



International Council of Christians and Jews
2021 Virtual Conference
When all this is over, how do we want the world to be different?

WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 22, 00:00 midnight UTC (Tuesday – Wednesday):

HEARING SCRIPTURE IN A NEW KEY

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For five decades, the Calgary Council of Christians and Jews has promoted bilateral and multilateral faith understanding, harmony and dialogue in Calgary, Alberta. The necessity of social distancing over the past year required that we use Zoom to maintain our connection with each other.

In this workshop, we wish to demonstrate the benefits of reading Scripture together with a book that is particularly suited for discussion: *The Bible with and without Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler.

This book casts light on biblical texts that are significant especially to Christians, but differently so, for Jews. The authors disclose the original meaning of each text and the history of its interpretation in Jewish and Christian traditions. The book gives Christians the means for exploring the Judaism of Jesus, Peter, Paul, John and James. At the same time, it equips Jews to appreciate how the New Testament reflects the contours of first century Judaism.

We have developed high levels of friendship and trust through our conversations. This book has taught us to listen to each other. We are able to speak honestly, to listen attentively and thus appreciate the rich diversity in our relationships with G-d and with one another.

In our workshop, we will offer the opportunity to experience shared scriptural study from a chapter of the book.

Duggan, Michael W.

Canada, Michael W. Duggan, PH.D. in Biblical Studies from Catholic University of America, specializes in Second Temple Judaism and Christian origins, SSL from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, STB from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Professor Emeritus in Religious Studies at St. Mary's University, Calgary.

Poulin, Joan

Canada, Joan Poulin, M.A. in Christian Theology and Jewish Studies in a joint program between the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, lived in Israel for 34 years – was a guide and lecturer for Christian pilgrims and students in French and English, volunteer at the Israel Interfaith Association where educational activities among Israeli Jews, Moslems, Druze and Christians were organized, Secretary of the Calgary Council of Christians and Jews (CCCJ).

Rabinovitz, Rochelle

Canada, Rochelle Rabinovitz, B.Sc. (Math), BA (Religious Studies), President and 25-year member of the Calgary Council of Christians and Jews, past board member of Conservative Congregation Beth Tzedec.

Segall, Marilyn

Canada, Marilyn Segall, BA, Library Arts Diploma, formerly library assistant with organizations in the fields of health care, energy and occupational health and safety, memberships and past board positions in library, professional societies and Jewish community organizations.

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Canada, G. Lawrence Spackman is an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a past president of the Calgary Council of Christians and Jews. He and his wife, Flora, have 5 children and 14 grandchildren. In his professional life he is on the board of directors of a number of energy companies and is an engineer with an MBA.

Weber, Myron

Canada, Professor Emeritus Myron L. Weber, Ph.D., two degrees from each of MIT and the University of Minnesota, Gratz College, Diploma, Calgary Council of Christians and Jews, President for five years, House of Jacob Mikveh Israel and Akiva Academy, President for seven years, Jewish Family Services Calgary, President for three years, Southern Alberta Clinic (for HIV AIDS), Research Director or several years.