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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

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Birth: November 22, 1944 in Lansdale, Pennsylvania
Marriage: March 22, 1975 to Katherine Gaynelle (Gay) Hunsberger
Children: Lauren Anne Eisnor (born 1977, married 2000 to Daniel Eisnor; children Kate Elizabeth Eisnor born 2003, Luke William Eisnor born 2006, Levi Daniel Eisnor born 2009)
Peter Kenneth Hunsberger (born 1980, married 2012 to Emily Adelman)
Anna Hunsberger Bogertman (born 1982, married 2004 to Mark Bogertman, children Elizabeth Grace Bogertman born 2009, Amelia Bogertman born 2011)

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

To cultivate in and for the churches of North America a missional way of life and witness.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. *cum laude*, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1987.

Field: Ecumenics, Missiology and the History of Religions.

Dissertation: The Missionary Significance of the Biblical Doctrine of Election as a Foundation for a Theology of Cultural Plurality in the Missiology of J. E. Lesslie Newbigin. [Subsequently revised and published as *Bearing the Witness of the Spirit: Lesslie Newbigin's Theology of Cultural Plurality* (Eerdmans, 1998).]

Comprehensive Examinations: Mission Theology. History of Christian Mission. Ecumenical Dimensions of Christianity. Christian Social Ethics. History of Religions (with emphasis on anthropological methodologies and African traditional religions).

Advanced Pastoral Studies (no degree), San Francisco Theological Seminary (1974-76).
M.Div., Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi, 1970.
B.A. (major in Greek), Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, 1966.

AREAS OF SPECIAL MISSIONAL INTEREST

Primary objects of concern and work include: a) developing a theology of cultural plurality; b) synthesizing a holistic mission theology inclusive of koinonia, diakonia, and kerygma; c) encouraging ecumenical vision within a missiological ecclesiology; d) formulating biblical theological orientations for evangelism; e) fostering the development of missional congregations for the encounter of the gospel with Western culture; f) the intersection of mission and public theology; and g) fashioning practical ministry patterns sensitive to all of the above.

Teaching interest therefore lies in the following areas: Mission Theology, Inter-Cultural Ministry, Mission History, Evangelism, Cultural and Religious Pluralism, Ecclesiology, Church Renewal, Church Planting, Ecumenical Christianity, Third World Theology, Public Theologizing, and Pastoral Formation.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Missiology. Member (1981-present); Board of Directors (1986-1997); Secretary/Treasurer (1988-1997); <www.ASMweb.org> Webmaster (1997-2011); Second Vice President (2002-2003); First Vice President (2003-2004); President (2004-2005).

The Gospel and Our Culture Network in North America, a network for encouraging the missionary encounter of the gospel with our Western culture. Coordinator since the network's inception in 1987. Editor of *The Gospel and Our Culture*, the Quarterly Newsletter of the GOCN (1987-2009). Webmaster of the GOCN website <www.gocn.org> (1995-2011).

Association of Professors of Mission. Member (1981-present).

Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education. Member (1987-present); Book Review Editor for the *Journal of the AETE*, Volumes Six - Eight (1990-1993).

Association for Doctor of Ministry Education. (2007-present).

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

2004 *Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness*. Co-authored with Lois Y. Barrett, ed., Walter C. Hobbs, Project Leader, Darrell L. Guder, Linford L. Stutzman, Jeff Van Kooten, and Dale A. Ziemer. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

1998 *Bearing the Witness of the Spirit: Lesslie Newbigin's Theology of Cultural Plurality*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

1998 *The American Society of Missiology: The First Quarter Century*. Co-authored with Wilbert R. Shenk (Decatur, Georgia: American Society of Missiology).

1998 *Mission Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America.* Co-authored with Darrell L. Guder (Project Director and Editor), Lois Barrett, Inagrace T. Dietterich, Alan J. Roxburgh, and Craig Van Gelder, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

PUBLICATIONS: EDITED VOLUMES

2003 *Newbigin.Net: Bibliography and Document Archive*. Website (www.newbigin.net) and CD-Rom. Edited and produced by Thomas F. Foust, George R, Hunsberger, David Kettle, and John Flett.

