

December 19, 2014

T.F Torrance Theological Fellowship Members,

Greetings in the name of Christ this Advent season.

I'm writing to give you a quick update on our meeting in San Diego. As you might guess the weather was perfect. No surprises there. But as you might also surmise we had a very good meeting, with about 30 guest/members in attendance.

The business meeting is summed up in the Minutes you'll find also attached to this email. Let me note a few of the highlights.

We have now reached 340 members, adding more than 30 this past year.

Also, there are (at least) 5 notable books engaging the work of Thomas Torrance published in the past two years and one more (we know of) to be published in 2015. You'll find these in the Minutes of the 2014 meeting, but for convenience, and out of sheer enthusiasm, let me list them here:

- 1) Kevin Chiarot, *The Unassumed Is the Unhealed: The Humanity of Christ in the Christology of T. F. Torrance*, Wipf and Stock, 2013.
- 2) Thomas A. Noble, *Holy Trinity: Holy People: The Theology of Christian Perfecting*, Wipf and Stock, 2013.
- 3) Jason Robert Radcliff, *Thomas F. Torrance and the Church Fathers: A Reformed, Evangelical, and Ecumenical Reconstruction of the Patristic Tradition*, Wipf and Stock, 2014.  
<http://wipfandstock.com/thomas-f-torrance-and-the-church-fathers.html>
- 4) Dick O. Eugenio, *Communion with the Triune God: The Trinitarian Soteriology of T.F Torrance*. In the Princeton Theological Monograph Series of Pickwick Publications, 2014.
- 5) Myk Habets, *Ecumenical Perspectives on the Filioque for the 21st Century*, T&T Clark, 2014.
- 6) Paul Molnar's, *Faith, Freedom and the Spirit: The Economic Trinity in Barth, Torrance and Contemporary Theology* will be appearing with IVP in March, 2015.

We also elected two new officers to the TFT TF executive board, replacing two of those whose terms expire at the end of this calendar year. Thanks are due to Joel Scandrett, serving his three-year term as Co-Vice President, and to Mike Gibson, as Treasurer. Chris Kettler was elected to serve as Treasurer and Thomas Noble was elected to serve as Co-Vice President. I welcome to the executive team these two dedicated members and look forward to working with them.

I am also happy to announce that two volunteers have offered their time and gifts to contribute to the two initiatives I spoke of in my October letter. Jerome Van Kuiken of

Oklahoma Wesleyan University and who completed his doctoral work under Thomas Noble, has organized a social media website for new scholars/members of the TFT TF to meet and commiserate and also to connect up with more senior members. This is a closed group on the LinkedIn website. It's designed to facilitate professionals interacting with one another. To become a member of the group, you have to first sign up with LinkedIn. Once signed up, search for the T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship group. Once there you'll find a posting from Jerome to message him to request being made a member of the group. Let me encourage you to do so!

Also, Daniel Cameron, an MA candidate at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, has offered his services to help us collect and index printed and audio resources for those involved in Torrance scholarship. We are hoping to support Torrance scholarship by facilitating research, especially by those pursuing an advanced degree. Stay tuned for information on how to contribute to or make use of this developing resource.

Finally, I should mention that the presentation Myk Habets gave on "The Fallen Humanity of Christ: A Theological Account" was a model of clarity, charity and rigor. Habets represented well TFT's thought on the subject. He knew and addressed the issues raised and objections often made, and offered some interpretive insight of his own to advance the discussion. His lecture was well received and fostered significant discussion time after he concluded his remarks. An audio recording was made. If it can be successfully extracted from the recording device and the file(s) successfully posted, you should be able to listen to it on our [www.tftorrance.org](http://www.tftorrance.org) website. So stay tuned for that as well. Hopefully by February.

Thanks for taking the time to read this communiqué. It's a privilege to be a part of this fellowship. I believe that together we have something valuable to offer the Body of Christ and the world of theological scholarship. I appreciate your participation.

May you have a blessed Christmas celebration.

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