

The Center for the Study and Research of the Christian Faith in Puerto Rico
Centro de Estudios e Investigación de la Fe Cristiana en Puerto Rico (CEIFeC-PR)

The CEIFeC-PR is the result of Prof. Marilina Wayland, Chancellor of the Metropolitan Campus, re-conceptualization of the original goals of the *Center for the Promotion of the Christian Faith*, Rev. Dr. Miguel A. Morales, founded in 1993. The principal objective of the new CEIFeC-PR is the promotion of the study and academic research of the Christian and religious faiths in Puerto Rico. Also, the CEIFeC-PR seeks to contribute to the quality of life of the people of Puerto Rico.



Among the functions of the CEIFeC-PR there are: 1) The reflection and research of the Christian faith; 2) The motivation of a fraternal and constructive ecumenical dialogue; and 3) The emphasis on applied Christian values. These functions are in consonance with the mission of the Metropolitan Campus (where the CEIFeC-PR is located), *of service to the community and of reaffirmation of its Christian ecumenical roots*. Of which the Inter American University of Puerto Rico has given faithful and constant demonstration throughout almost 100 years of history, next to be celebrated in 2012.

For the CEIFeC-PR, research is foundational for the academic development of a Christian ecumenical theology in Puerto Rico. The center's previous research: *Theological Education in Puerto Rico*, sponsored by AETH-UIPR (1998) and the study on the *Social Services Provided by the Christian Churches to the Communities in the Metropolitan Areas of Puerto Rico*, sponsored by The Pew Charitable Trust-Inter-American University of Puerto Rico (1999-2001), were pioneering and pertinent studies for the Puerto Rican community. The new CEIFeC-PR plans to further pursue these areas of research.

Since August 2007, the CEIFeC-PR has focused its efforts in creating a database of collections of theological resources produced in Puerto Rico. With the acquisition of original and unpublished documents, of key Puerto Rican and Caribbean scholars such as Rev. Dr. Ángel M. Mergal, Rev. Prof. Domingo Marrero Navarro and Rev. Dr. Miguel A. Limardo Castillo, as well as of other resources, the CEIFeC-PR has become the principal custodian and a promoter of research of Christian ecumenical theology in Puerto Rico.

The CEIFeC-PR continues the process of acquiring new collections and materials that guarantee a high level of academic, intellectual and theological research in Puerto Rico. We continue with the task of receiving and digitizing documents with the goal of preserving them for students in religion and theology and making them available in the internet at no charge for the academic community.

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