



# IRTC

INTERNATIONAL  
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THEOLOGICAL  
COLLEGE

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## 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 75 students, from 14 different countries. Our budget increased to USD\$139,000 and our staff of 19 grew to 35. It looks like the College may well enroll over 100 students in 2020, as God is granting 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 send-

ing 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.

To receive a detailed job description and overview of the IRTC and its mission, please write Mr. John Roukema ([jroukema@outlook.com](mailto: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 European Union or the United States, please contact Mr. Ralph Boersema ([ralph@fitref.online](mailto: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. Turn the page for details regarding donations.

## 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](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*  
221-2626 Countess Street  
Abbotsford, BC V2T 5P3  
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:

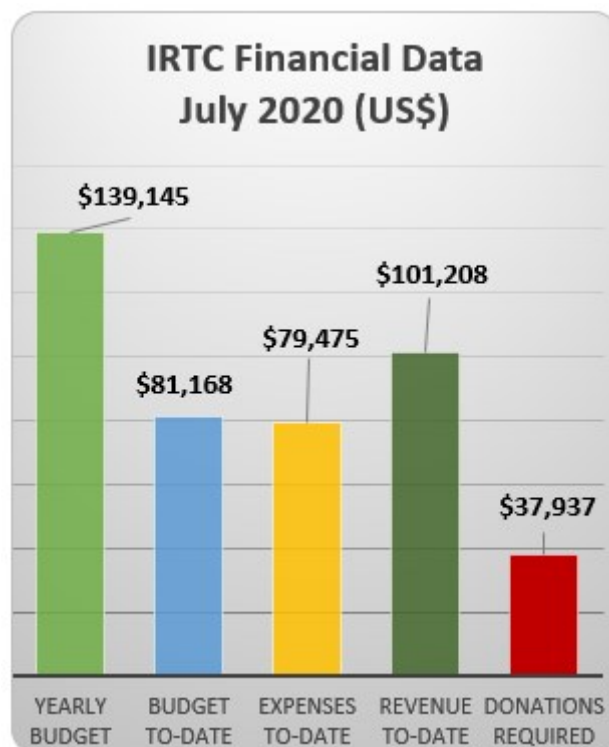
*International Reformed Theological College*  
70 Pace Dr.  
Bristol, VA 24201  
USA

## Donor Update

Not only has 2020 been an eventful year around the world, it has also been filled with sadness, blessings and surprises for the IRTC. While still feeling loss for the passing of our dear friend and brother Rev. José João de Paula, who shared his talents with the IRTC, we also rejoiced in the College's continued growth and in God's providence for us. In the midst of the pandemic, we've had our strongest year yet, reaching many new students from all around the world who would otherwise have been unable to begin or continue their studies in Reformed Theology.

Whereas donations have been robust during the first semester of this year, most of the contributions we have received were annual amounts, and **new donors are needed if we are to complete the remainder of our budget**. We have been able to stay slightly below budget throughout most of 2020, and we hope to finish in the same manner. In spite of this, **we still need to raise USD\$37,937 by the end of the year**.

We trust the Lord will continue to bring those that He himself is preparing to meet our ministerial needs. We invite those who wish to participate in this work to contribute with us, using the information to the left.



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