2001 *A Scandalous Prophet: The Way of Mission After Newbigin*. Edited by Thomas F. Foust, George R. Hunsberger, J. Andrew Kirk, and Werner Ustorf (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company).

1996 *The Church Between Gospel and Culture: The Emerging Mission in North America.* Edited by George R. Hunsberger and Craig Van Gelder (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company).

1995 *Christian Ethics in Ecumenical Context: Theology, Culture, and Politics in Dialogue.* Edited by Shin Chiba, George R. Hunsberger and Lester Edwin J. Ruiz (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company).

1991 *Missiology: An International Review*. Vol. XIX (4), October. Guest Editor.

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

2012 "Can Public Theology and Missional Theology Talk to Each Other? Imagination and Nuance for the Church's Public Practices" and "Rejoinder to William Storrar," *Cultural Encounters*, 8(2), pp. ____. (forthcoming)

2012 "Building an Inculturation Alliance." *Journal of Adventist Mission Studies*, 8(2) Fall, pp. _____. (forthcoming)

2012 "Full Disclosure: Justice and Evangelism Together." *Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, vol. 26, pp. 23-28.

2011 "Claimed as Christ's Own: Baptized into Missionary Discipleship." *New Theology Review*, 24(1) May, pp. 40-50.

2011 "Proposals for a Missional Hermeneutic: Mapping a Conversation." *Missiology: An International Review*, 39(3), pp. 309-321.

2011 "Contrast and Companionship: the Way of the Church with the World." *Cultural Encounters*, 7(2), pp. 7-16.

2010 "The Spirit of Companionship in Actions, Gestures, and Speech." *The Center Letter* of the Center for Parish Development, 40(11) November.

2010 "Stewards of the Grace of God: Where Contrast and Companionship Meet." *The Center Letter* of the Center for Parish Development, 40(10) October.

2010 "Theologizing: Why Missional Means Public, and Public Means Missional." *The Center Letter* of the Center for Parish Development, 40(9) September.

2010 "Why Contrast Community and Companionship with the World Belong Together." *The Center Letter* of the Center for Parish Development, 40(8) August.

2008 "A Journey of Continuing Education at Western Theological Seminary," with Keith A. Derrick, George Brown, Jr., Vicky M. Menning, and Cynthia Holder Rich. *Reformed Review (Online)*, *61*(1), Winter 2007-2008.

2008 "Reflections for a Conversation on Theology in Congregational Life." *the Gospel and Our Culture*, online newsletter of the Gospel and Our Culture Network in North America, eSeries 1, November 15, 2008. http://www.gocn.org/resources/newsletters/2008/11/gospel-and-our-culture#node-108.

2006 "The Missional Voice and Posture of Public Theologizing." *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. XXXIV, no. 1 (January), pp. 15-28.

2005 "The Mission of Public Theology: An Exploration." *Svensk MissionsTidskrift*, 93, No. 3, pp. 315-324.

2004 "Everything You've Wanted to Know about Missional (But Didn't Know to Ask): An Interview with George Hunsberger." *ReNEWS*, December, pp. 4-6.

2004 "Discerning Missional Vocation." In *Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness*, by Lois Y. Barrett et al. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company), pp. 33-58.

2004 "The Public Witness of Worship," with Linford S. Stutzman. In *Treasure in Clay Jars: Patterns in Missional Faithfulness*, by Lois Y. Barrett et al. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company), pp. 100-116.

2003 "Birthing Missional Faithfulness: Accents in a North American Movement." *International Review of Mission*, 92, no. 365, pp. 145-152.

2003 "Evangelical Conversion Toward a Missional Ecclesiology." In *Evangelical Ecclesiology: Reality or Illusion?*, edited by John G. Stackhouse, Jr. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic), pp. 105-132.

