

Call for Proposals

This Group seeks proposals for the following themes:

- The power and authority of women in the Church from diverse confessional, theological, social-scientific, and geographical perspectives. Proposals are encouraged that explore various forms of women's agency and influence in churches by ordained or nonordained, and the limitations that are placed upon them. Consideration may be given to demographic and cross-generational shifts of women between churches (and religions) and the exodus of women from churches. Reflection on the witness of women from the global South would be welcomed, including from women in base communities and members of Pentecostal and Evangelical traditions. Constructive proposals in ecclesiology and practical theology would be given serious consideration
- The managerial turn and the thinning of denominational identity — consider and assess the fate of denominational and confessional identity of churches at the present moment. There are manifestations of an increasing denominational awareness in some churches, but also a managerial turn, a new form of bureaucratization, in certain churches that are having an adverse “thinning” effect on the identity and mission of the church. Paper proposals are invited that will offer an analysis and evaluation of this managerial turn and the weakening and transformations of traditional denominational identities; these may include assessments on the effects of these changes on the church's ministry and public mission in the civic arena
- For a cosponsored session with the [Vatican II Studies Group](#) , the ecclesiological paradigm shift of Vatican II and its ecumenical implications, with particular attention to the relationship between the local and universal dimensions of the Church. Topics on other relevant issues related to Vatican II studies are also welcomed

Mission

This Group is a part of the [Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network](#) , which seeks to serve as a hub for national and international collaboration in ecclesiology, drawing together other groups and networks, initiating research ventures, providing administrative support, as well as acting as a 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:

- The establishment of partnerships between scholars, research projects, and research centers across the world

- The 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 and exchanges of postgraduate students and faculty
- Publishing the best fruits of all such collaboration in our T&T Clark (Continuum) series of volumes entitled *Ecclesiological Investigations*, as well as in the journal [Ecclesiology](#) (Brill), published in association with the Network. The Network is a “network of networks” serving a “church of churches.” See <http://www.ei-research.net/> for more information.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are **visible** to Chairs but **anonymous** to Steering Committee members.

Questions?

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