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*News from l'Église réformée du Québec.  
Missions in French-speaking North America.*

## L'ÉRQ NEWSLETTER

Missions Report from l'Église réformée du Québec

### ERQ Newsletter – December 2020

#### Ordination during COVID



With joy and thanksgiving to our Lord, St. Paul's Reformed Church in Repentigny witnessed on August 30th **the ordination of their new pastor, Olivier Imbernon**. After nearly two years of waiting, during which the Lord providently



During the celebration, including hand washings, sanitary masks, and social distancing, we had the privilege of being edified by Pastor Karis Mpindi whose sermon reminded us of the pastoral implications of God's personal love for his children. The culminating moment of the ordination service – the laying on of hands – was a demonstration of the support of sister churches for our new pastor. As the service concluded, **Pastor Olivier reiterated his desire to be a servant serving the church**, rather than being served by her, as do false teachers who pervert the noble calling.

St. Paul's Reformed Church is infinitely grateful to God for the arrival of Olivier, his wife Ridieska and their daughter, Hava. Their arrival reminds us that Christ is building his church, and that he will always provide. We wish Pastor Olivier a blessed ministry, so that he might leave a lasting mark on our Repentigny congregation by making God know to our community. **Welcome among us, dear friend and pastor!**

- Georges-Émile Durand

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## Better Connections

*Frustrations!* We have all experienced them during this pandemic and particularly during confinement. The Reformed Churches in the province of Quebec, the province the hardest hit by the COVID-19 outbreak, have also faced frustrations as they seek to gather for public worship and to provide pastoral care. How do we shepherd a flock that we cannot meet in church and visit in their homes? How do we grow in the fellowship of the saints if you cannot see one another?





- Twice during the past months, **the pastors and elders of the five ERQ congregations met online simply to share and pray.** We heard reports from each congregation, discussed challenges of livestreaming, and gave advice about difficult issues – How do you celebrate the Lord's Supper? Ironically, confinement caused us to be better connected as church leaders.
- Confinement has forced us to develop online resources. Four of our churches have their own YouTube channels. **Sermon videos can also be watched and easily shared.** We are connecting better with a wider audience of believers throughout the French-speaking world.
- **Mid-week studies of the Word and our Reformed confessions have increased attendance!** Rather than travel fifteen, thirty or forty minutes to get to a study, members can connect better from the comfort of their homes.
- The ERQ synod in November received **fraternal greetings from three sister churches.** Our meeting was held online. Fraternal delegates were able to simply connect, without hours of travel. We are connecting better with brothers and sisters throughout North America.



While we are thankful to our Lord for these unexpected blessings, we nevertheless long for the joy of singing, *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"* (Ps.122.1)

- Bernard Westerveld

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## Our Churches on YouTube



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## THE ERQ CHURCHES

*Please visit their respective websites regarding COVID measures.*

### **Saint-Georges – Église chrétienne réformée de Beauce**

**Pastor:** Mario Veilleux

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**Worshipping at 10:15 AM**

**Tel: 418-227-0134**

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### **Montréal – Église réformée St-Jean**

**Pastor:** Karis Mpindi

[karis.mpindi@gmail.com](mailto:karis.mpindi@gmail.com)

**Church services held at YWCA**

1355, boulevard René-Lévesque Ouest (corner Crescet St.)

Montréal, QC H3G 1T3

**Worshipping at 10:30 AM**

**Tel: 438-502-7682**

[erq.qc.ca/stjean](http://erq.qc.ca/stjean)

### **Repentigny (North shore of Montreal) – Église réformée St-Paul**

**Church service held at** Centre À-Nous (community center)

50, rue Thouin, Repentigny, QC J6A 4J4

**Worshipping at 10 AM**

**Tel: 450-932-0991**

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### **Quebec City – Église réformée St-Marc de Québec**

**Pastor:** Bernard Westerveld

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**Worshipping at 8:30 AM, 9:45 AM and 11 AM**



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