In April 2013, the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board voted to approve that a Christmas Joy Offering base grant be given to Knoxville College as it sought accreditation by December 2013, with the following stipulations:

- That Knoxville College will continue its process of seeking accreditation from the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) in 2013.
- That Knoxville College continue to have a Presbyterian Mission Agency Board representative serve in an ex-officio capacity on the college's board of trustees.
- That Knoxville College report to each Presbyterian Mission Agency Board meeting on the school's status, plans and progress, in its accreditation process, including providing an information report and a current financial report.

In addition, the continuation of the disbursement will be reviewed at the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board meeting in February 2014.

In November Dr. Horace Judson informed us of his retirement from his position as president of Knoxville College. Dr. Evelyn Hallman has been appointed to serve as the Colleges representative at the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board Meeting. Though Dr. Hallman has been selected to represent the school, no interim has been named to the office of president.

As of December 2013, Knoxville has not submitted any documentation indicating the institution will be granted accreditation.