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## **Bible Content Examination Non-Credit Requirement M.Div. Students of The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada stipulates that all students who are certified by a Presbytery within the PCC must demonstrate competency in the English Bible. The College has tried over the years to find ways to fulfill this requirement in a way that not only achieves this goal but is helpful to students. At one time, the College had started College Hours which were classes set during each term. Bible Content was one of those classes. Feedback from students was that, when combined with the work load at McGill, the additional work was too difficult. Students who were taking five classes at McGill were also taking an additional two classes per term through the College Hours classes.

To try to address this problem, the faculty developed a daily reading program, working through various sections of the Bible, with tests after each section. This placed an additional burden on the Librarian, who was overseeing this program as well as creating the need for a rather complicated record keeping function. Students who fell behind in the readings found it hard to catch up.

Given that students come into the College with various levels of Biblical literacy, the faculty has once more reviewed the Bible Content course and has made the decision to give greater freedom to students to work within their own time frames and study methods. In this new regime, students will be able to take the exam regarding Bible content whenever they feel prepared to do so. The exam is posted on the webpage of the College in order to give students the opportunity to review what is expected in terms of Biblical literacy.

When students believe they have obtained that level of literacy, they may make an appointment with the Librarian to write the exam. Students may write the exam whenever they feel ready to do so. However, PCC students must complete the exam before entering the In Ministry Year. A grade of 80% or higher is required.

[Note: Students who have been following the previous guidelines for the Bible Content course may complete that course and will not be required to write the new exam. They should make an appointment with the Librarian to complete any outstanding assignments.]

The Bible exam is required only of candidates for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada although all students are encouraged to take the exam to ensure their own level of Biblical literacy.

The College continues to encourage all students to develop the habit of daily scripture reading and prayer. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to the Principal.