

Dolazza Travel Fellowship report after the conference

From August 16 to 18, 2023, the city of São Paulo in Brazil hosted the 8th Latin America Conference of Moral Theology (LACMT), featuring theologians from nine Latin American countries. The conference theme was: *Neo-Nazism, Moral Manipulation, and Resistance: A Prophetic Cry Amidst the Many Faces of Violence in Latin America*. The event was organized by the Brazilian Society of Moral Theology ([SBTM](#)) in partnership with several organizations, including the CTEWC. It also included a parallel in-person workshop of the [Virtual Table](#): *Abya Yala: Voces Emergentes desde América Latina y el Caribe*.

Pope Francis personally conveyed his support and motivation to all conference attendees through a letter, inspiring them to continue their dedicated work in the field of moral theology.

With support of the CTEWC Enrico Dolazza Travel Fellowship and Marquette University, I was able to travel to São Paulo to participate in both the LACMT and in the *Abya Yala* workshop. This experience was a unique for several reasons. First, I served as one of the organizers and general coordinator of the LACMT, which strengthened relationships among theological ethicists in the Latin America region. I had the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from various countries, establish new connections, and grow as a theologian through what I learned from the exchanges of ideas and work with other theologians. Second, it was also an occasion to exercise leadership and to promote the mission and work of the CTEWC during the LACMT, engaging with representants from nine countries. Third, in collaboration of Antonio Autiero, we presented the paper titled “*Ética teológica global e a missão da CTEWC,*” which garnered significant participation from theological ethicists interested in the work of CTEWC. Finally, I led a Latin American group of junior theological ethicists who were part of the project *Abya Yala: Emerging Voices of Latin America and Caribbean*, a Virtual Table supported by the CTEWC. All participants in this project had the opportunity to attend the LACMT and were encouraged to developing their network with theologians at the conference. Moreover, members of the *Abya Yala project* had an opportunity to progress in the collaborative work, which they have developed for over a year now as a Virtual Table.

I am grateful for the financial support provided by CTEWC through the Enrico Dolazza Travel Fellowship and Marquette University’s College of Arts & Sciences. I have no doubt that this opportunity will bear much fruits for me personally and also for the development of the Latin American and Caribbean region of the CTEWC, as well as for theologians involved in our projects.

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