

## **CCMBC Executive Board Provincial Conference Report**

**Province: Quebec**

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### **1. Headlines and Highlights**

Strengthening of the provincial board adding 3 persons under 40 in the last year.

Beginning of consultation to produce a Strategic plan for Quebec

Reducing staff from a 3/4 time provincial minister and expensive accountant to a less expensive accountant and a communications person.

A very successful fundraising program for Camp Péniel

Increased enrolment at ÉTEQ and the beginning of minimal financial reserves there

We have pushed incorporation of individual churches and 6 out of 9 have completed it.

1 church closed, partly due to COVID.

### **2. Finances**

2.1. Projected Year-end outcome (Size of surplus or deficit)

Suspected small surplus (\$3000).

2.2.

Lowered or New Commitments : Plan to resume contribution to CCMBC: \$6000 budgeted for 2021

### **3. Major Decisions at Spring 2021 Provincial Convention**

3.1. Election of a new chair in April: Nathan Whatley

Affirmation of a provincial ethical code developed prior to the upcoming revised national code.

3.2. What changes in Provincial representation to CCMBC either on the EB, NMT, or NFLT do you foresee?

None

### **4. Clouds and Challenges on the horizon**

What “figurative storm clouds” do you see on your province’s horizon?

What challenges do you foresee in the next two years?

-The long-term consequences of the pandemic on our congregations are difficult to assess

-The renewing of our pastoral leadership (especially for French-speaking churches)

-The lack of a younger generation to take charge of the Qc MB churches

-Social changes raising theological questions (same-sex marriages, women’s leadership, race relations, etc.)