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Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Commission d'évaluation de la qualité de l'éducation postsecondaire

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The Honourable Mary Anne Chambers
Minister, Training Colleges and Universities
3rd floor, 900 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from the Institute for Christian Studies to offer a
Master of Arts (Philosophy) program:
Recommendation to Grant Consent**

Pursuant to section 5 (1) of the *Post-secondary Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, the Institute for Christian Studies applied for your consent to offer a Master of Arts (Philosophy) degree program. In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, you referred the application on March 2, 2004, to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accord with its *Handbook for Private Organizations (June 2003)*. The submission, the reports of the institutional and quality assessment panels, and the applicant's response were considered by the Board at its meeting of June 17, 2004.

Based on:

- the program proposal submitted by the applicant,
- the findings of the Organizational Review Committee appointed by the Board to assess this program against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a master's degree program,
- the applicant's response to the committee's report,
- the findings of the Quality Assessment Panel appointed by the Board to assess this program against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a master's degree program,
- the applicant's response to the panel's report,
- any additional materials and commitments provided by the applicant to the Board, and
- the Board's assessment of all this information,

The Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board recommends that you **grant consent** to the Institute for Christian Studies to offer a Master of Arts (Philosophy) program.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Patterson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale Patterson,
Chair

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Bob Christie, Deputy Minister, MTCU
Kevin French, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Postsecondary Division, MTCU
Frances Lamb, Acting Director, Universities Branch, MTCU