



# IRTC

INTERNATIONAL REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

## My IRTC Sojourn

It was in the Fall of 2009 when I first got in touch with Pastor Ralph Boersema following a notice in one of our church periodicals. He was looking for someone to help out with the IRTC and since I had just retired from my full-time job, I thought I would give it a whirl. Here we are about fifteen years later, and I'm still involved in this ministry, although I've now handed over my duties as the Development Director to Jack Marissen, who is also on the board of the IRTC Society in Canada.

At the time I got involved, there was no Canadian society, so that was one of the first things that kept me busy. It was a bit of a laborious process to get a charitable organization set up in Canada, but we had some good connections which made it possible in a timely manner. Now we were able to issue tax receipts to individual donors and start processing payments from a number of churches, either via their budgets or via separate collections. All this, of course, took a lot of contacts, emails and letters. This was all done in the interest of paying for instructors and administrators of the IRTC, which has been ongoing for many years now and which keeps on growing. In the past few years especially, the number of students has kept increasing and so the need for instructors does also. Thankfully, we've been able to do that with many talented people in different parts of the world.

Initially I did much of the administrative work in Canada by myself, but gradually I was able to recruit some willing and capable board members to help, and there currently are five people on the board. Over the past fifteen years, I was able to develop a good working relationship with Pastor Ralph and his wife Lucille and I treasure that connection to this day. Their dedication to this ministry and the hard work they did was inspirational and kept me going as well. I also got to connect with many others in the organization either face to face or via Zoom calls or correspondence.

I trust that I may have contributed modestly to the work of the IRTC and as we enter the twenty-fifth anniversary year of this online college, I would encourage you to consider becoming a regular supporter (if you are not one already) or asking your



*Harold J. Ludwig*

church to do so as well. You can visit our website (either US or Canada) for information on how to do that. May the Lord continue to bless the ongoing work done by the IRTC and may it be to His glory alone. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this ministry for these many years.

*The IRTC is deeply grateful for Mr. Harold J. Ludwig's nearly 15 years of dedicated service as Development Director for the IRTC Society. His tireless efforts in raising awareness and support for the IRTC, particularly among Canadian Reformed Churches, have been instrumental in strengthening the College's mission. Harold's diligence, strategic insights, and unwavering commitment have left an indelible mark on the IRTC's work and community. As Harold steps down from this role, we look forward to his continued contributions as a member of the Board and pray that the Lord will richly bless him in all his endeavors. Thank you, Harold, for your faithful partnership in the service of Reformed theological education!*

# Give the Gift of Theological Education in 2025

As we reflect on 2024, our hearts are filled with gratitude for God's faithful provision. Through His grace and the generosity of supporters like you, we were able to meet our budget for the year, enabling the International Reformed Theological College (IRTC) to continue equipping leaders for gospel ministry. This year has been filled with blessings and milestones, including the launch of our Basic Theology Course, which was met with great enthusiasm. We also welcomed students from all corners of the globe, representing South America, Africa, Europe, and beyond, highlighting the growing reach of this ministry.

In addition to these achievements, we made significant strides in improving our Virtual Learning Environment, enhancing its functionality and security to serve our students and faculty better. We also strengthened our academic programs by welcoming new professors with advanced degrees, ensuring that the education we provide remains both rigorous and impactful.

Looking ahead, we are excited by the opportunities before us but also mindful of the challenges we must address to sustain and expand this work. One key priority is raising

additional support in the United States to ensure the fair compensation of our faculty and staff located there, whose work is essential to the mission of the IRTC. Meeting this need is critical to maintaining the quality and sustainability of our programs while expanding our ability to reach more students worldwide.

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us in this new year? Your gift plays a direct role in advancing this ministry—whether through scholarships for students in need, supporting our faculty, or helping develop new courses and resources. By giving, you are investing in the training of pastors, missionaries, and church leaders who will impact their communities and the world with the hope of the gospel.

We invite you to make a lasting difference by giving the gift of theological education. To donate, please visit the links below. Together, we can meet the challenges of 2025 with faith, confidence, and a commitment to advancing God's kingdom. Your support inspires and equips us to continue this vital mission, and we look forward to what God will accomplish in the year ahead.

## MAKE AN IMPACT

### Did you know:

Over **77 million Portuguese speakers** live across the African continent. Many of them hunger for deep, biblical training, but financial challenges often stand in the way. The IRTC is committed to making theological education accessible by offering reduced tuition fees for students in Africa.

This means **your scholarship donations can empower twice as many students** to receive quality theological training! Join us in equipping the next generation of Christian leaders in Africa. Donate today using the methods below and be a part of this mission.



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