

Crete Protestant Reformed Church

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Dear congregation,

Greetings in the name of the King and Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ.

Recently, many in our congregation have received a new Reformed publication entitled, *Sword and Shield*. This monthly magazine is being published by Reformed Believers Publishing. As you may have noticed, Rev. Langerak is a contributing editor for this periodical.

The consistory has had a strong tradition of not only allowing, but encouraging our pastors to write. This history can be demonstrated by the large volume of material produced in multiple periodicals, pamphlets, and books which has come from the pens of our pastors throughout the years. Various publishers, even some outside the PRC, have made this material available to readers.

Rev. Langerak's writing in the *Sword and Shield*, of which we are aware, is a continuation of this tradition.

We also have a history of encouraging our congregation to read. Our church library and the Reformed Bookshelf are full of a large variety of publications and periodicals. They are there to be read. We then again encourage you to read.

But in all our reading, let us not forget that we must read with discretion. "...try the spirits whether they are of God..." Whether it be the *Sword and Shield*, the *Standard Bearer*, the *Beacon Lights*, the *Salt Shakers*, or *Christianity Today* let us all remember the inspired words of Paul in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

In Christ,
Consistory of Crete Protestant Reformed Church



Kevin Brummel, Clerk of Consistory

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