

Dear T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship members,

I'm glad to finally have a chance to sit down and write you concerning the developments of our organization -- beginning with our dinner and meeting in Atlanta this past November.

I can say that those who were able to make it to Atlanta and get together thoroughly enjoyed and valued our time together. A number of us gathered for a meal at Mick's and enjoy good conversation and some catching up with each other. Afterwards we adjourned to a meeting room at the Atlanta Hilton for our business meeting. You will find the minutes of that, can I say momentus?, meeting to officially commence the Fellowship. During the rest of our time at the AAR/SBL meetings we had to opportunity to spend time in individual conversations and smaller groups. I was privileged to be a part of some of these events.

Some of that enthusiasm was tempered with the recent news of the death of James B. Torrance. Many of us had been deeply touched by his teaching ministry as we had studied with him in Aberdeen. We found ourselves rehearsing many fond memories of our rich times with him. I was especially grateful that just a few months earlier in July I had a chance to visit with him for several hours in his home there in Edinburgh. In his life he was a continual witness to the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ in the power of his resurrection in the Spirit. In his death his testimony is still heard as he joins with the great cloud of witnesses to which he so often pointed us. Reminding us that we participate with our Great High Priest leading us in worship, ministering the things of God to us and mediating our worship to the Father through his own humanity perfected in his own person in the power of the Spirit according to the good pleasure of his Father. James will be very much missed as we wait for the full manifestation of the resurrection and glorification of our own bodies in Christ. Our prayers go out on behalf of the Torrance family.

The formalization of our fellowship took place at the special meeting organized for the purpose of passing by-laws and electing officers. I am happy to report that these tasks were accomplished. You have most likely seen the by-laws. However, I should let you know the results of the election of officers.

President: Gary W. Deddo
Co- vice president: Paul Molnar
Co-vice president: Eric Flett
Secretary: Peter Heltzel
Member at Large: Elmer Colyer