

The Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship AGM Agenda

17 November 2023, San Antonio, TX, 1:pm

1. Open Meeting, welcome
Quorum call, Myk Habets
Opening prayer, Myk Habets
2. Minutes for 2022 were approved by majority vote of membership present.
3. Announcement of officers.

Myk Habets– President (2023-25)
Jerome van Kuiken – Co-vice-President (2023-25)
Gary Deddo – Co-vice president (2023-25)
Paul Molnar – Member at large (2023-25)
Brent Purkale – Treasurer & Secretary

Also, Todd Speidell – Participatio Editor, appointed by the Exec to be chief editor of our Journal and oversees a team of associate and assistant editors and works with an Advisory Board.

There are no positions needing to be filled at present and hence, no election of officers is required at this time.

4. Website Info – provided on your chairs as a handout: Kerry Magruder co-webmaster.
5. Treasurer's Report: Myk on behalf of Brent Purkale:

I have reviewed our accounting for the year and find everything in order.
Net donations and royalties given were \$427.66.

Our total expenses for the year were \$529.00, which is an increase of \$300.00 from the expenses of 2021, which were \$229.00. (Note: the 2021 speaker did not accept an honorarium of \$300).

Our net donations and royalties were \$101.34 less than our annual expenses, compared to last year where we were \$461.97 above.

I would like to encourage all members who are able to contribute the \$10 recommended annual donation. This can be given through our PayPal link on our website, tftorrance.org, as cash, or checks made out to the T.F. Torrance Theological Fellowship given or sent by mail to the Treasurer: %590 Buckingham Way, Bolingbrook, IL 60440.

We are hoping to collect sufficient funds to always provide a generous honorarium to our speakers, to cover our webhosting and our annual meeting costs.

Details can be requested of the Treasurer by TFT TF members.

6. *Participatio* Summary: Jerom van Kuiken for Todd Speidell:

Participatio is about to publish its 16th volume in the past 15 years since we started up in 2009. Our 2023 volume is on "The Priority of Grace in the Theology of TFT" and features essays by Paul Molnar on Theology and Ethics in TFT (with a focus on liberation theology) and Grace and Nature in TFT (with a focus on Karl Rahner). Our two previous volumes were on "The Holy Spirit and Christian Experience" (2022 and overseen by Jerome) and "Theological Anthropology" (2021 and overseen by Myk and Geordie). We will continue our busy agenda as Kerry and Brent, as well as Daniel and Myk, are overseeing future volumes over the next couple of years. We have annual thematic volumes and also occasional miscellaneous volumes, so we encourage unsolicited submissions on any topic related to TFT. We plan 2-3 years in advance.

For those of you who oversee graduate students: We are in regular need of copy editors to process our many essays!

7. Update on activity: Fimbush Retreats: Gary Deddo

8. Update of online activity: Marty Folsom Zooms

9. President's Report

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- Jeremy Begbie, Duke Divinity School, Duke University
- Kimlyn J. Bender, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University
- Darren Sarisky, Australian Catholic University, Victoria, Australia

Paul D. Molnar, St. John's University, New York will respond. Myk Habets, Laidlaw College, Auckland, NZ will preside.

10. Myk Habets opened the meeting to announcements from member participants.

11. Motion to adjourn the business meeting: Myk Habets

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1pm – Short TFFT AGM

1.30 – Panel discussion will formally begin (approx. this time, perhaps earlier even)

20 minutes each for the following in this order:

1. 1.30 – 1.50 Begbie
2. 1.55 – 2.15 Bender
3. 2.20 – 2.40 Sarisky
4. 2.45 – 3.15 Paul Responds
5. 3.15 – 4.00 Q and A from the floor.