

Subject: Date Correction in ATS Notice
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From: Starr King School for the Ministry
To: Huffman, Xander



Dear Starr King students,

Last Friday, we shared with you the decision from the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to reaffirm Starr King School for the Ministry's accreditation for a period of five years. Along with this reaffirmation came a warning that we are "at risk of not meeting" ATS Standard 10.3 pertaining to financial resources. Specifically, ATS has asked Starr King to demonstrate additional efforts toward achieving "sufficient and stable revenue streams and financial resources to achieve [our] mission with educational quality and financial stability."

We originally noted that this report would be submitted to ATS by November 1, 2027, per the letter from the Board of Commissioners. Shortly after we shared this information, we were notified by ATS that their action letter contained an incorrect due date. Rather, we are to submit a report to ATS documenting these efforts **by November 1, 2026**.

As noted in our message last week, our situation is far from unique. Across theological and higher education, many schools are experiencing the same financial headwinds as we are. All of us at Starr King are taking this warning seriously: the school's trustees and administration, combined with the faculty and staff, are taking a more focused look at ways Starr King can increase donor support, enhance student recruitment, and make efficient use of our resources. As we continue to think creatively in this ever changing landscape, we will share more on these efforts as we advance this important work for our beloved school.

Thank you for journeying with us in this work.

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