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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and the [Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#) will open a comment period relative to **the Articles of Amendment filed by Northpoint Bible College to offer the Master of Divinity.**

Northpoint Bible College was established as the Zion Bible Institute in 1924 in East Providence, Rhode Island to "conduct and maintain a ministerial training institute." and was incorporated on April 6, 1941. In 1994, the institution changed its name to Zion Bible College and was approved by the Board of Governors for Higher Education for the State of Rhode Island as a four-year, baccalaureate degree-granting college. The College is legally constituted as a nonprofit organization, accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). Northpoint Bible College became an Assemblies of God college in the fall of 1999. Northpoint Bible College was formerly located in Barrington, RI but moved to the Haverhill location in 2008. The College changed its name from Zion Bible College to Northpoint Bible College in January 2013.

The College is authorized to grant an Associate of Arts in Bible and Theology, a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, a Master of Arts in Practical Theology, and a one-year certificate in Biblical Studies. In its current petition, Northpoint Bible College seeks authority to award to offer a Master of Divinity.

The public comment period for the Articles of Amendment filed by Northpoint Bible College to offer the Master of Divinity begins on January 17, 2024, and will close three weeks thereafter, on February 7, 2024.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on February 7, 2024, by directing the same to the following:

Email:

PublicComment@dhe.mass.edu

Postal Mail:

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Attn: Kristen Stone, Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Northpoint Master of Divinity." in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for the submission of public comments or information regarding the submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Kristen Stone.