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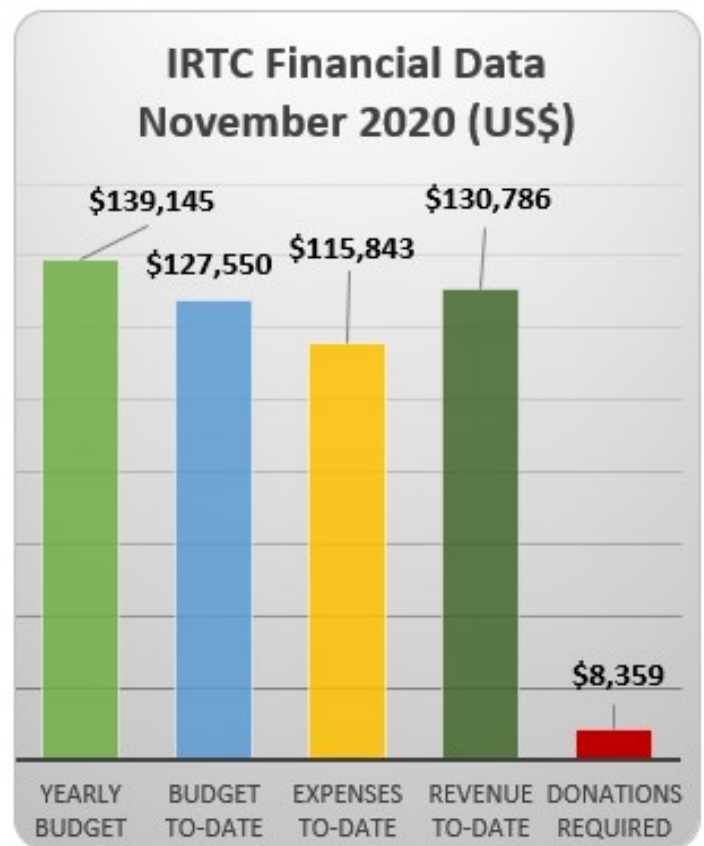
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20TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the IRTC, we are conducting a fundraiser among churches and individuals in the United States and Canada. Our specific goals are to raise the **\$8,359** left to cover this year's budget and to **boost the initiatives we have planned for 2021**, including recruiting students in new countries, helping our local study centers to grow and thrive, expand our media presence and scope, **develop our upcoming missiology program** and continue to support our administrative and teaching staff throughout the new year.

We are encouraging all supporters and those who have not contributed before to consider making a donation before the end of the year. We're asking you to donate a minimum of \$20.00 or a multiple thereof (40, 80, 100, 200, etc.) **Will you support us in this important work as well as honouring the retirement of Rev. Ralph Boersema as the founding president? We hope you will.** Please refer to the "Support the IRTC" information on the next page in order to make your donation.

We thank the Lord for all those who have supported the IRTC's ministry through prayers and donations in 2020!



Call for Volunteers

Do you have a keen interest in promoting God's Kingdom? Would you be able to get involved in advancing the outreach of a missionary and educational ministry? Do you have gifts for sharing a vision and would you like to participate in a growing online distance ed college that teaches worldwide in Portuguese? Consider joining the support team for the first Reformed Portuguese-language online college, founded 20 years ago on October 17, 2000. We have openings for part-time volunteers and **knowledge of Portuguese is not necessary for these positions.**

In December, 2009, Mr. Harold J. Ludwig was appointed as development director for the International Reformed Theological College (IRTC) to advance the College in Canada. This faithful brother has now asked to be relieved of his post, after serving more than 10 years. During these 10 years our student body expanded to 113 students, from 14 different countries. Our budget increased to USD\$139,000 and our staff of 19 grew to 35. Our last term of 2020 allowed us to surpass the milestone of enrolling over 100 students, as God continued to grant an increased

interest in our courses in sound Reformed theology and humanities. During Mr. Ludwig's time, a friends society was set up in Canada, the IRTC Society. All of the work of the International Reformed Theological College has been the labor of love by a large team of committed servants of the Lord and Mr. Ludwig has been a committed member of this team. We sincerely thank the Lord for Harold's contributions!

The College has potential for much more growth, and it continues with critical challenges. One of these is that we still lack a sufficiently large donor base. For example, our modest budget for this year calls for donations of USD\$45,000 in contributions from new donors, that is, we need this much more in 2020 than we have received in previous years. All of our staff works for us part-time and all are swamped with work. So, we are hereby sending out a call for eager volunteers who would like to help us in fundraising and promoting the school among potential students. We need someone to take over Harold's position in Canada, and we need someone for the USA, since we have been without a US advancement representative for some years. The IRTC is incorporated in the State of Virginia and, in addition to the IRTC Society in Canada, there are also friends in Brazil who are setting up a society to partner with the College there. It would also be helpful to have a rep in Europe. Here is a summary description of the volunteer positions available:

The IRTC Development Director for Canada or the EU or the USA is responsible for furthering the development of the IRTC in this country or region, with primary attention given to fundraising initiatives and to recruitment of students among Portuguese speakers.

Perhaps we have aroused your interest, but you don't have that much spare time or you think you would be overwhelmed with the challenges of such a position. Well, we have openings for you, too. You could represent us in the region where you live or even just in your church.

Please take a look at the IRTC Society's Web site: <http://irtcsociety.ca>. If you have further questions, or would like to receive a detailed job description and overview of the IRTC and its mission, please write Mr. John Roukema (jroukema@outlook.com) if you live in Canada. Mr. Roukema is the president of the IRTC Society in Aldergrove, BC. If you live in the EU or the US, please contact Mr. Ralph Boersema (ralph@fitref.online), honorary president of the International Reformed Theological College in Bristol, VA.

Dear readers, we thank you all for your support for our ministry in prayer and funding! Please forward this letter to friends and acquaintances who may be interested.

Thank you!

We want to give thanks to the many individuals and churches who have contributed to the work of the IRTC during the past year. Whether you are a regular donor, offered a one time gift or contribute as a church on a regular basis, **we heartily thank you** for your ongoing support. We couldn't do this work without your faithful gifts.

On behalf of the IRTC Society in Canada,
Harold J. Ludwig, Development Director

Support the IRTC

Donations in Canada can be made through the IRTC Society's Web site (http://irtcsociety.ca/?page_id=93) or by cheque. Cheques should be made out to the "International Reformed Theological College Society" and sent to:

International Reformed Theological College Society
PO Box 516
Aldergrove, BC V4W 2T9
Canada

US & International donations in US\$ can be made by PayPal through our site (<https://irtc.online/donations/>) or by check. Checks should be made out to the "International Reformed Theological College" and sent to:

International Reformed Theological College
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