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**TO:** Course of Study Directors

**FROM:** Rev. Dr. Trip Lowery, Assistant General Secretary of Ministry and Formation  
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

**RE:** Online Course Provision Exception Extended

Due to changes in the educational landscape initiated by COVID protocols and identified student need, **GBHEM is extending the exception allowing regional schools to offer fully online courses through June 2024** in addition to hybrid and residential/in-person courses. Extension and satellite schools will be allowed to offer hybrid and residential/in-person courses.

For your reference, here is the University Senate definition of those categories:  
*On-line.* Less than 50% of course time is in a setting where faculty and students are together in person on the school's main campus or approved extension site.  
*Hybrid/Blended.* More than 50% of class time is in a setting where faculty and students are in person on the school's main campus or approved extension site.

If you have any questions related to the MEF distributions, do not hesitate to contact us at [cos@gbhem.org](mailto:cos@gbhem.org).