



Taiwan Reformation Translation Fellowship (Taiwan RTF)

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First Meeting: Sunday Dec 17, 4:00 PM -- all welcome.

Purpose: The Reformed Theology Association has decided to organize a Taiwan branch of the Reformation Translation Fellowship. The branch will support the translation and publication of Reformed books in Chinese. It will specialize in historically important, well-known Reformed books that are relevant for our times.

Goal: The Taiwan RTF aims to oversee and support the translation and publishing of one important Reformed Book every two years. (At the same time, other RTF groups will support other books. We hope to see the Reformed Press publishing three new books, and republishing three previously published books each year.)

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History: Samuel E. Boyle and Charles H. Chao established the Reformation Translation Fellowship in the late 1940's. They worked closely together for over forty years, and published 70 important Reformed works along with a regular periodical. Dr. Chao did most of the translation; Dr. Boyle helped check for accuracy. An American RTF nonprofit (established by J.G. Vos) and other overseas RTF groups supported the work. Dr. Boyle and Dr. Chao retired in the 1990's, and Dr. Chao's son Jonathan took over the leadership on the Chinese side. He established the Reformed Press in Taiwan, which publishes the books. With the untimely death of Jonathan, the RTF is in a time of transition. The American RTF continues to function. This new Taiwan RTF will take its place beside the American and other RTF groups to continue the work.

Members meetings: Members of the Taiwan RTF meet twice a year. At the semi-annual meeting, we elect a Chairperson, a vice Chairperson and a treasurer. We also choose the books to be translated and published, approve a budget, oversee the progress of the RTF, oversee the executive committee, check the financial statement, and make other major decisions. Besides this members are also encouraged, if they have time, to attend regular fellowship meetings. At these meetings we listen to a reading of the translation and discuss it.

Executive committee: The executive committee (the chair, vice-chair, treasurer) is responsible for all the details. They hire a translator, oversee the work of the translator, pay bills, and organize the monthly and semi-annual meetings. They work as volunteers.

Finances: The fellowship has a monthly budget of NT \$150,000. The vast majority of this is for translation and editing fees. This income comes from regular contributions from the members themselves and their churches. We also seek special contributions towards the publication of a book once it is translated. There is no membership fee, but all members are expected to contribute regularly. The fellowship is registered in Taiwan as a ministry of the "Taiwan Reformed Theology Association (a Taiwan non-profit)". All contributions are tax deductible in Taiwan.