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Faculty Member Since

2017

Select Courses Taught

Leading a Missional Congregation
 The Church's Mission in Changing Cultures
 Interpreting Scripture: Biblical Authority and Hermeneutics
 Sin and Salvation

Education

Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands

PhD

Thesis Title: "‘As the Father Has Sent Me, I am Sending You’: J. E. Lesslie Newbigin’s Missional Ecclesiology" (2000)

Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

PhD Coursework Completed (Systematic Theology and Philosophy)

Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA

MA (Systematic Theology)

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

BA (Intellectual History)

Ministry Experience

New West Christian Reformed Church, Burnaby, BC

Minister of Preaching, 2007–2015

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First Christian Reformed Church, Hamilton, Ontario
Minister of Preaching, 1999–2005

Redeemer College, Ancaster, Ontario
College Pastor – Part Time, 1994–1998

First Presbyterian Church, Unionville, Ontario
Church Planter/Pastor, 1984–1991

Ordained in Eastern Canada Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), 1985. Transferred ordination to the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), 1999. Ordination papers held by Hope Community Church, Surrey, BC (2016–).

Teaching Experience

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Professor of Missional Theology, 2017–present

Missional Training Center – Phoenix, AZ
Director of Theological Education, 2012–present

Surge Network – Phoenix, AZ
Scholar-in-Residence, 2012–present

Trinity College, Bristol University, Bristol, UK
Associate Faculty and Research Fellow, 2011–present

St. George's Centre for Biblical and Public Theology, Burlington, ON
Fellow in Mission and Worldview Studies, 2015–2017

Redeemer Seminary, Dallas, TX
Adjunct Professor of Mission and Theology, 2014–2016

Newbigin House of Studies, San Francisco, CA
Senior Fellow, 2012–2015.

Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI
Jake and Betsy Tuls Professor of Missiology, 2012–2014

Paideia Centre for Public Theology, Ancaster, ON
Fellow in Mission and Worldview Studies, 2010–2015

Regent College, Vancouver, BC
Teaching Fellow, Mission and World Christianity, 2006–2013.

Trinity Western University, Langley, BC
Geneva Professor of Reformational Worldview Studies and Professor of Religious Studies, 2005–2012.
Adjunct Associate Professor in Education and Worldview Studies, Graduate Program in Administrative Leadership, Summer 1997–2005.

Redeemer University College, Ancaster, ON

Assistant (1994–1999)/Associate (1999–2005) Professor of Worldview Studies, Mission and World Christianity, and Biblical Theology Instructor of Religion and Theology (part time), 1989–1991.

Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI

Visiting Professor in Missiology, Winter 1998

Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA

Assistant Professor of Theology, 1991–1994.

Publications

Books – Author

The Church and Its Vocation: Lesslie Newbigin's Missionary Ecclesiology. Grand Rapids: Baker, forthcoming October 2018.

Introducing Christian Mission Today: Scripture, History, and Issues. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2014.

A Light to the Nations: The Missional Church and the Biblical Story. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011.

"As the Father Has Sent Me, I Am Sending You": J. E. Lesslie Newbigin's Missionary Ecclesiology. Zoetermeer: Boekencentrum Publishing House, 2000.

Books – Co-Author

Newbigin and His Heirs: Ecclesiological Discussion after Newbigin in North America. Grand Rapids: Baker, contracted and in process. Coauthored with Timothy M. Sheridan.

The Symphony of Mission: Playing Your Part in God's Orchestra. Grand Rapids: Baker, contracted and in process. Coauthored with Jim Mullins.

Introducing Christian Scholarship: A Narrative and Missional Approach. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, contracted and in process. Coauthored with Douglas Loney.

Christian Philosophy: A Systematic and Narrative Introduction. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013. Coauthored with Craig G. Bartholomew.

Living at the Crossroads: An Introduction to Christian Worldview. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic; London: SPCK, 2008). Coauthored with Craig G. Bartholomew.

The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2004; rev. 2014. Coauthored with Craig G. Bartholomew.

Books – Editor/Coeditor

Reading the Bible Missionally. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016.

The Gospel and Globalization: Exploring the Religious Roots of Globalization. Vancouver: Regent College Press and Geneva Society, 2009. Coedited with Erin G. Glanville.

That the World May Believe: Essays on Mission and Unity in Honour of George Vandervelde. Lanham, MA: University Press of America, 2006. Coedited with Margaret O’Gara.

