

Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network
invites members, friends, & others
to gather by Zoom

on Friday, September 24, 2021
4:00 to 6:00 pm East Coast US time*

to
celebrate the Ecclesiological Investigations past
and
to look ahead to the Ecclesiological Investigations future

Join the Zoom Meeting at

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Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network (EI) was launched nearly two decades ago. Under the Gerard Mannion (1970-2019) and others, EI has grown to become a major international force for rethinking ecclesiology.

Please join us on September 24, 2021 at 4 pm Eastern Time (USA) as we celebrate EI's past (14 international conferences, sessions at both the American Academy of Religion and the European Academy of Religion, several publication series, and a year of Zoom webinars), and as we look ahead look ahead to EI's future.

- Share memories of your involvement in the EI Network events over the years
- See highlights of EI conferences over the years
- Hear about "Decolonizing Churches" to gather in person at the Universidad Interamericano de Puerto Rico (UIPR) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 22-25, 2022
- Meet some of the Planning Team for the San Juan Conference, and the leadership at UIPR, to hear more about this event, including the call for papers
- Offer ideas about where the EI Network might go in the future

*Please share the Zoom link for Sept 24 with others in your networks interested in EI
This will be an open access event - No prior registration is required
For questions or more information email Dale Irvin, Chair of EI, at dirvin1@gmail.com*

*those in other time zones around the globe will need to adjust as necessary

Ecclesiological Investigations brings together quality research and inspiring debates in ecclesiology worldwide from a network of international scholars, research centres, and projects in the field. The Network seeks to promote studies, research, dialogue and collaboration in ecclesiology across the broad spectrum of the Christian tradition. It seeks to promote genuinely collaborative ecclesiology in national, international, intra-ecclesial and ecumenical contexts. An abiding principle of the foundation of EI is that the church must be inclusive if it is to be of continuing relevance in the world in a positive sense. To these ends EI seeks to foster and facilitate conversation and collaboration that are both open and pluralistic in character. EI seeks to serve as a hub for such, drawing together individuals, groups, and networks, initiating research ventures and providing leadership, guidance, and administrative support as well as acting as a funding facilitator to support conversations, research, and education in the field. One of the enduring marks of the EI Network is the manner in which it intentionally facilitates friendship and collegiality among participants in all of its events.

Thanks to the support and encouragement of many willing persons, EI has achieved a great deal to date in terms of bringing together scholars, practitioners, and students in the field, with active participation from a wide range of geographical, methodological, and ecclesial backgrounds. The Ecclesiological Investigations Program Unit Group of the American academy of Religion (AAR) came into being in 2005, the year in which it was first proposed to and subsequently accepted by the American Academy of Religion Program Committee. An Ecclesiological Investigations Program Unit has more recently been launched in the European Academy of Religion. Both provide opportunities for research and collaboration in support of a more open church.



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