

Dear T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship Members,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am happy to report to you on our gathering for our annual meeting on November 19, 2004 in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion convention in San Antonio, Texas.

It was great to see a good number of you at the meeting and also for conversation during the continuing days of the convention. We were sorry that not everyone could make this meeting, but certainly understand, especially if it would call for traveling long distances.

Please find attached the minutes of our meeting provided in a couple of formats, one of which you should be able to open and read!

Also find below some of my follow up comments regarding developments after our formal meeting.

I think we were all encouraged by the ongoing development of the Fellowship and of course by our many conversations surrounding the formal meeting.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Please continue to spread the word about our existence and send interested individuals to the website to sign-up and receive our communications.

We trust the Lord's leading and blessing for this coming year.

Yours in Christ,

Gary Deddo President, T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

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President's Follow-up to our San Antonio Meeting November 19, 2004

Fellowship members,

I would like to draw your attention to several matters for your information and/or consideration.

First, we will be having our next meeting in conjunction with the AAR/SBL meetings next year, on Friday, November 18, 2005

I and the executive committee would like to know whether any one would object to meeting at 1pm on that Friday instead of in the evening. We think there would be less competition for that time spot and perhaps more members could attend. We would meet until 2:45. The North American Karl Barth Society typically meets beginning at 3 pm and goes until 6 pm.

Please let us know if this change in time would make it very difficult if not impossible for you to attend as compared to meeting at 7 to 9pm in the evening. Your input is crucial to our making a good decision. Respond to me at this email address:  
<trinity137@earthlink.net>

Second. After discussion at our annual meeting and informally polling the membership, the executive committee would like to name our on-line journal: Participatio: The Journal for the T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship. We will go ahead with that unless we receive strong objections from our membership. Please provide me feedback if you need to.

Third. We will be receiving contributions shortly to support the activities of the Fellowship. A small donation would be appreciated. Make all checks out to T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

Fourth. In communication with one of our members, there is already a possibility of a church hosting a conference on a major theme of Torrance's theology taking place sometime in 2006. I would like to see if there would be a number of people who would like to serve on a sub-committee to explore the possibility of offering a series of these type of conferences hosted by churches or other institutions focusing on some of the central themes of Christian theology that Tom Torrance has held forth over the years and which have had a renewing affect in the life of the church. If you would be interested in being on such a sub-committee, please let me know.

Fifth. We will be looking to find someone to design a brochure which could be viewed, downloaded, and or printed that explains who we are and what we offer. If you know of someone who might be interested in assisting us in this manner, I would be interested in communicating with them.

For your information regarding the executive committee:

We will be pursuing the next step in affiliation with AAR. We will invite a presenter to give a lecture at our next annual meeting, November 18, 2005 in Philadelphia. We will begin establishing an editorial review board. We will see about including additional resources on our website. Will attempt to form a subcommittee to shape a vision for offering regional conferences to be hosted by churches and other institutions. We will decide on a time best to meet next year.

Thank you for your support and interest in the T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship.

We hope to see many of you at next year's meeting in November 18 in Philadelphia and hear from you sometime between now and then.

Every blessing in Christ,

Gary Deddo President T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship  
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