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NAME CHANGE ANNOUNCED FOR CENTRE

FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS the Jonathan Edwards Centre for Reformed Spirituality, operating under the auspices of Toronto Baptist Seminary, has hosted an annual spring conference and autumn lecture, and twice a year published this journal *Eusebeia*. Due to a desire to speak to broader issues addressing evangelicals and to reinforce the fact that we are speaking and writing from a Baptist perspective, the Centre is being renamed The Andrew Fuller Centre for Reformed Evangelicalism.

Andrew Fuller (1754-1815) was the most important Baptist theologian in the transatlantic Baptist community of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. He is best known for his defence of Christianity against a wide spectrum of theological error, including Hyper-Calvinism, Deism, Socinianism (a.k.a. Unitarianism), Arminianism, and Sandemanianism (present today in what is known as “easy-believism”). His theology was also the theological underpinning of one key wing of the modern missionary movement, that which is associated with the name of William Carey (1761–1834), one of his closest friends. His spirituality, which was deeply indebted to the piety of Jonathan Edwards, also played a key role in shaping Baptist life in the nineteenth century. As a pastor-theologian, he is a great mentor for Baptists today.

With this change of nomenclature and broadening of mandate also comes a change in personnel. Ian Hugh Clary, who has faithfully served as a Junior Member of the Centre and the Managing Editor of *Eusebeia*, has left the Centre to pursue full-time studies in the M.Div. programme at Toronto Baptist Seminary. The Centre is deeply thankful for the sacrificial labours that Ian has put into the Centre’s ministry and mandate over the past four years. Replacing him as the Managing Editor of *Eusebeia* is Allen R. Mickle, Jr., who is pursuing a Ph.D. with the University of Wales Lampeter, and is also serving as the Administrative Assistant to the

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Principal of Toronto Baptist Seminary. We are deeply grateful to God for Allen's joining us in this regard, as an administrator at the Seminary and a Junior Fellow of the Andrew Fuller Centre for Reformed Evangelicalism. Other personnel changes and additions will be noted in the future.

One final reason for changing the name is that Dr. Haykin, who is deeply involved in the work of the Centre, is also the series editor for the publication of the works of Andrew Fuller by Paternoster Press. It makes sense to link this project with what is to be called The Andrew Fuller Centre for Reformed Evangelicalism. It goes without saying that the change of name is not meant to be derogatory to the memory of Edwards, for Fuller was himself deeply indebted to Edwards.

Please pray for this Centre that it might continue to be a worthwhile vehicle for theological and spiritual reflection here on the Canadian scene. **E**

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