

Identidad luterana en América Latina

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The article deals with the identity of the Protestant community in Latin America, the region with the absolute dominant of Catholicism. In the 19th century the Evangelical Church of Rio de la Plata (IERP) was created here by German-speaking immigrants (actually Germans, Swiss zwinglians, the Volga Germans, whose influx to Argentina started in 1878). Historically being the center of the life of the German community, IERP continues its service in German nowadays, but the main languages in the last half century of the community are Spanish and Portuguese. If earlier IERP pastors had come from Europe, now Reformed pastoral education could be obtained in Buenos Aires. This caused identical change of the local evangelical church. As the author shows, it is associated with reflections of social and political realities of our time — the power of money, consumerism, selfishness and the widespread cliff in people relations. These are the vices of the 21st century that the Lutheran community in Argentina struggle with the Gospel and his Spirit.



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