Journal Articles

“The Legacy of Lesslie Newbigin for Mission in the 21st Century.” *Trinity Journal for Theology and Ministry* 4, 2 (2010): 8–21. Special Issue: “The Gospel in the Public Square: Essays by and in Honor of Lesslie Newbigin.”

“Historical Perspectives on the Missional Church Movement: Probing Lesslie Newbigin’s Formative Influence.” *Trinity Journal for Theology and Ministry* 4, 2 (2010): 62–84. Special Issue: “The Gospel in the Public Square: Essays by and in Honor of Lesslie Newbigin.”

“Preaching the Bible as One Story.” *Journal of Preaching* 10 (2009): 5–23.

“Continuing Steps Toward a Missional Hermeneutic.” *Fideles* 3 (2008): 49–99.

“Chosen by God for the Sake of the World: The Missional Church in the Biblical Story.” *Reformed Theology* 25 (October 2008): 69–101.

“The Urgency of Reading the Bible as One Story.” *Theology Today* 64, 4 (January 2008): 469–83.

“The Surrender and Recovery of the Unbearable Tension.” *Journal of Education & Christian Belief* 11, 1 (Spring 2007): 7–21.

“A Missionary Encounter with Western Culture.” *ACT 3 Review* 15, 1 (2006): 155–71.

“The Legacy of Lesslie Newbigin for Today.” *Reformation and Revival* 14, 3 (2005): 49–63.

“The Significance of Lesslie Newbigin for Mission in a New Millennium.” *Third Millennium* 7, 3 (2004): 88–99.

“The Future of Mission in the World Council of Churches: The Dialogue Between Lesslie Newbigin and Konrad Raiser.” *Mission Studies* 21, 1 (2004): 97–111.

“Liberating the Gospel from Its Modern Cage: An Interpretation of Lesslie Newbigin’s Gospel and Modern Culture Project.” *Missionalia* 30, 3 (November 2002): 360–75.

“Is Lesslie Newbigin’s Model of Contextualization Anticultural?” *Mission Studies* 19, 2, 38 (October 2002): 136–58.

“The Missional Church: Ecclesiological Discussion in the Gospel and Our Culture Network in North America.” *Missiology* 30, 4 (October 2002): 479–90.

“‘As the Father Has Sent Me, I Am Sending You’: Lesslie Newbigin’s Missionary Ecclesiology.” *International Review of Mission* 91, 362 (July 2002): 354–69.

“Who Turned Out the Light? Educational Light in a Dark World.” *Journal of Education and Christian Belief* 6, 1 (Spring 2002): 41–55.

“Scholarship at the Crossroads: Exploring Lesslie Newbigin’s Missionary Model of Contextualization.” *European Journal of Theology* 10, 2 (2001): 131–42.

“Gospel and Cultures: Lesslie Newbigin’s Missionary Contribution.” *Philosophia Reformata* 66, 2 (2001): 178–88.

"Scholarship at the Crossroads: Exploring Lesslie Newbigin's Missionary Model of Contextualization." *Contact: The Newsletter of the International Association for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education* 13, 1 (November 2001). Academic insert, 1–8.

"Educating Between the Times: Postmodernity and Educational Leadership." *Journal of Education and Christian Belief* 5, 1 (Fall 2001): 27–39.

"Az Evangélium, Kultúra és Kultúrák" [Hungarian: "Gospel, Culture, and Cultures" [translated by László Gonda]. *Lelkipásztor [Lutheran Theological Journal, Hungary]* 9 (2001): 322–27.

"Building for the Future: Worldview Foundations of Sand and Rock." *Religion in Eastern Europe* 20, 5 (October 2000): 30–41.

"Toward a Missiology of Western Culture." *European Journal of Theology* 8, 2 (1999): 155–68.

"Mission in the Ecumenical and Evangelical Traditions." *Pro Rege* (December 1992): 1–10.

Other Publications

Numerous articles in popular publications, as well as book reviews in a variety of scholarly and popular venues.

Selected Recent Lectures and Presentations

"A New Paradigm of Mission Today." Public lecture in the Orthodox Theology Faculty at the "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba-Iulia, Romania, 16 May 2018.

"A Missiology for Today: Three Theological Starting Points." Public lecture as visiting professor in the Orthodox Theology Faculty at the University of Babeş-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. 15 May 2018.

