Dear Friends,

I hope this finds all very well with you and your loved ones. The latest Ecclesiological Investigations Newsletter contains a number of important and exciting items:

A. Belgrade 2013: Ecclesiological Investigations International Conference – Call for Papers and Website now live

B. Assisi 2012 – Latest News, follow-up, publications updates

C. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting – EI Line-up, Chicago November 17-20 2012

D. New AAR Program Unit in Vatican II Studies, Line-up, Chicago 2012

E. Continuum/T&T Clark International Series: New and Forthcoming Titles - New paperback editions of existing titles

F. Ecclesiology and Exclusion: Boundaries of Being and Belonging in Postmodern Times – proceedings of Dayton 2011 now published by Orbis


H. Synodos – Launch of new online ‘meeting place’ for announcements pertaining to ecclesiological research, including events, new publications and job openings.

All best wishes,
Gerard Mannion

A. Belgrade 2013: Ecclesiological Investigations International Conference – Call for Papers and Website now live

- The 2013 International Gathering of the Ecclesiological Investigations Network will take place in the city of Belgrade, Serbia from June 20-22. The programme also taking in visits to historic and significant sites pertaining to the conference theme.
- You are cordially invited to take part in this international and ecumenical gathering.
- Further details as they become available will be posted on the newly launched conference website, as well as on the Ecclesiological Investigations Facebook page.
- Conference Registration will open on November 1st.

Call for papers, now live, is here.


Many thanks to all for their kind words, support and feedback since April’s gathering in Assisi. We hope to build upon the conversations began there in Belgrade next years and through the publication of the papers from the event itself. The committee are attending to the review process for these as we speak. Naturally, we hope the conversations will also continue at regional and local levels and through other EI events such as the AAR Program Unit....

C. EI at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting: Chicago November 17-20 2012

This year, the EI Group will have four sessions. Full details follow below and further details can be found here.


Bradford Hinze, Fordham University, Presiding

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

This session explores the churches' response to the present economic crisis. A quarter of a century or so after the United States Roman Catholic Bishops released Economic Justice for All and the Church of England’s Faith in the City appeared, 2012 also marks the centenary of Walter
Rauschenbusch’s *Christianizing the Social Order*. In that work, Rauschenbusch sets down "the case of Christianity against Capitalism." What does it mean to work towards what he called a "social awakening of the Churches" in the present economic crisis?

**Speakers:**

Doug Gay, University of Glasgow

*Reforming Economics—Visible Hands and the Promise of Ecumenical Economics*

William Walker, Claremont Graduate University

*Sacralizing the Secular: The Economic Organization of Emerging Ecclesiology in North America and Its Latent Spirit of Anti-capitalism*

Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary

*Theatre of the Oppressed in the South Bronx: Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice as a Missional Church Movement*

W. Travis McMaken, Lindenwood University

*Helmut Gollwitzer and Economic Justice—A Theopolitical Appreciation*

**Responding:**

Christine Firer Hinze, Fordham University

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2. **Ecclesiology and Ethnography**

Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary, Presiding

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

This session invites scholars working at the intersection of qualitative research (ethnography) and the church (ecclesiology) to respond to the volume Perspectives on Ecclesiology and Ethnography. This manifesto argues that the ethnographic “voice” demands our attention because it has the potential to make a significant and urgently needed contribution to the contemporary discussion of the church. This conviction arises from a growing sense that there is often a disconnection between what we say doctrinally about the church and the experience of
Life in a local parish. This disconnection seriously prohibits how theological study can make any kind of credible contribution to the life of the church. One way of expressing this is in terms of plausibility in ecclesiology. Authors from the volume present its core claims and invited respondents critically appraise the volume with the aim of extending the conversation begun by the volume’s publication.

**Panelists:**
Luke Bretherton, Duke University  
John Swinton, University of Aberdeen  
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University  
Elizabeth Phillips, University of Cambridge

**Responding:**
Richard Wood, University of New Mexico  
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College

### 3. History, Hermeneutics, and Legacy of the Second Vatican Council

**Joint Session with new Vatican II Studies Group**
Catherine Clifford, Saint Paul University, Presiding  
Angela Berlis, University of Bern, Presiding  
**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

The year 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Vatican II (1962-2012), the most recent council of the Catholic Church whose main focus was ecclesiology – “Ecclesia, quid dicis de te ipsa?”. Two papers of the session focus on the contributions of the theologians Yves Congar and Henri de Lubac to the ecclesiological debate at Vatican II (Mazzolini) and on the reinterpretation of the constitution on the Church and the modern world, Gaudium et Spes, in a kenotic perspective (Osheim). The second part of the session addresses the hermeneutical debate on Vatican II, especially the issue of the “constitutional value” of Vatican II for the Church today according to the German dogmatician Peter Hübnermann (Kaplan) and the hermeneutical project
concerning the reception of the Council in Christoph Theobald’s systematic theological enterprise (Zordan).