2003 "Foreword—The Story that Chooses Us." In *StormFront: The Good News of God*, by James V. Brownson, Inagrace T. Dietterich, Barry A. Harvey, and Charles C. West (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company), pp. vi-xii.

2002 "Gospel and Culture." In *Dictionary of the Ecumenical Movement, 2nd Edition*, edited by Nicholas Lossky et al. (Geneva: WCC Publications), pp. 496-497.

2001 "Response to 'An Introduction to a Secular Evangelicalism' by Wesley W. Nelson." *The Covenant Quarterly* (August) LIX, 3, pp. 42-48.

2001 "Faith and Pluralism: A Response to Richard Gelwick." *Tradition and Discovery*, XXVII, 3, pp. 19-29.

2001 "The Church in the Postmodern Transition." In *A Scandalous Prophet: The Way of Mission After Newbigin*, edited by Foust, Hunsberger, Kirk and Ustorf, pp. 95-106.

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2001 "Newbigin, (James Edward) Lesslie." In *A Dictionary of Asian Christianity*, edited by Scott W. Sunquist (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company), pp. 600-601.

2000 "Accommodation" (pp. 31-32), "American Society of Missiology" (p. 56), "The Gospel and Our Culture Network" (pp. 402-403), "Newbigin, (James Edward) Lesslie (1909-98)" (p. 688), "Translatability" (pp. 966-967). In *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*, ed. by A. Scott Moreau (Grand Rapids: Baker Books).

1999 "Biography as Missiology: The Case of Lesslie Newbigin." *Missiology*, XXVII (4), pp. 523-531.

1999 "Lesslie Newbigin and His Impact on the Western Church." *ReNews*, 10, 4 (December), p. 12.

1998 "Apostle of Faith and Witness." *The Gospel and Our Culture*, Special Edition, April, pp. 1-2.

1998 "Conversion and Community: Revisiting Lesslie Newbigin's Debate with M. M. Thomas." *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 22 (3), July, pp. 112-117.

1998 "Cultivating Ways of Christ for People in the Postmodern Transition: Resources in the Vision of Lesslie Newbigin." *Journal for Preachers*, Volume XXII Number 1, pp. 12-18. Republished as "Renewing Faith During the Postmodern Transition" in *TransMission* (Tribute to Lesslie Newbigin, 1998), pp. 10-13, and in four installments as "Cultivating Ways of Christ in the Postmodern Transition: Resources for Pastoral Leaders" in *The Gospel and Our Culture*, 11, 1 (March 1999), p. 3; 11, 2 (June 1999), p. 3; 11, 3 (September 1999), p. 3; and 11, 4 (December 1999), p. 3.

1998 "Features of the Missional Church: Some Directions and Pathways." *Reformed Review*, 52 (1), Autumn, pp. 5-13. Reprinted in *Developing the Missional Church* (Holland, Michigan: The Gospel and Our Culture Network), pp. 5-14; reprinted in abridged form in *The Gospel and Our Culture (UK)*, Spring 1999.

1998 "Good News." *The Gospel and Our Culture,* 10 (4), pp. 7-8.

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1997 "'The Day When He Was Taken Up...'": A Meditation from Acts [1]:1-9." *International Review of Mission* Vol. LXXXVI, No. 343, October 1997, pp. 389-392.

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1994 "Sizing Up the Shape of the Church." *Reformed Review*, 47 (2), Winter, 133-144. Reprinted in *The Church Between Gospel and Culture*, ed. by Hunsberger and Van Gelder (1996), pp. 333-346.

1993 "Acquiring the Posture of a Missionary Church." *Insights*, 108 (2), Fall, pp. 19-26. Reprinted in *The Church Between Gospel and Culture*, ed. by Hunsberger and Van Gelder (1996), pp. 289-297; reprinted in abridged form in *Collision Crossroads: The Intersection of Modern Western Culture with the Christian Gospel*, ed. by John Flett (Auckland, New Zealand: The DeepSight Trust, 1998).