"Systematic Theology in a Missional Curriculum." Twenty lectures given in a five-day intensive training session for Hungarian Reformed Pastors, Bereksfürdő, Hungary. 7–11 May, 2018.

"Missional Church in Biblical Story"; "Missional Church in Systematic Theology"; "Missional Church and the Inner Life of the Church"; "Missional Church and Its Calling in the World." Four lectures given for pastors and leaders conference, Bereksfürdő, Hungary, 4–5 May, 2018.

"Missional Vocation of God's People in the Midst of the World"; "The Missional Church and a Missional Encounter with Culture"; "Missional Church, Theological Education, and Discipleship." Three keynote addresses given for Lifelink Leaders Conference, "Church on Mission," Chicago, IL. 9–10 March 2018.

"The Story of the Bible; Reflecting Theologically on the Story of the Bible"; "Theological Reflection on the Nature and Authority of Scripture"; "Hermeneutics—Listening for God's Address." Four sessions over three-day training for CRU, Auburn, AL, 4–6 March, 2018.

"A New Paradigm of Mission"; "Starting with the Gospel: The Church and the Biblical Story"; "The Vocation of the Missional Church in the World"; "The Inner Life of the Missional Church"; "A Missionary Encounter with Our Culture." Five lectures on *The Missionary Church: A New Paradigm for the Twenty-first Century*. given for the Dr. Garry M. Owen Memorial Academic Lectures, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College, Cochrane, AB, 19–21 February 2018.

"Historical Introduction to Theological Education in a Missional Mode"; "Theological Introduction to Theological Education in a Missional Mode"; "Theological Curriculum in a Missional Mode." Three lectures given for the Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents, Amelia Island, FL, 4–6 January 2018.

"Cultural Idolatry and the Pastoral Ministry." Two talks for pastors lunches in the west valley (Huntington University, Peoria) and in the east valley (New City Church, Phoenix) of Phoenix, 5–6 December 2017.

"The Gospel and the Medical Vocation." Four lectures given for consultation of Christian medical professionals, Eerd, Hungary, 30–31 October 2017.

"Mission from the Reformation until Today: Abiding Message, Ongoing Task, and Changing Contexts." Keynote address given for the World Reformed Fellowship Refo500, a five-hundredth year celebration of the Reformation, Wittenberg, Germany, 29 October 2017.

"Church at Antioch: Biblical Model for Mission" and "Globalisation and Missions." Two keynotes given for the Congresso Brasileiro de Missões conference "Issues We Cannot Ignore" of Associação de Missões Transculturais Brasileiras, Águas de Lindoia, Brazil, 24–26 October 2017.

"A Missionary Encounter with Global Western Culture." Three-day intensive training with Timoteo Project Brazilian pastors, 17–19 October 2017.

"The Urgency of Reading the Bible as One Story." Lecture given for Saturate School Intensive, Seattle, WA, 13 October 2017.

"Formation of Disciples in an Idolatrous Society: A Fresh Look at the Book of James." Keynote lecture given at Legacy of the Reformation for Mission Today pastors and church-planting CTPI conference, Campinas Brazil, 1 September, 2017.

"Sola Scriptura, Tota Scriptura." Four lectures given for seminar at Legacy of the Reformation for Mission Today pastors and church-planting CTPI conference, Campinas, Brazil, 31 August–1 September, 2017.

"The Gospel Dynamic"; "Story of the West, Eighteenth–Twenty-first Centuries"; "History of Consumerism." Three lectures given for conference The Importance of Understanding Our Contemporary Culture: Students and Professional, Campinas, Brazil, 26 August 2017.

"Church History in the Missional Curriculum." A week-long intensive training seminar on how a missional curriculum shapes church history given for Hungarian pastors, Eerd, Hungary, 8–12 May 2017. Taught with David Rylaarsdam and Brad Melle.

"Listening to God's Address in Scripture for the Mission of the Church"; "On Mission Together: Framework and Imagination" (second keynote with Jim Mullins, Chris Gonzalez, Riccardo Stewart, and Erin Glanville). Two keynote addresses given at the Rooted in the Word: Engaged in the World conference, Covenant Theological Seminary, St Louis, MO, 3–4 March 2017. Also gave workshop on Missiology of Western Culture.