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### **Quebec National Assembly Approves Presbyterian College's Charter Amendment**

On June 10, 2010 the Quebec National Assembly adopted Bill 223, An Act Respecting The Presbyterian College of Montreal. The primary purpose of the legislation was to update and regularize the language with respect to the degrees granted by the Presbyterian College.

The Presbyterian College was incorporated under an act in 1865 which was amended in 1880 to include the authority to grant the degrees Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) and Doctor of Divinity (D.D., honoris causa).

In its recent history, The Presbyterian College has offered the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) through its affiliation with the Montreal School of Theology. The College is now authorized to grant the degrees Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) on the basis of its own charter. The College will continue to offer the Master of Divinity program conjointly with the Faculty of Religious Studies of McGill University and the Montreal School of Theology.

The amendment acknowledges the College's distinguished history in Quebec as a degree-granting theological school at the post-baccalaureate level and strengthens its work for the future.

The College wishes to express its thanks to Geoffrey Kelley, the Member for Jacques Cartier, who introduced and supported the charter amendment as a private member's bill.

The bill was supported by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, Michelle Courchesne, and by the Commission on Education and Culture.

We also wish to thank Mark Phillips, a lawyer and member of the Board of Governors, who acted on behalf of the College.

The Presbyterian College is a theological college of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, affiliated with McGill University's Faculty of Religious Studies, and a constituent college of the Montreal School of Theology.

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