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Dear friends of the CFEB,

Warm greetings to you from the Canadian Friends of the École Biblique! We wish you all the best for this fall and hope that very soon all of us will be past the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once again, we are pleased to offer you the latest full-colour issue of *Nouvelles de Jérusalem* and the Fall 2021 newsletter of the Canadian Friends. If you would prefer to receive *Nouvelles de Jérusalem* electronically, please contact Tim Hegedus at cfeb.aceb@gmail.com.

News from the École Biblique:

Father Jean-Jacques Pérennès, director of the École Biblique, informs us that the school year is now underway and that all students have obtained their visas and are studying in person at the École. We are so thankful that the situation at the École has improved so much as compared to last year!

News from the Board:

We are sad to report the passing of **Edward Jackman** on June 18, 2021, after a brief illness. Ed was a founding member of the CFEB; he supported the CFEB generously, served as secretary-treasurer since the first meetings in 1996, and attended almost every Board meeting since then. A tribute from the CFEB is being planned in Ed's memory; more information about this will be made available as soon as possible.

This past June, the Board also bid farewell to Marie de Lovinfosse, CDN, who joined our Board in 2018 after earning her Doctorate in Theology (Biblical Studies) from the Dominican University College in Ottawa. From 2014-17, she was élève titulaire at the École Biblique, receiving three successive scholarships from the Canadian Friends. Marie has moved to Liège, Belgium, where she is now working in Biblical formation and pastoral ministry.

At our most recent meeting, the following were elected to fill three vacancies on the Board:

- **Dr. Elaine Champagne** holds a Ph.D. in Practical Theology from the Université de Montreal (2002). She is Associate Professor (professeure agrégée) at the Université Laval (Québec, QC) where she has taught Spirituality and Practical Theology since 2014. She was a postdoctoral student at the École Biblique during the year 2003.

- **Patrick Martin** is a former editor and foreign correspondent for *The Globe and Mail*. As Global Affairs writer, Patrick's primary focus was on the Middle East. He was twice posted to the region – from 1991 to 1995 and from 2008 to 2012. In between, he served as The Globe's Foreign Editor and as Comment Editor.
- **Dr. Daniel Machiela** is Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. An expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls, he has twice received scholarships from the CFEB.

For more information, check out our websites:

If you wish more information about the École, be sure to visit the **École website**, which is updated frequently with articles, events, lectures and videos. See: <http://www.ebaf.edu/en/>
And don't forget to check the **Canadian Friends' website**: in English at <https://www.cfebweb.ca> and in French at <https://www.acebweb.ca>. The website is updated regularly.

Our Scholarships:

Although last year our regular advertisement for the scholarship program was suspended because of the Covid situation and travel and visa restrictions, two short-term scholarships were awarded:

- Lynn Mills, a Canadian Ph.D. student at Trinity College, Dublin, is spending a month at the École this fall researching the concepts of water and spirit in the context of the construction of the self in the community at Qumran
- Dr. Daniel Machiela, from McMaster University, will spend a month at the Ecole Biblique in the winter, researching and writing a book on the intellectual and historical background of the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls.

As well, Dr. Isabelle Lemelin, a PhD graduate of the Université du Québec à Montréal and a post-doctoral researcher at CÉGÉP Édouard-Montpetit in Longueuil, QC, is now able to take up the scholarship she was awarded earlier. From January to May 2022, she will work at the École on a narratological study of the feminine characters in the four books of the Maccabees and on their reception in patristic and rabbinic literature. She is the first recipient of the new Couturier Scholarship, named in honour of Father Guy Couturier, CSC, a founding member of the CFEB who served as our President from 2000 to 2009, and then President Emeritus until he retired from the Board in 2011.

Dr. Alicia Batten, a professor of Religious Studies at Conrad Grebel University College at the University of Waterloo, hopes to conduct research on the Letter of James at the École as soon as conditions allow.

Please note that our regular scholarship program is recommencing this fall. Information about applications was circulated in October, with applications accepted until the end of January. Results will be announced in February 2022. For more information, please contact Tim Hegedus.

Your Support:

We are deeply thankful to all who contribute to the Canadian Friends of the École Biblique! Special thanks to those who have donated to the CFEB during the Covid-19 pandemic. Please remember that in addition to our regular scholarships, we now offer two named scholarships – one in honour of **Father Philippe LeBlanc**, OP, a priest and international human rights activist who was a founding member and long-time Vice President of the CFEB, and the other, as mentioned above, in honour of **Father Guy Couturier**, a long-time professor of religion at the University of Montreal, a founder of *Les Anciens Amis de l'École Biblique* in Montreal and a founding member of the CFEB.

If you wish to contribute to either scholarship, the procedure is the same as making a regular contribution – but please add the name of the scholarship to which you wish to contribute.

Funds donated to the CFEB also provide funding for the École library and IT upgrades as well as other projects of the École Biblique.

How you may contribute:

- You may fill in the enclosed donation form and send us a cheque by mail.
- Or, you may donate on line at:<https://www.cfebweb.ca> (in English) and <https://www.acebweb.ca> (in French).Just click on the heading ‘To Make a Donation.’
- Our website also has a direct link to **CanadaHelps**, Simply click on the CanadaHelps link on the CFEB Home Page.

With appreciation and best wishes,

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