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From: "Wade, Leroy" <Leroy.Wade@dhe.mo.gov>
Date: Monday, July 24, 2017 at 2:36 PM
To: Dan Howell <dhowell@northpoint.edu>
Subject: Application Request

Dear Dr. Howell:

This is in response to your request for an application for exemption from Missouri's statutes regulating private postsecondary education providers. I am happy to provide the following information.

With regard to the delivery of online programs to Missouri residents, Missouri certification standards use the concept of physical presence to determine program jurisdiction with regard to both exemption and certification to operate. Those standards define physical presence as "any person or location within the state of Missouri where, from, or through which a school operates for the purpose of conducting an activity relating to postsecondary education, including the granting of certificates or degrees, or for the purpose of recruiting students. Location is defined to include any address, physical site, electronic device, or telephone number within or originating from within the boundaries of the state of Missouri. Physical presence shall also mean a formally scheduled instructional interaction organized by or through a school taking place between two or more students and/or instructors within the state of Missouri."

If the distance education programs of Northpoint Bible College establish such a presence, the school will need to seek formal certification to operate or exemption from those requirements. If no presence is established, the school is not considered to be operating in Missouri and is not subject to our oversight requirements and would not be eligible for formal exemption as well. Most distance education delivery falls into this second category. We do, however, request that institutions delivering distance education programs to Missouri residents conform to the principles of good practice for distance education established by this agency. A copy of those principles is attached for your reference.

Based on the information contained in your message, it would appear your institution will be eligible for exemption upon establishment of a physical presence. As that time approaches, please let us know and we would be happy to provide you with the appropriate application materials. However, we anticipate the application process will change substantially in the near future so providing the exemption application at this time would be counterproductive.

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Type of Application *

To seek exemption from certification standards

What type of school do you plan to establish?

Northpoint Bible College is a ministerial training school. We are located in Haverhill, MA. We offer an Associate of Arts in Bible and Theology, a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, and a Master of Arts in Practical Theology. We only offer degrees that prepare individuals for vocational ministry. We hold accreditation with the state of MA, Association of Biblical Higher Education, and have submitted an Eligibility Report to NEASC.

Currently we would like to offer online education for our AA and BA degrees. Within the next one to three years we would like to establish physical presence in MO to offer all three of our degrees.

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