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Spring Notice for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Programme
The CSBS 2022 Annual Meeting will take place on Monday May 30 to Wednesday June 1, 2022. The current draft of the programme is available here.

This meeting will be held virtually using the Zoom platform and it will be hosted independently of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities.

In order to present or to attend the 2022 Annual Meeting, you must be a current member of CSBS and have registered for the virtual meeting.

Steps for registration are as follows:

1. Renew or apply for CSBS membership (https://csbs-sceb.ca/register/).
2. Register for the 2021 Annual Meeting on Eventbrite. A small registration fee will be charged ($20 for full members; $10 for student, unwaged, and retired members).
3. After you register on Eventbrite, you will receive a separate email confirmation (no more than 48-72 hours after you have registered online) from the Programme Co-ordinator. This email will contain further detail about the meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Agnes Choi, Programme Co-ordinator (choiaa@plu.edu).

Student Affairs and Involvement
CSBS greatly values student involvement. Students may submit proposals to read papers in either special or general sessions, and they are encouraged to enter the student essay competition. First-time student presenters are welcome, and are required to submit a letter of endorsement from a professor with their submission of a paper proposal to any general or special session. If you have any questions, please contact the student liaison officer, Morgyn Babins (morgyn.babins@mail.utoronto.ca).

Please consider a donation this year to the Dietmar Neufeld Student Travel Fund, the link for which (https://csbs-sceb.ca/donate/) is found on the renewals page of our website. Your support can help offset the (often high) travel costs for student members who will present papers or prepared responses at future in-person events. Many of us have benefited from travel support in the past, so if you are able, please do consider even a modest donation to the Travel Fund this year.

Prizes
The CSBS Executive is also sharing information on the **Sir Robert Falconer Award**. The Falconer Award is named after the founding President of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Its purpose is to assist Society members' research, by providing $1500.00 to support a

limited period of time at a study centre, library, museum, or archaeological excavation appropriate to biblical studies and relevant to their research. Given uncertainties around travel in the near future, the CSBS Executive will determine the feasibility of this award in the 2022 year and communicate accordingly. **The deadline for this prize is currently set as May 15, 2022.**

The Executive

The CSBS Executive this year is composed of seven members: Colleen Shantz (President), Judith Newman (Vice-President), Mark Leuchter (Executive Secretary), Laura Hare (Treasurer & Membership Secretary), Matthew Thiessen (Communications Officer), Agnes Choi (Programme Coordinator), and Morgyn Babins (Student Liaison Officer).

Nominations currently stand for the following positions:

- Vice-President
- Programme Co-ordinator
- Student Liaison Officer

Fundraising

The CSBS continues to depend on regular donations from its members to sustain the health of the society. This is more important than ever, since SSHRC funding to support student travel was withdrawn in 2012. Hence, your donations to the CSBS's Dietmar Neufeld Student Travel Fund, matter now more than ever. Please consider a donation via the link on our CSBS web page (https://csbs-sceb.ca/donate/). On this page, donations to support our other worthy funds (such as prize monies for our Book Awards) are also welcome; please see the tab 'make a donation to the CSBS' and specify how you would like your donation directed. In light of this, at some point in the next few months you may receive a letter from our President encouraging you to donate **to our special funds earmarked for prizes, special lectures, publications, and travel needs for those students whose institutions cannot support them**. *Please do consider the request seriously*. The society is in adequate financial shape in terms of its ability to meet general costs, thanks to the efforts of many of its members over the years, and also thanks to previous society Treasurers and the Endowment Committee, chaired by Bob Derrenbacker (other members include Wayne McCready and Richard Ascough, in addition to the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer & Membership Secretary). An increase in travel and operational costs, however, in combination with a tightening of the purse strings at SSHRC, means that **member support is more important than ever**. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Electronic Communication

Our communications with the CSBS membership take place primarily via email newsletters. If you have contact information changes, please make these revisions in the member login areas of the CSBS website. For matters related to Society communications or newsletter submissions, please contact Communications Officer, Matthew Thiessen (matthew.thiessen@mcmaster.ca). CSBS also shares news and resources on social media through Twitter and Facebook.

Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

The CSBS is a contributing member of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (www.fedcan.ca). The CFHSS continues to lobby the federal government to increase the research budget for the humanities and the social sciences.

Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion

The CSBS continues to have an important voice in the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion. The current President of the CCSR is Mathieu Boisvert, Université du Québec à Montréal. The CSBS Executive Secretary is our society's representative to the corporation. The CCSR continues to oversee the publication of Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses through Sage Publishing, and scholarly books through McGill-Queen's University Press. The book publication programme includes the book series *Studies in Christianity and Judaism*, edited by Richard Ascough, and *Advancing Studies in Religion*, edited by Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme. Richard (rsa@queensu.ca) and Sarah (sarah.wilkins-laflamme@uwaterloo.ca) welcome manuscript proposals from CSBS members. Detailed descriptions of the series can be found at www.mqup.ca/our-series-pages-178.php#religion. Submissions to the journal Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses can be made through the Sage submission system at mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sir.