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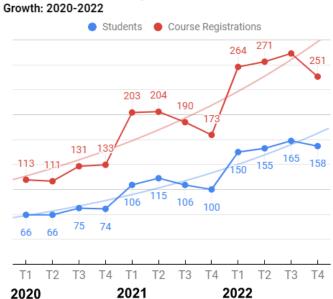
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Growth continues in 2022

We praise the Lord for another year of growth, where he has allowed us to reach record-breaking numbers of students with solid teaching in Reformed theology. We started the fourth term of 2022 with 251 course registrations, representing 158 students. This means an increase of around 50% per year since 2019.

While this trend fills us with joy and enthusiasm, it also means there will be a few challenges in the coming year, such as a high number of students per class (we have already hit more than 60), a possible increase in the number of courses to be provided, and an investment in technical infrastructure to accommodate a larger number of users. We are asking God to raise the supporters and the resources necessary to fulfill this mission! If you wish to contribute, please see the instructions on the back of this page.

IRTC Student Body



Expanding the IRTC's academic talent

The Lord continues to grace us with new talented teachers. Here we introduce three more:

Rev. Rogério Cunha da Silva, pastor and Presbyterian professor in Brasília, Distrito Federal, joins the history team, teaching *Modern Church History* together with professor Frans Leonard Schalkwijk.

In São Paulo, **Rev. Jônatas Abdias de Macedo**, author of the recently published *A Brief Guide to Redemptive Counseling*, will teach *Pastoral Practice* and *Chaplaincy*. **Elder Solano Portela**, one of the founders of the IRTC and one of the first members of our Board of Directors, will return next year to teach *Christ and Salvation*. Solano is an internationally-known speaker and author of several books, including the well-known *What Are They Teaching Our Children?*.

We ask you to pray for these brothers and for our entire faculty, that God may use their gifts and talents in faithfully teaching all aspects of Reformed theology.









Clockwise: Rogério, Jônatas, Solano and the mentioned books

Graduate Spotlight: Rogério dos Santos Cruz (B.B.S., M.Div.)

As an IRTC student, I felt safe and properly guided in each class, as if I were at a regular seminary. The instructors provided me with amazing support in learning each subject. My favorite memory is the affectionate way in which some teachers conducted their lessons, such as Rev. Frans Schalkwijk in his Church History courses. He made me feel as if I were in his presence, as if he were speaking to me in every text I read. It was the same with many other instructors, who showed mastery in their fields and an interest in passing it on to me as if I were their only student.

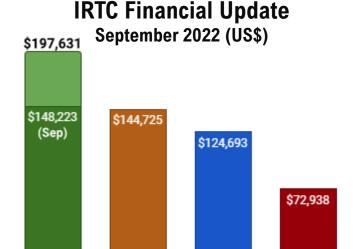


The advantage of studying at the IRTC was the possibility of learning theology from home and at a low monthly cost. My secular job would have made it impossible for me to go to a conventional seminary, so by the grace of God, this Reformed online seminary suited my needs. At the time, it was the only one I found with excellent courses and a reformed teaching staff, not indebted to any conventional seminary.

Will I be a pastor? I don't know. I intend to serve God better each day, wherever he leads. What I do know is that my service to God depends on knowing him and understanding his Word, things which became real in my life through the courses I took at the IRTC.

To the IRTC team: thank you for investing your time and effort in the life of this sinner saved by grace. You were fundamental in helping me to grow in my walk with God. To future students: I want you to realize the richness that

learning the Word of God online through the IRTC can provide in your lives, enabling you to serve God wherever you are. Do not underestimate distance learning. It is a powerful tool to promote God's glory in our lives, and through them, in the lives of others. Come to the IRTC!



Although we have kept expenses below what we budgeted for 2022 so far, we see that **there is a difference of about \$20K** between expenses and revenue. We are thinking about the growth we've had, which will imply greater investments in instructors and infrastructure for the coming year. Join us in prayer, asking God to meet these needs and allow his work to continue at the IRTC.

Revenue

To-Date

Expenses

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Budget

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