**Speakers:**

Sandra Mazzolini, Pontifical University, Urbaniana

*Which Theology? The Work of the Theological Preparatory Commission according to Conciliar Diaries of Congar and de Lubac*

Amanda Osheim, Loras College

*The Vulnerability of Kenosis: Two Visions of the Church in the (Post) Modern World*

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University

*Beyond Continuity vs. Rupture: Vatican II as a Constitutional Text of Faith*

Davide Zordan, Fondazione Bruno Kessler

*Be Kind, Rewind: The Role of Reception in Christoph Theobald’s Reading of the Second Vatican Council*

**E. New AAR Program Unit in Vatican II Studies**

We are delighted to announce that the AAR this year approved a new program unit in *Vatican II Studies* which will be led by Leuven’s Peter De Mey and St Thomas’s University’s Massimo Faggioli. The Ecclesiological Investigations Group will be co-sponsoring a session with this new group at this year’s Chicago AAR. We look forward to much future collaboration with the new group as its important work and focus develop. In addition to the joint session with the EI Group (detailed above), this exciting new group will also host the following session in Chicago:

*How (not) to Organise an Ecumenical Council: The Learning Process of Year One*

Peter De Mey, Catholic University of Leuven, Presiding

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
This is the first session of a new group which will in the coming years pay scholarly attention to the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), one of the most significant events in the history of the Catholic Church, an event which had wide-ranging implications for other faiths, other Christian churches and for the wider world alike. In our first year the Church historians and theologians whom we selected will either pay attention to the texts available for discussion at the start of the Council and their relationship with ecclesiological thought patterns in the first half of the 20th century, or to the current debate whether Vatican II reflects a hermeneutics of continuity, discontinuity or reform.

Speakers

Sandra Arenas, Catholic University, Leuven

*Fifty Years Forgotten: The Doctrine of Elementa Ecclesiae at the Core of the Conciliar Understanding of Church Membership*

Kevin Ahern, Boston College

*Ecclesial Renewal From Below: International Catholic Organizations and the Council*

Francesca Cadeddu, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII

*John Courtney Murray and the Shaping of the Religious Freedom Debate*

Daniel Rober, Fordham University

*Ressourcement or Aggiornamento, Reform or Rupture? How the Council's Theological Context Sheds Light on Its Interpretation*

Alberto Melloni, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII

*Fortune of a Caricature: the "Bologna School"*

Business Meeting:

Massimo Faggioli, University of St. Thomas

We are delighted to announce that many of the volumes in the EI Series with Continuum are now available in paperback. All volumes will now also be published in paperback 18 months from the release date of the hardback edition.

New Titles Just Published:

Doctrine, Dynamic and Difference By Pieter de Witte

Democracy in the Christian Church By Luca Badini Confalonieri

Church, Liberation and World Religions By Mario I. Aguilar

Details of these and all volumes in the series are here.

Proposals for new volumes are always welcome – email to the series editor.
F. Ecclesiology and Exclusion: Boundaries of Being and Belonging in Postmodern Times – proceedings of Dayton 2011 now published by Orbis

Many congratulations to Dennis M. Doyle, Timothy J. Furry, Pascal D. Bazzell, joint editors of the splendid new volume from Orbis, *Ecclesiology and Exclusion: Boundaries of Being and Belonging in Postmodern Times*, NY, Maryknoll, Orbis (2012). This book features the proceedings of the 2010 Ecclesiological Investigations International conference, which took as its theme ‘Ecclesiology and Exclusion’. The event was organized by Dennis Doyle and a dynamic team and was hosted by the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, USA, between May 19-22, 2011. Read an extract [here](#).

For a limited time Orbis Books is offering Ecclesiology and Exclusion at a 30% discount off the list price of $38.00 plus $6.00 for ground shipping for conference attendees and members of Ecclesiological Investigations. ($26.60 + $6.00 = $32.60 total; sales tax additional in CA, DC, FL, IL, LA, NY, MN, OH, TX, WA.) To order click [here](#).


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](#).

H. Synodos – Launch of new online ‘meeting place’ for announcements pertaining to ecclesiological research, including events, new publications and job openings.

From November 1st, at [www.ei-research.net](http://www.ei-research.net), there will be a new ‘meeting place’ for all those interested in ecclesiological research. ‘Synodos’ will be a page where announcements of interest to the research communities in ecclesiology and related fields can be posted each month (the page will be updated at the beginning of each calendar month). There will be a submission form through which announcements can be sent for consideration. Commercial organizations will not be permitted to make use of this facility.