



Local Chapters Project

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In the early months of this year, our **Local Chapters Project** Team (your Executive Council) hit the ground running on a number of different fronts.

In mid-January we hired Mark McEwan, our **Project Development Officer**, who has been working hard to ensure that our funding — granted by Templeton World Charity Foundation, Inc. — is put to work as best as possible.

It wasn't long before we announced our **CSCA scholarships**: these allow us to offer student members the opportunity to attend a science & religion conference of their choice (an anticipated average of five scholarships per year of up to \$1600 each, over three years). Our 2016 competition has just finished, and we are excited to announce that we've been able to optimise our funds in order to offer *ten* scholarships to Canadian students hailing from BC to the UK. Several of these students have chosen to attend this year's ASA Annual Meeting in California. Watch for select reports to appear in future newsletters and/or our website.

Another exciting development is the formation of new local chapters. At the beginning of the Project, the CSCA had three

existing local chapters (Edmonton, Hamilton, and Vancouver), and the Project envisions an additional six chapters forming. We've already doubled our number of chapters, with new ones forming in Winnipeg, Waterloo, and Ottawa. Calgary and Toronto chapters are also nearly formed, with Nova Scotia and Montréal not far behind. This would be ten total chapters — one more than the Project originally planned for! If you aren't yet connected with one of these local chapters, contact us. Arnold Sikkema will soon be speaking on “Quantum Physics and Christianity” in each chapter for our **national tour**, beginning with Toronto on July 12.

The ASA's new Executive Director, Leslie Wickman, happens to be visiting Alberta this month. Opportunities like this don't come often, so we've been working hard to set things up for her to speak in both Calgary and Edmonton. We have been blessed by the prompt and accommodating co-sponsorship of Ambrose University and The King's University (respectively) to put these events together in a relatively short time.

We continue to rely on the prayers and support of our members and friends as we work to make this Project a success.

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