The Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship AGM Agenda

22 November 2024, San Diego, CA, 1:pm

1. Open Meeting, welcome

   Quorum call, Myk Habets
   Opening prayer, Myk Habets

2. Approval of 2023 minutes (available on the seats.)

   Minutes for 2023 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 Purkaple – Treasurer & Secretary

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

   No positions need to be filled at present; hence, no election of officers is required at this time. In 2025, there will be the election of the President, two vice presidents, and the Member at Large.

   Members can recommend potential candidates to the nominating committee through Myk, as President. The nominees must personally accept being nominated.

4. Website Report: Kerry Magruder (co-webmaster)

   It was provided as a handout on chairs as a handout.

5. Treasurer's Report: Brent Purkaple:

   Brent has reviewed the accounting for the year and find everything in order. Details can be requested of the Treasurer by TFT TF members. Here are the highlights:

   Net donations and royalties given were $476.88.

   The total expenses for the year were $319.00, which is a decrease of $210.00 from the expenses of 2023, which were $529.00. (Note: there was not an honorarium of $300 at the 2023 annual meeting due to the fact that it was a panel discussion)

The net donations and royalties were $157.88 more than annual expenses, compared to last year where they were $101.34 less than expenses.

Brent encourages all members who are able to contribute the $10 recommended annual donation. This can be given through our PayPal link on our website. The fellowship is hoping to collect sufficient funds to always provide a generous honorarium to speakers, to cover webhosting and the annual meeting costs.

5. *Participatio* Summary: Gary Deddo (for Todd Speidell).

   The 16th issue was on "The Priority of Grace in the Theology of T. F. Torrance" -- and informally call it "The Paul Molnar Issue"! It includes two essays by Paul -- which explains why it's the most voluminous issue at 237 pp. – Todd's interview with Paul, and Ivor Davidson's review of Paul's latest book on KB and TFT. It also includes Jeremy Begbie's and Todd's annual paper presentations. Finally, it includes contributions by Jerome van Kuiken (who reviewed the contributions of Chris Kettler to TFT scholarship, which he described as "affective Barthianism") and Chris Kettler (who replied to Todd's keynote address and who also reviewed Todd's most recent co-edited book [with Andrew Torrance and Greg Marcar] on Soren Kierkegaard: Theologian of the Gospel).

   Gary Deddo also mentioned several important publications.

6. Update on activity: Firbush Retreats: Gary Deddo (and Tom Noble as well)

   Firbush continues its legacy of retreats. The most recent one was on "Christ and Christian education"

7. Update of online activity: Marty Folsom Zooms

   The Zoom meetings still continue, integrating Facebook as a supplement to Zoom and as a way to organize meetings and handouts. Sessions are typically also posted on the Reading Group's YouTube page.

8. President's Report

   Myk explained how it has been another busy and fruitful year for Torrance scholarship: the website remains an important tool, the online Zoom sessions flourish, and we continue to see research conducted and published through the various presses. In addition, doctoral work on aspects of Torrance's theology continues across the globe. Thanks should be given for these initiatives. Additionally, thanks should be given for this annual meeting where everyone can gather for fellowship, networking, and learning from each other.

   Everyone has on their chairs a flyer for the most recent book by Prof Paul Molnar, *The Centrality of Christ in the Theology of Thoams F. Torrance*. T&T Clark, 2025. In my endorsement of the book, Myk wrote:

> The simple three-chapter structure of this book belies the complexity and depth of the subject *manner*. T.F. Torrance's theology continues to provide a stimulus for further theological thought and contextual applications, and Molnar is the perfect guide through this journey of exploration. The discussion on the relationship between the economic and immanent Trinity is masterful, and in a context of utter confusion and historical amnesia, Molnar proves to be a sure guide to rigorous and orthodox theological wisdom, showing how to righty conceive of the Being and Act of God. Few works of theology are as consistently Christological as this and for this reason alone Molnar's work deserves a wide reading and reception.

In addition, everyone will also see a flyer for my Myk's recent publication, *Starting with the Spirit: The T&T Clark Introduction to Third Article Theology*, which has a clear Torrance-inspired ethos running through it.

Both books are available from the book exhibit to purchase or order.

Myk *wants* to make a special mention of Rev. David W. Torrance on his 100th birthday. He celebrated that on June 22, and we offer him a hearty happy birthday. He has been a blessing and encouragement to so many of us.

The Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship Annual Meeting this year is presented by Dr Christopher Woznicki.

Chris will be speaking on: "The Vicarious Mission of Christ and the Church."

We look forward to this in 10 minutes or so.

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

   Nothing added.

10. Motion to adjourn the business meeting: Myk Habets

    Motion passed

The Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship Annual Meeting is proud to welcome Dr. Christopher Woznicki as its keynote speaker this year.

Christopher Woznicki is an Affiliate Assistant Professor of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. His research is focused on Atonement, Anthropology, and Prayer in the Reformation. His first monograph, *T. F. Torrance's Christological Anthropology: Discerning Humanity in Christ*, was published by Routledge in 2022. He is the editor of several forthcoming volumes and the author of *The Doctrine of Atonement: A Biblical, Historical, and Global Introduction*. Christopher also serves as a minister and is on the leadership of Young Life, a ministry dedicated to introducing adolescents to Jesus and helping them grow in their faith.

Chris will be speaking on: “The Vicarious Mission of Christ and the Church.”

Abstract: What is the shape of Christian mission? Recent answers to this question have taken their cue from the doctrine of incarnation. The shape, or approach, of mission ought to be “incarnational.” This approach has been adopted not only by the contemporary missional movement but also theologians who are concerned with the plight of the marginalized. In this lecture Christopher argues that this question ought to be answered in reference to the vicarious humanity of Christ. Without dismissing all that is entailed by the incarnational-mission framework, Christopher argues that employing the concept of the vicarious humanity of Christ not only provides a healthier model for practitioners engaged in mission but it also does a better job of situating missiology in relation to Christology. Centering the vicarious humanity of Christ in mission not only addresses the praxis of mission but also provides the telos of mission.

After Chris presents his lecture there will be ample time for audience Q & A and discussion.