

Dear Friends,

I hope 2011 so far is treating you very well. This year promises to be another very rich and exciting one for the Ecclesiological Investigations Research Network - some highlights are included below.

All best wishes,

Gerard Mannion

1. **AAR – Final Call:** The deadline for paper proposals for this year’s Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion (San Francisco, November 17-21) is fast approaching (**8th March 11.59pm EST**). Details of the call for this year follow below and instructions for how to submit a proposal can be found [here](#). Proposals are **only** accepted **online** through the **OP3 AAR System** (not via email).
2. **Assisi 2012: Where We Dwell in Common: Pathways for Dialogue in the 21st Century**
The 2012 and Sixth Annual EI International Conference opens for [registration](#) at the end of this month. The *Call for Paper and Poster Proposals* is now live. [Details here](#). The provisional general program outline can be found [here](#). This promises to be a very special event. Places will be limited so do please sign up as soon as you can when registration opens. Call for support can be found on the home page.
3. **New Website:** Our grateful thanks to **Vladimir Latinovic** for constructing a new website both for [Ecclesiological Investigations](#) in general (our new address is <http://www.ei-research.net>) and for www.assisi2012.com in particular. Please watch both for regular news and updates. Gratitude also to **Michael DeLashmutt** for his sterling efforts on the original website and support during the transition to the new platform.
4. **Continuum/T&T Clark International Series:** The latest title is just out – ***Being Faithful: Christian Commitment in Modern Society* by Judith Merkle** following on the success of other recent titles in 2010 from Minna Hietamäki; Steve Summers; Neil Ormerod and Shane Clifton. Forthcoming titles from Brian Flanagan; Paul M. Collins and Barry Ensign-George; Gerard Mannion and Eddy Van der Borgh; and Radu Bordeianu are due out soon. Details of these and all volumes in the series are [here](#).
5. As ever, **Paul Avis**, editor of the peer-reviewed journal ***Ecclesiology***, is always happy to receive scholarly [submissions](#) of articles for consideration for publication in the journal. The latest issue is just out – [details of contents here](#).

6. For those interested, January 10th this year saw a great gathering hosted by the Pontifical University and Benedictine Community of **Sant'Anselmo** in Rome, Italy. A number of excellent papers and conversations took place throughout the day on the theme of '[Ecclesiology and Interculturality](#)'. For more details, read [here](#).
7. Finally, last and certainly not least, a [fantastic program](#) of international, ecumenical and interdisciplinary scholars has been put together by Dennis Doyle and University of Dayton, Ohio, for the forthcoming [2011 EI International Conference on 'Ecclesiology and Exclusion: Boundaries of Being and Belonging'](#) (May 17-21). Dennis writes that there are [some places left](#) and he may even be willing to consider last minute [paper proposals](#) from established scholars and graduate students alike if you [ask him nicely](#)!

[Final Call: AAR Annual Meeting - San Francisco November 18-21 2011](#)

[We invite papers in three areas:](#)

'Ecclesiology and Islam': Invited topics: historical and contemporary relationships between Islamic faith communities and churches; concepts of co-existence; multiple belonging; method in inter-faith encounters; relations in the Middle East, Islamic states, in Christian-dominated states; comparative theological papers concerning 'Religion and Community' (a la Keith Ward's 2000 study).

Ecclesiology and Church Law: Reflections on the relationship between ecclesiology and church law in different denominations invited, particularly interactions with wider debates raised by Ladislav Orsy's *Receiving the Council*, 2009. Papers exploring analogous mechanisms of polity in other traditions; pertinent juridical reflections on the clerical abuse crises; Anglicanism's recent debates concerning order; representation from marginal voices.

What is Distinctive about Methodist Ecclesiology? With Wesleyan Studies Group. Welcome topics: formal expressions, practices, institutions, mission and ministry from all branches of Wesleyan/Methodist family; Presentations from perspective of other traditions, especially perspective of ecumenical conversations, including bi-lateral dialogues, addressing Wesleyan/Methodist ecclesiological issues/problems posed by Methodist ecclesial practices/formulations.

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