



PRESBYTERS
IN THE LATE ANTIQUE WEST

CfP: Priest and his church.
Material aspects of the ministry of late antique and early medieval clerics
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At the forthcoming International Medieval Congress in Leeds (1-4 July 2019) the *Presbyters in the Late Antique West* project is organising a session on material aspects of the ministry of late antique and early medieval clerics.

Clerics, were obviously responsible for cult or, more generally, spiritual care. But that was only part of late of their usual activity. It was so not only because most of them had to pursue a non-ecclesiastical profession in order to provide for their families. It was also because running the church required taking care about all sort of mundane issues:

- church buildings (dilapidation, leaking roof, a place to live for church staff)
- necessary consumables: oil for lamps, chrism, bread, wine, books, church linens
- church property
- financial resources and financial relations with the bishop.

We will take a closer look at these spheres of clerical activity seeking to understand how the local church functioned from the material, organizational and financial point of view. Those interested in presenting paper at these sessions are requested to send title and short abstract (up to 200 words) to Robert Wiśniewski (r.wisniewski@uw.edu.pl) **before 15 September**.

These sessions will be sponsored by the *Presbyters in the Late Antique West* project, based at the University of Warsaw (<https://projectpresbyters.wordpress.com>). Please note that the project, sadly, the project cannot cover conference fee and travel expenses.



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