

Self-study Update

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Calvary enters its final six weeks of the self-study process on Monday, February 16th, as it seeks regional accreditation with Middle States Commission on Higher Education. On Monday, the seminary submits the final draft of its self-study document to the members of the MSCHE visiting team, completing a project two years in the making.

Following Monday's submission, the seminary will begin preparation for the March 29-April 1 site visit of the Middle States visiting team. The team, to be comprised of four members, will be chaired by Dr. Wayne McCown of Northeastern Seminary (Rochester, NY). The team's visit will culminate in the development of a formal recommendation to the Middle States Commission on whether Calvary should move from Candidate Status to accreditation. Upon reviewing the visiting team's recommendation, the Commission decide on the matter at their June meeting.

Visiting team chairperson Wayne McCown was a member of the first Middle States team to visit the seminary. The 2004 team considered Calvary's application for Candidate Status. Dr. McCown visited the seminary again on November 11, 2008, to review Calvary's initial draft of its self-study, which was completed October 29, 2008.

The self-study report is the result of collaborative efforts amongst a wide representation of the seminary community, including current students, alumni, faculty, staff, and board members. Chaired by New Testament professor Dr. Al Huss, the self-study team formed into small groups which spent the 2007-2008 academic year gathering information on how well the seminary is accomplishing its mission. Volumes of raw data, including financial information, institutional policies, student learning assessment results, and dozens of surveys and constituency assessments, contributed to the production of the seminary's self-study.