



International News

Greetings to you all! I am sitting at my desk in my basement as I write this – as I’m guessing that many of you will be likewise at home when you read it. May is upon us, and we begin another month of working from home (ACSI offices have now been closed for 6 weeks). I know that many member schools around the world are looking at the likelihood of finishing this school year remotely. Who would have thought such a thing could be?

During this past week, Tim Shuman and I had Zoom group conversations with leaders from Europe, Africa, Latin America, and Asia. A common question was something along the lines of, “What are the plans for international accreditation visits?” That’s a difficult question and there are no easy answers, but here are some things that are known:

- International accreditation visits will be difficult, perhaps impossible, until this crisis is well on its way to being over. Some of the problems, other than the virus itself, include: schools still operating via distance learning, airlines not flying, airports closed, likely quarantines for visiting team members, finding willing and available team members, etc. Those are some pretty significant hurdles!
- We’re working now on guidelines and parameters for potentially doing some visits virtually. If this is able to happen, there will be definite requirements – such as schools have to be at least partially in session on campus.
- Some visits will be postponed with extensions granted on the current term. This will be done selectively and strategically.
- Schools with upcoming midterm visits will likely need only to submit a report with a possible follow up Zoom conversation.

We are in unprecedented times and we all are exploring solutions to unprecedented challenges. Kim and I will be in touch with each school expecting a visit as soon as we have more definite information.

For those of you that are fans of the *Lord of the Rings*, I’ll leave you with a quote from JRR Tolkien that I was recently reminded of by a good friend.

Frodo says, “I wish the Ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened.” Gandalf replies, “So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.”

Blessings to you all! You’re in our daily prayers!

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Academic Services News

Rescheduled Accreditation Team Visits

Some schools have team visits scheduled for this fall either because that is when they were originally scheduled, or because they have been rescheduled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. If schools open with less than full enrollment, ACSI will still plan to do the site visits if at all possible. Accreditation Directors will work with each school to determine if the visit can occur or if it will need to be rescheduled. If rescheduled, information will be sent to the school to help them refresh their self-study. The self-study will not have to be completely re-written. Contact the Accreditation Director in your area for more information.

ACSI Address Change

A few years ago, ACSI discontinued use of our PO Box address and now uses our physical address for all mail. We are discovering that many schools simply downloaded a copy of our application for certification years ago and continue to use that application for their teachers. The application itself has undergone a few changes over the last few years, including the mailing address, and we make ongoing adjustments as necessary to all of our ACSI forms. Therefore, we recommend individuals needing various documents to access them directly from our website. The certification documents can be found at www.acsi.org/certificationdocuments. For your reference, our physical address is:

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Content Area Reading

In 2016, ACSI added a content area reading course requirement to the Secondary Teacher and most All Levels Teacher certificates. Content area reading deals with helping students increase student literacy, fluency, and/or reading comprehension in a specific subject area, as the styles and vocabulary of written text may vary by subject area. Originally, this requirement had to be completed for college credit; however, we have

since allowed several **non-credit options** to fulfill this requirement, including ACSI's own [Secondary Content Area Reading Checklist](#). There is a \$25 charge to use ACSI's Secondary Content Area Reading Checklist to fulfill the requirement, but that document also includes other options teachers can utilize to fulfill the requirement.

Christian Philosophy of Education

There is a new, lower cost option for completing the Christian Philosophy of Education requirement. [Our Daily Bread University](#) offers an online module to fulfill the Christian Philosophy of Education. Once a participant completes both modules through Our Daily Bread University, the participant will receive a certificate of completion and a checklist of final requirements. Once the participant completes the final requirements, an administrator can sign that checklist in order for the participant to attach to the application for certification. This module is also worth one Bible CEU. Additionally, Our Daily Bread University has many other Bible CEU options.

Teachers and administrators will still be able to complete the [ACSI Christian Philosophy of Education Checklist](#), the [ACSI Europe Online Module](#), Fresno Pacific University's [EDU 933- Biblical Worldview Integration](#), or an approved course from one of our [ACSI HEAP Institutions](#).

ConNEXUS Premium Online Video Platform – FREE for two months!

From **April 15 – June 15, 2020**, ACSI is making [ConNEXUS Premium](#) available to **members free. Non-members** can take advantage of this for **\$50.00**. This free session will expire and be taken off of a user's account automatically on 6/15/20. Please contact careteam@acsi.org for more information.

ACSI CEU INFORMATION

An Important Note To ACSI CEU Provider Schools Regarding Right Now Media

Most of you know that approximately two years ago, ACSI and Right Now Media (RNM) partnered together through the CEU Provider program to offer quality Bible CEUs to our member schools. Undoubtedly, this has been enjoyed by many. Because of a RNM policy change, the Provider relationship that we have had with them has come to an end. Please know that this will **not** affect ACSI member CEU Provider schools and their ability to offer RNM content to their teachers. What this change does mean is that CEU Provider schools will submit any RNM content for approval and then award the earned CEUs by uploading them into the participant's VPP. This is the same process you currently follow with any course you wish to offer for CEUs. There will no longer be the need to assign a viewing to the teacher's RNM profile and then wait for a CEU certificate from RNM. You will no longer have to research which RNM viewings are available for you

to submit and which ones are not. If you are a RNM member, simply find any course you want to offer CEUs for and submit it for approval with ACSI. Of course, if you have any questions regarding this or any other CEU issue, don't hesitate to contact the [ACSI CEU Coordinator](#).

Earn CEUs From Home

During this time of uncertainty, please know that ACSI is doing everything we can to walk along side you and give you the tools that you need to be productive while you are working from home. Please know that your friends at ACSI are praying for you. I write this to remind you that, if you are an ACSI Accredited School, you are a CEU Provider, so you can offer online professional development courses to your teachers. Simply find the course(s) that you think will benefit your teachers in the classroom and submit them for approval. This enables your teachers to view their course at home, on their time AND earn ACSI CEUs for it. If you don't already know how this works, please contact the [ACSI CEU Coordinator](#). **Get started today!**

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