

Welcome to the first reSource newsletter of 2014. Here at reSource Leadership, our attention over the last few years has been focused on three key areas of work, now called our Primary Focus Initiatives. These are the geographical areas of Vietnam and Cuba, as well as the more global commitment to theological libraries worldwide. Upcoming newsletters will frequently feature one of these Initiatives, including the article below on a new library development initiative in Latin America and the Caribbean.

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL CHRISTIAN REPOSITORY (REPCI)

A virtual space to spread the intellectual and original production of Latin American and Caribbean Christian authors

More and more educational institutions in Latin America (and indeed, around the world) are creating their own repositories for the school's intellectual production. REPCI is intended to provide a common space for researchers, teachers and students of Latin American and Caribbean theological institutions to share their publications. REPCI will be an open or low-cost tool to access this shared space.



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The specific goals are to:

- Recognize and present the theological work produced in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Facilitate access to information.
- Accelerate the process of dissemination of the intellectual product.
- Contribute to the quality of education across the continent and the Caribbean.
- Preserve the intellectual property of Christian thought of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Work collaboratively within a framework of common policies and measures for managing academic information.

The shared space is intended to:

- Disseminate information from Latin America and the Caribbean towards the rest of the world.
- Become a trustworthy tool for researchers worldwide to access reliable information.
- Preserve documentation of Latin America and Caribbean Christianity.

The vision is, by 2017, to be recognized as an information resource leader that provides high value academic content and becomes a benchmark for Christian institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean towards the rest of the world.

The REPCI project will be coordinated jointly by Mariel Voth, the Latin American Library Consultant for reSource Leadership International, and by the librarian of the Biblical Seminary of Colombia (FUSBC) in Medellin, Colombia.

COST **\$165,000 CAD over 3 years**

Next edition: an update from Pete DenHaan on the Conrad Grebel Theological Seminary in Holguin, Cuba.

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