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Dear Members and Friends of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship,

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As fall quickly approaches, I write to you with some exciting news about the **Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship**.

As many of you already know, the first issue of our Journal, *Participatio*, now has been published online. We are grateful to Todd Speidell for all the hard editorial work he did to make this possible. We must also thank Robert Leach and Mike Gibson for their editorial assistance. And thanks are due also to JoAnn McNeeley, the webdesigner for her assistance in publishing the Journal online. We are also grateful to our Executive Committee and to the Editorial Board of the Journal for all of their assistance and support. I am certain that you will find the memorials, tributes and recollections of T. F. Torrance very worthwhile. And the articles will certainly offer some substantive theological material upon which to reflect. Future issues are already being planned. They will include scholarly articles as well as book reviews. The Journal homepage is: <a href="http://www.tftorrance.org/journal.php">http://www.tftorrance.org/journal.php</a>.

We have a very exciting meeting coming up on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in Montréal. The **Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship** will be meeting from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in Palais des Congrès de Montréal—513A. We are delighted to have **Professor John Webster**, Chair of Systematic Theology, King's College, **University of Aberdeen**, Scotland, UK as our speaker this year. John's lecture is entitled: "Thomas F. Torrance on Scripture". In recent years, John has focused on giving a doctrinal account of the nature and interpretation of Scripture through such doctrines as revelation, salvation, sanctification and church. I am certain that anyone interested in T. F. Torrance's theology will be looking forward to hearing what John has to say about T. F. Torrance and Scripture. We certainly hope you will make every effort to attend what promises to be a memorable meeting in Montréal. As in the past, we will conduct our business meeting starting at 1 P.M. with the main program beginning immediately after the business meeting.

Two important books on the theology of Thomas F. Torrance that will interest our members and friends will be available at the Ashgate booth in Montréal. The first is Myk Habets', Theosis in the Theology of Thomas F. Torrance, (Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing, Ltd). This book was published during the summer in Ashgate's "New Critical Thinking in Religion, Theology and Biblical Studies Series". In it Myk Habets, from Carey Baptist College in Auckland, New Zealand "distinguishes Torrance's Reformed vision of theosis from other possible accounts of salvation as divinisation as they are found, for instance, within patristic thought and Eastern Orthodoxy". The other book is Paul D. Molnar's, Thomas F. Torrance: Theologian of the Trinity, (Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing Ltd). In this book, which will be released officially as part of Ashgate's "Great Theologians" series on October 13, 2009, Paul Molnar from St. John's University in Queens, New York explores how T. F. Torrance's "theological method and all his major doctrinal views were shaped by his understanding of the doctrine of the Trinity".

For now I hope that all of you are off to a good start with the fall semester and I look forward to seeing you in Montréal.

All best wishes,

Paul D. Molnar, President, T. F. Torrance Theological Fellowship