

Call for Proposals

This Group invites papers that address one of the following topics and subthemes:

- Ecclesiology and Islam — the historical and contemporary relationships between Islamic faith communities and churches; concepts of coexistence; multiple belonging; method in interfaith encounters; relations in the Middle East, Islamic states, and Christian-dominated states; comparative theological papers concerning religion and community' (à la Keith Ward's 2000 study)

- Ecclesiology and church law — reflections on the relationship between ecclesiology and church law in different denominations; particularly interactions with wider debates raised by Ladislav Orsy's *Receiving the Council: Theological and Canonical Insights and Debates* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009). Papers exploring analogous mechanisms of polity in other traditions; pertinent juridical reflections on the clerical abuse crises; Anglicanism's recent debates concerning order; and representation from marginal voices are also welcome

- What is distinctive about Methodist ecclesiology? — formal expressions, practices, institutions, mission, and ministry from all branches of Wesleyan/Methodist family. Presentations from the perspectives of other traditions, especially those of ecumenical conversations — including bilateral dialogues — addressing Wesleyan/Methodist ecclesiological issues/problems posed by Methodist ecclesial practices/formulations are also sought (for a possible cosponsored session with the [Wesleyan Studies Group](#))

Mission

The [Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network](#) seeks to serve as a hub for national and international collaboration in ecclesiology, drawing together other groups and networks, initiating research ventures, and providing administrative support, as well as acting as a funding facilitator to support conversations, research, and education in this field. Hence, the network exists to promote collaborative ecclesiology. The Network's five fundamental aims are

as follows:

- Establishment of partnerships between scholars, research projects, and research centers across the world
- Development of virtual, textual, and actual conversation between the many persons and groups involved in research and debate about ecclesiology
- Organizing and sharing in colloquia, symposia, and conferences
- Encouraging joint teaching, exchanges of postgraduate students, and faculty
- Publishing the best fruits of all such collaboration in our T&T Clark (Continuum) series of volumes, *Ecclesiological Investigations*, as well as in the journal [Ecclesiology](#). This Group is a “network of networks” serving a “church of churches.”

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are visible to Chairs and Steering Committee Members at all times. Having experimented with various processes, we find that full visibility enhances the inclusivity and diversity of the papers and speakers featured in our sessions.

Questions?

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Method of Submission

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