



**April 8, 2021**

**Institut Biblique du Québec, announces new president  
Reverend Jonathan Bersot**

Reverend Jonathan Bersot has been appointed as the next President of the Institut Biblique du Québec. Jonathan has been serving as Interim President since August 2020, and based on our experience over the past few months, the IBQ Board of Governors has announced that Jonathan will officially begin his new role as President in July 2021.

Over a year ago, a President Search Committee, which was comprised of 6 members of the Board of Governors, was given the mandate to find a new President. The past year has allowed us to consider different options, and given our current telecommuting realities, a new option has presented itself to us. As you probably know, Jonathan and Anne Bersot are now recognized global workers by the PAOC International Missions, and as of this summer they will be moving to Togo.

After discussions and agreement with the International Missions office, Jonathan will take on the international and national responsibility for the training of French speaking workers.

Internationally, he will be involved with WAST (West Advanced School of Theology) and will serve on the committee of PThS (Pan Africa Theological Seminary) which will soon offer the Ph.D. for all of Africa in French. These schools work with national Assemblies of God churches in over 18 countries.

On the national level, his involvement will be as President of IBQ, while working very closely with Academic Dean David Martin and the entire College team. IBQ is fortunate to have an excellent team of faculty and staff who need a leader, a champion, and someone who will work with them for the best goals of the institution.

We also wanted a president who understood the fellowship, including partnership with districts and churches, not to mention relationships with other evangelical colleges and Laval University.

It is strongly recognized that IBQ is about developing and equipping the next generation of French-speaking Pentecostal leaders and pastors. We therefore wanted our next president to be Kingdom minded and mission focused.

Jonathan Bersot brings these qualities to his new role as president, still a professor since 2007, having served as Academic Dean from 2011-2020, while having two master's degrees, one in theology, one in distance education, and a doctorate in biblical studies.

What sets Jonathan apart is his simplicity; and the fact that he cares about teaching that is lived out daily. Jonathan is married to Anne and they have three children: Heidi, Sophie, Elise.

Jonathan accepted this unanimous invitation from the Board of Governors with the feeling of being called and mandated by the Lord. We are very grateful that God has directed us to Jonathan Bersot as the new president of the Institut Biblique du Québec.

Respectfully,

Reverend Michel Bisailon  
Chair of the Board of Governors