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BETHANY COLLEGE SEEKS COMMENT FOR REACCREDITATION

LINDSBORG, Kan.—Bethany College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit November 15-17, 2010, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Bethany has been accredited by the HLC since 1932.

For nearly two years, Bethany College has engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the HLC's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the college to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will then recommend to the HLC a continuing status for Bethany; following a review process, the Commission itself will take final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to:

Public Comment on Bethany College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by October 15, 2010. Comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

The HLC is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provides institutional accreditation on a regular basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The HLC accredits approximately 1100 institutions of higher education in a 19-state region. The Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and

challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service.

Bethany College is on the Web at www.bethanylb.edu.