

## Breaking news: 2 francophone schools become one in Christ's name



Formerly ETEM/IBVIE

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We are delighted to present to you:

**École de théologie évangélique du Québec**, abbreviated as **ETEIQ**

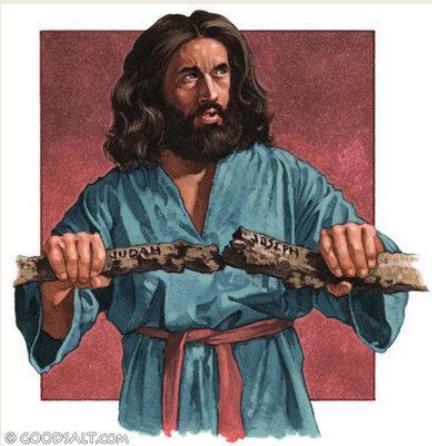
The new identity ETEIQ<sup>1</sup>, takes elements from the two denominational school histories:

- ✓ From the Mennonite Brethren: École de théologie évangélique de Montréal (ÉTEM), formerly Institut Biblique Laval (IBL), and;
- ✓ From the Christian and Missionary Alliance: Institut Biblique VIE (IBVIE) and a CMA predecessor called ETAQ (Enseignement théologique de l'Alliance au Québec).

With the blessing of their church families ETEM and IBVIE have joined as one school, partnering with other schools and universities to prepare women and men to serve Jesus Christ in the francophone world. Over the past 5 years of operating together, the two schools have developed 3 certificate programs, one bachelor's degree and a new master's degree.

We believe ÉTEIQ will continue to serve God's Kingdom in many ways. To name a few:

- ✓ Setting an example of how Christian groups can work together in a secular, post-Catholic context;
- ✓ Establishing an economy of scale – better use of financial and human resources;
- ✓ Building a solid base of well trained, professional teachers and staff;
- ✓ Building partnerships where few have existed before;
- ✓ Strengthening our relationship with Laval University.



In the book of Ezekiel, particularly in Ez. 37:15-22, we read of symbolic events that seem to speak into this kind of joining together what would normally have stayed separate. Ezekiel holds up two pieces of wood inscribed with the names (Judah and Joseph), to show that what was once distinct is now to be joined. There is no doubt that this passage may be a basis for a wide variety of interpretation and application, however, in the case of our two schools becoming one, we take as our example this image of two pieces becoming one, two schools uniting under God.

Will you join us in praying for the men and women who study and serve at ETEIQ? May each and every one be better prepared to know and serve Christ wherever he or she may be called!



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<sup>1</sup> The use of “du” instead of “de” in the name changes the geographical focus from the narrow designation Montreal or Quebec City to include the whole Province of Quebec, which is the primary region we serve.