

**Renewal of Memorandum of Agreement
September 1, 2004**

Between:

THE JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AFFILIATED WITH MCGILL
UNIVERSITY (PARTY OF THE FIRST PART)

AND:

THE MONTREAL DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (PARTY OF THE
SECOND PART)

AND:

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL (PARTY OF THE THIRD PART)

AND:

THE UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL (PARTY OF THE FOURTH
PART)

Whereas The Joint Board of Theological Colleges Affiliated with McGill University ,
The Montreal Diocesan Theological College, The Presbyterian College, Montreal and
The United Theological College, Montreal adopted a memorandum of agreement in 1987
(Appendix A);

Whereas the parties continue to adhere to the principles and objectives for ecumenical
cooperation in theological education set out in the 1987 memorandum of agreement;

Whereas the parties have agreed to a new mission statement, a revision of governance
structures, and the adoption of a new public name for THE JOINT BOARD OF
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES IN AFFILIATION WITH MCGILL UNIVERSITY;

Wherefore These Present Witness:

1. COMMITMENT

In accordance with the stated purpose of the Joint Board (Charter, Section 3), the
parties to this agreement renew their commitment to work for the greatest
ecumenical cooperation possible. It is understood that the colleges will have their
own denominational theologies, objectives and concerns but they will seek to
pursue these in light of their understanding of and fundamental commitment to the
one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, in which they believe and which, by
God's grace, they strive to manifest.

2. 1987 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (Appendix A)

The parties to this agreement renew their commitment to the 1987 Memorandum of Agreement with the amendments noted below, the parties having agreed to adopt the amendments by the actions of their respective governing bodies.

3. MISSION STATEMENT

The Joint Board is committed "to advance cooperation of theological colleges in the training of candidates and students for the ministry of the Christian Church and for other forms of Christian service" as stated in the original documents of incorporation. Its mission is to assist, to support or to lead this partnership depending on the needs of a given time.

At this point in the Joint Board's history, the mission goals provide a focused vision with a view to creating a renewed leadership role, aiming to serve Christian faith communities locally, nationally and internationally. (Mission Goals and Action Plans, Appendix B)

4. MONTREAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The public name of THE JOINT BOARD OF THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES is THE MONTREAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY/ECOLE THEOLOGIQUE DE MONTREAL.

5. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The parties agree to the revised FORM OF GOVERNMENT (Appendix C) including provision for the Composition of the Board, the Powers of the Board, the Officers and Terms of office, the Director of the Montreal School of Theology, Frequency of Meetings, Quorum, the Academic Committee of the Montreal School of Theology, and the Consultation Process on College Appointments.

6. STUDENTS AND SHARING OF EXPENSE

The parties renew their commitment to the admissions policies and formula for the sharing of expenses as set forth in the 1987 memorandum of agreement (Appendix A).

7. REGULATIONS FOR THE MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM

The parties agree to abide by the regulations for the Master of Divinity degree and the Diploma in Ministry program as adopted by THE MONTREAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (Appendix D).

8. TERM

The term of this agreement shall be for three (3) years commencing on the First day of September 2004 and shall be automatically renewed for further periods of three years each until notice of limitation is given in writing by any party hereto to the others on or before the first day of February of the last year of each such three (3) year period.

9. AMENDMENT PROVISION

Any party wishing to raise a matter involving amendment to the text of the Memorandum of Agreement as renewed and revised shall do so prior to the First day of February in any year in which the agreement falls due for renewal. The texts of the various appendices may be amended during the life of the Memorandum of Agreement. Any such amendments must be approved by the Joint Board upon recommendation of the Academic Committee, and ratified by each of the respective governing bodies involved.

In witness whereof the parties have signed and executed the present agreement, in quadruplicate, on the date shown

**THE JOINT BOARD OF THE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AFFILIATED
WITH MCGILL UNIVERSITY**

Per: *Dr. DeSilva*
Jan Luter

THE MONTREAL DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Per: *+ Barry Montreal*
Therese Tracy

THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL

Per: *John D. Vickers*
[Signature]

THE UNITED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL

Per: *[Signature]*
Barbara Sykes

Dated: October 19, 2005