

# Dutch Reformed Theological Society Newsletter 2024

# **Board News**

Thanksgiving, 2024

Dear DRTS friends,

We extend our heartfelt wishes for every blessing as we enter the season that especially reminds us of the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. May you and your loved ones experience every blessing through our glorious Redeemer. As always, this letter serves as our annual update on Board News.

## Meetings

The Board held two meetings this year, in April and November. We are grateful for the strong sense of unity among the members regarding the vision and mission of the DRTS. Our hope and prayer is that the Lord will continue to guide and bless this work.

These meetings are held primarily to discuss current and future projects. The present officers are Dr. Adriaan C. Neele, Chairman; Dr. Joel R. Beeke, Vice-Chairman; Prof. Ronald L. Cammenga, Secretary; and Mr. Peter VanderSchaaf, Treasurer.

#### **Current Projects**

The Board is pleased to announce that Volume 5 of Mastricht's magnum opus has been completed and is now in the editing phase. The final two volumes (6 and 7) are also in the editing stage.

# **New Translation Projects**

The translation into English of the *Acta Authentica*—the original Acts of the Synod of Dort (1618-1619), which are the minutes officially approved by the Synod, have started.

Furthermore, the undertaking of a major work by Gisbertus Voetius (1589-1676), *Ta Askètika sive Exercitia Pietatis* (*The Practice of Godliness*, 1664) is on its way. In this book, Voetius delves into the practical aspects of a faithful Christian life. He addresses subjects such as prayer, devotion, meditation, overcoming temptations, delivering sermons, as well as the practice of Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and pastoral visitation.



### Website

The Board is pleased to report that the website https://www.dutchreformedtranslation.org/ continues to gather interest and has succeeded in providing 145 new members since its launch in 2021. You can visit the site here: info@duthreformedtranslation.org

# Fundraising

The Board sincerely thanks everyone for their generous donations so far and encourages continued financial support. We particularly emphasize the need for an additional \$100,000 to support various translation projects. Your contributions during this year-end season would be deeply appreciated.

We are excited to share that a generous donor has pledged to match all gifts received by the end of the year, effectively doubling the impact of your support. Please send your contributions to the Dutch Reformed Translation Society, ATTN: Mr. Peter VanderSchaaf, P.O. Box 7083, Grand Rapids, MI 49501. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Above all, we ask for your continued prayers for God's blessing on our work, so that it may bring glory to His name, strengthen His people, and reach the lost with His message.

On behalf of the Board

Adriaan C. Neele, PhD, Chairman