Information Release from the Canadian Reformed Committee on Bible Translation

Synod 1995 had recommended the NIV Bible Translation for use among the churches. Every subsequent Synod has confirmed that decision. It was reported to Synod 2010 that the NIV was about to be released with significant revisions. This revision is significant enough for Synod 2010 to decide to mandate this Committee to review the NIV2011 to see whether the NIV could still be recommended for use among the churches.

The NIV2011 has in fact now been published and on March 2011 has been available in print form. From press releases, we are informed that the old version of the NIV will no longer be produced and the publisher has an aggressive schedule for converting all NIV products to the new text. Technically, it is called NIV2011, but the 2011 update of the NIV will be called, simply, the NIV.

The reason for this press release is to advise members of our churches to consider which version of the NIV they are purchasing since the NIV2011 has not been recommended for use among the churches.