

Report to MB CHURCHES OF CANADA'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A VERY LITTLE SCHOOL SOMEWHERE IN QUEBEC ...

It was 1976. The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (CCMBC) caught onto the importance of providing Quebec with its own French-language Theological and pastoral formation, right here in Laval, Quebec. It would no longer be necessary for Québécois Christians to fill their suitcases for the long trip west. In their backyard would be the *petite Institut Biblique Laval (IBL)*. Those early leaders knew that the Church of tomorrow would need disciples trained to serve and lead in this unique cultural and spiritual setting. Later our little school would gain a strategic partner, *Université de Montréal*, and change its name to *École de Théologie Évangélique de Montréal (EEM)*. More recently, our little school would take another audacious step and «adopt» a *second* Church parent, one with a similar heart and vision for Quebec. Since 2016, our Quebec school belongs both to the Mennonite Brethren Church and to the Christian and Missionary Alliance under the name of *École de Théologie Évangélique du Québec (ETEQ)*. Our little-school-that-became-not-so-little has over **100 students** studying at the Bachelor, Masters and the Doctorate levels and **23 teachers** who in very great part hold a doctorate in Theology. The school that now partners with *Université Laval* has 8 key MB teachers and (who would have believed!) now also offers a minor in Pastoral Studies- all in English!

... THAT GREW, GREW AND GREW

Our 8 core values:

*** **Faithfulness** to Scripture *** Academic **rigour** *** **Transformation** of individuals and Faith communities
 *** **Service** in view of the common good *** Authentic **Community** based on humble listening and dialogue
 *** **Openness** to others with the midst of their differences *** Quebec **culture** as a reality to be respected and influenced *** **Partnership** as the pathway towards fruitful Evangelical mission

We have outgrown our donor base and **a renewal of individual and Church donors is our main focus** after having spent 2 years restructuring so as to reduce our expenses. Today we have for the first time since a very, very long time, our very own emergency fund equal to 1.5 months of operations. God is good. And so are his people. Our revenues of \$ 778,000 for the 12 months ending June 30, 2020:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student tuition	\$ 164 000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mennonite Brethren subsidy (including rent)	\$ 179 000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canadian Alliance subsidy	\$ 144 000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donations (individuals, Churches, businesses)	\$ 201 000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal salary subsidies March-June (COVID-19)	\$ 62 000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sale of books and course readings AND other	\$ 28 000

What a joy it is to serve God's kingdom through ETEQ and the Mennonite Brethren!