



STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT OF CANADA

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As followers of Jesus of Nazareth, we are an Easter people. We are a people intrigued by incarnation and resurrection. We are a people who do not believe that sin, or systemic violence, or death is the last word. We are a people who continually look forward to the breaking of dawn--to the good things we can create and cultivate.



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As the academic year comes to a close, this sentiment rings especially true for me. This year was my first at McGill University in theological studies. It was also the renewal year for SCM-Montréal / MÉC-Montréal, which has been dormant for some time. As the new local coordinator, I was anxious to see how the SCM would be accepted in Montréal. What need would we fill? What would our work look like?

We didn't enter with a bang -- we've grown like the uncurling of a new spring bud. We started small - clothing swaps, crafter-noons and lots of conversation with caffeine. From small beginnings we grew, concluding our year on the McGill campus with a large event. Our small core group is able to reach a remarkable number of people simply by being ourselves.

This spring, over 13,000 people on Facebook saw our event *Our Stories: Queer/Trans and Christian Without Contradiction*. This successful advertising also meant that we had to deal with harassment from people who think Christians can't be queer, or that queerness is only compatible with atheism. And yet, we persisted, meeting ignorance and anger with humour. Over 100 people came to our event, with another 228 watching our three amazing panelists online! It was a wonderful celebration of our diversity and our common commitment to Jesus' commission to do good works in the world.

The celebration, the triumph over negative voices trying to tear us down, felt like the essence of Easter. We affirmed that God loves all of his children, that no power of evil could overcome that love. We affirmed the transformation Jesus inspired in each of us, a metamorphosis prompted by a gospel of grace and justice. We asked ourselves, what does the sovereignty of God look like in our community, in Montréal, today? A question we plan on asking over and over again, as we explore who we are as students, Christ-followers, and diverse human beings in community together.

I want to thank each of you, for supporting our students and young adults. Our work is sometimes hard, and sometimes scary. It is community that enables us to do it. **Thank you for being our community.**

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