

# DUTCH REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER 2022

### BOARD NEWS

The board of the DRTS met twice this year, in April and again November of 2022. These meetings were held to discuss future projects. The acting officers are:

### CURRENT PROJECTS

The board was pleased to present for publication Petrus Van Masticht's volume 3 of the *Theoretical-Practical Theology* in 2021. Volume 4 of Masticht's *magnum opus* has been completed and prepared for printing.

### NEW PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

A new project discussed by the board was the work of Gibertus Voetius' (1589-1676) *Politicae Ecclesiasticae*. This was a major work of Reformed orthodoxy, and it centered around the church, which extends to four volumes. In volume one, the work is divided into two books and several treatments that are then divided into chapters. Book one, treatment one, is divided into six chapters on the "Institutional Church." Treatment two is split into fifteen chapters, "Concerning the Power, Politics, and the Canon of the Church." Book two consists of four treatments, including eight chapters on "formulas, liturgies, and ceremonies," four chapters on "Baptism," and five on "The Administration of the Lord's Supper." Treatment three breaks into six chapters of "The Necessity of Regular private and public worship." Chapters include catechizing, scripture reading, and exercising piety in the family. The last treatment consists of three chapters from "The necessity of extraordinary worship: fasting, public eucharists, festivals, and holy days." And this is just volume one! The project will continue to be discussed by the board, among other proposals, so that in the near future announcement can be made for a new major translation project. Stay tuned.

### FUNDRAISING

The board also sincerely appreciated the donations thus far and requested that all members continue supporting the translation projects. In particular, completing the Masticht project requires an additional \$50,000 in the coming 18 months.

## REPRINTED MATERIALS

Many of you have asked, “When will the translation of ‘Reformed Spirituality Series’ be reprinted?” Reformation Heritage Books has been encouraged to reprint material already translated by DRTS. We will communicate with the members as soon as this happens.

## WEBINAR

The board is pleased to announce the annual webinar entitled “The Translation and Theology of the *Theoretico-Practica theologia*” with two world-renowned Maastricht scholars, Dr. Todd Rester and Dr. Adriaan Neele. It was initially scheduled for March 16 but has now been postponed to Fall 2023. To receive notifications concerning the webinar please email [info@duthreformedtranslation.org](mailto:info@duthreformedtranslation.org).