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Danney Perkins, DSC
Founder
Waterfalls Christian University
918 6th Street
San Leon, TX 77539

Dear Dr. Perkins:

Waterfalls Christian University, located in San Leon, Texas, has notified the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of its status as a religious postsecondary educational institution that will only offer online programs in religious studies. The institution will offer the following degrees:

- Associate degree in Biblical Studies;
- Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies;
- Bachelor's degree in Christian Technology;
- Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies & Theology;
- Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Divinity

Provided that Waterfalls Christian University's offered programs are, as you have informed us, entirely religious in nature, they fall within the exception for authorization in 19 Texas Administrative Code § 7.9 implementing *H.E.B. Ministries v. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,* 235 S.W.3d 627 (2007), and do not require approval of the Coordinating Board.

Please note that the professional certificates and high-school level programs mentioned in your submission do not appear to constitute "degrees" under 19 T.A.C. 7.9 and are therefore outside the scope of THCEB oversight for purposes of this letter.

Additionally, the use of the term "university" does not violate Texas Education Code, Chapter § 61.313 and 19 T.A.C. § 7.5, so long as Waterfall Christian University only offers religious degrees.

As a reminder, it is also necessary that Waterfall Christian University apply for and receive a license, exemption, or exclusion from Chapter 132 of the Texas Education Code through the Texas Workforce Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathie A. Maeyaert, Director - Private Postsecondary Institutions, at cathie.maeyaert@highered.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



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