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### Colloquium on Christian education

*Dear friends,*

A month before holding our colloquium on the challenge of Christian education in a secularized context (DV 21 November in Paris), Reformed Faith and Life is facing two other challenges : will the new government regulations set up to halt the spread of the Covid-19, force us to review our organization, and replace the physical meeting with a videoconference? The organizers of many similar events have chosen to do precisely this in the current context. However, the French committee of Foi et Vie Réformées wants to avoid resorting to this alternative solution, unless it becomes absolutely mandatory. Besides the fact that all kinds of practical arrangements would have to be cancelled, it has to do with a second challenge, at a deeper level. The recent speech of the French president concerning the rising threat of Islamist private schools or home education, tends to confuse (perhaps intentionally) Christian education and schools with an Islamist agenda: that of conquering France in order to subject it progressively to Sharia law. This confusion is quite typical of the French State's own secularist agenda, aspiring to educate and format young minds with its own godless catechism to protect them against what it calls "family and religious determinisms". Incidentally, this was Robespierre's agenda during the French Revolution... Increased control on confessional schools to detect and combat sectarian trends, (which, to be honest, can also occur in pseudo Christian schools) may lead to further limitations being imposed on Christian parents. Those who take their covenantal responsibilities seriously will want their children to grow with a Biblical compass in the midst of a totally disorientated culture. They will also want to provide their children with high academic standards (which are more and more lacking in public schools). For the secularist State, it is perfectly normal to subject kindergarten kids to being "entertained" by drag queens to instill into their little minds that gender confusion is lot of fun and perfectly normal. Suppressing home schooling (even under some sort of State control) and making it mandatory for kids to attend school from age 3, is definitely on the agenda of the president.

Our carefully selected panel of speakers includes not only Evangelical Protestants, but also some Roman Catholics who have lots of experience on the juridical and practical field of initiating and managing private schools. What we hope to achieve is that French Evangelicals



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education should take place DV on  
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would seriously consider starting private schools on a strong confessional, juridical and managerial foot.

## TV documentary on the Flood (Gen. 6-9)

In August I took part in a videoconference, presenting a summary of my reflections on the genealogies in Gen. 4:17-5:32. At this occasion, I met a young Christian producer of TV documentaries who has just released a series of 9 episodes on Rev. 1-3. This series is already showing in France, Germany and Canada (you can watch the preview here : <https://vimeo.com/397441740> password is "millenium"). He asked me to become an advisor for his next project, which consists in producing a documentary on the subject of the Genesis Flood. This led us a few days later to record a one hour interview with a TV crew from Biblical, theological and archaeological perspectives (of course only selected excerpts would be retained in the final product). I accepted to collaborate on this project that seeks to reach a very wide public, because I believe it is very important to support a presentation of the Biblical narrative of the Flood according to its own terms. The general public is largely ignorant of what we Christians consider to be a well-known Biblical narrative, and so even simple explanations are much needed. Now, producing a 52 mn quality documentary for TV channels, both in French and English (in order to reach a larger audience worldwide), would require some solid financing : we are speaking of roughly US\$300.000. It is certainly better to obtain it from co-producers sharing the same general Christian approach, than from secular groups which may be excited about it, but also likely to impose their own views in the final making of the documentary. If any of my readers have sensible suggestions to make in terms of suitable partnerships, they will be very welcome (an email dropped at [erickayayan@gmail.com](mailto:erickayayan@gmail.com) will do).

## 2020 visit to North America postponed

Despite all my efforts, it was not possible to travel to the U.S. this year, and so I had to postpone planned visits to churches, in particular in Iowa and Minnesota. Though very sorry about this, I have no doubt that I will come in God's own appointed time. What's important is that our ministry should remain in your thoughts and prayers. We especially thank you for continuing to support us according to your means, in the midst of difficult circumstances. As the apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians (4:19) : My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

*Rev Eric Kayayan*

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