



November 13th, 2024

Deborah Gomes Oliveira, Dr.
President
FUST – Florida University of Theology
Subject: AAHEA’S Membership Certification.

Dear Dr. Deborah,

The board Welcomes your educational institutions to AAHEA - American Association for Higher Education!

We are pleased to send you on this date the Membership Certificates for your American Education Institution: **FUST – Florida University of Theology**

AAHEA has a long history of promoting higher education quality and standards:

- 1870: The AAHE was set up as the Department of Higher Education, one of the original departments of the National Education Association (NEA). The name was changed to the Association for Higher Education.
- 1967: The name was changed to the American Association for Higher Education.
- 1968: The AAHE became an independent organization from the NEA.
- 1969: The AAHEA was incorporated as a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., and Florida, where it stays active to this day.
- 2007: The name was changed to AAHEA, The American Association for Higher Education and Accreditation.

The AAHEA is also registered with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Tax Exempt and Government Entities section, the highest in the USA.

The AAHEA’s mission is to:

- Set standards and oversee education.
- Provide private accreditation and institutional validation.
- Be the world's leading source of higher education information.
- Equip individuals and institutions with the knowledge to bring about change.
- Provide forums for constructive conversations about difficult issues.
- Find and advocate practices that help individuals succeed in learning.
- Document and promote new concepts of scholarship.

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- Help institutions develop their abilities to make changes.
 - Increase student enrolment through our innovative networks.
 - A registered agent with the USA Presidential Volunteer Service Program.
 - International awards and recognitions programs.

Currently, AAHEA is set up and registered not only in the USA, but also in Sierra Leone, Zambia, and Liberia, as well as aiding the newly formed government, The State of Birland. AAHEA is a general consultant to the dream of this new country.

Administrators, students, trustees, faculty, public officials, and interested individuals from all segments of post-secondary education. AAHEA seeks to clarify and resolve critical issues in post-secondary education through conferences, publications, and special projects.

AAHEA provides programmatic and intellectual leadership in higher education. Its members are faculty, administrators, and students who step beyond their academic specialties to develop programs and practices that are effective at improving teaching and learning. Through its members, AAHEA promotes effective change at the campus, state, and national levels Information Literacy Goals, Areas of Interest, Publications, Standards, etc.

With the current trend in education, we believe the AAHEA has the most recognized and respected non-governmental accreditation available internationally and is certainly the oldest.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Stephen R. Barnhart'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Stephen' being the most prominent.

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