1993 "Full Circle: A Style of Missionary Encounter for North America." *Newsletter of the Association of Presbyterians in Cross-Cultural Mission*, No. 18, September, pp. 1, 5.

1992 "Believing God in a Doubt-Filled Age." *The Church Herald*, October, pp. 14-16.

1992 "British and American Comparisons." *The Gospel and Our Culture,* 4 (3), pp. 2-3.

1992 "Planting New Churches in New Ways." *Communique*, February, p. 4.

1991 "Preaching the Gospel in Our Culture." *Reformed Review,* 45 (2), pp. 107-119.

1991 "The Changing Face of Ministry: Christian Leadership for the Twenty-First Century." *Reformed Review,* 44 (3), pp. 224-245.

1991 "The Newbigin Gauntlet: Developing a Domestic Missiology for North America." *Missiology,* XIX (4), pp. 391-408. Reprinted in *The Church Between Gospel and Culture*, ed. by Hunsberger and Van Gelder (1996), pp. 3-25.

1990 "Mapping the Terrain: A Proposal." *The Gospel and Our Culture,* 2 (2), pp. 1, 3-5.

1989 "From Tape to Disk: A Call for a Circular Gospel Model." *Presbyterian VOICE,* 2 (1), p. 4.

1988 "'Journalizing' the Gospel." *Presbyterian VOICE,* 1 (6), p. 11. Reprinted in *Communique,* 19 (1), 1989, p. 2.

PUBLICATIONS: LITERATURE REVIEW

2006 Review of *The Shaping of Things to Come: Innovation and Mission for the 21st-Century Church* by Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch, *The Gospel and Our Culture (UK)*, Issue 45, Spring 2006, pp. 6-7.

2003 Review of *"As the Father Has Sent Me, I Am Sending You": J. E. Lesslie Newbigin's Missionary Ecclesiology* by Michael W. Goheen. *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 27(1) January, p. 40.

1994 Review of *How to Reach Secular People* by George G. Hunter, III, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research,* 18 (1), January, pp. 43-44.

1993 "Selected Annotated Bibliography of Missiology: Multicultural Ministry," with Yohannes Mengsteab and Craig Van Gelder. *Missiology*, XXI (4), pp. 501-505.

1991 "Selected Annotated Bibliography of Missiology: The Gospel and Our Culture," with George Brown, Jr., Christopher B. Kaiser, and Craig Van Gelder. *Missiology*, XIX (4), pp. 495-498.

1991 Book Notes. *The Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, Vol. Six, pp. 89-92.

1989 Review of *Theology and Religious Pluralism: The Challenge of Other Religions* by Gavin D'Costa, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 13 (2), April, pp. 82-83.

1987 Review of *The Bible and People of Other Faiths* by Wesley Ariarajah. *Missiology,* XV (1), pp. 122-123.

1986 Review of *Jesus and the Witchdoctor* by Aylward Shorter. "Faculty Forum," WJSU (Jackson, Mississippi) Radio Interview. June.

LECTURES PRESENTED

2004 "Response" to Ulrich Duchrow, "Economic Idolatries and Christian Integrity," Chicago, Illinois (SCUPE and others).

2002 "Evangelical Conversion toward a Missional Ecclesiology." Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

2002 "Building an Inculturation Alliance." Justo Mwale Theological College, Lusaka, Zambia.

2001 "Themes in Lesslie Newbigin's Approach to Religious Pluralism." Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

2000 "A Few Fundamental Inversions in the Church's Future." Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

1993 "The Gospel and Our Western Culture: Re-Scripting the Church for the New Agenda." The Settles Lectures on Mission, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, November.

1993 "Possessing a Peculiar Story: Recovering a Missionary Way of Living." A Working Consultation of the Gospel and Our Culture Network in North America, held in Chicago in February.

1992 "Cutting the Christendom Knot." A Working Consultation of the Gospel and Our Culture Network in North America, held in Chicago in February.

1990 "A Reformed Missiology for a Pluralist Age: Etchings for the Way Forward." The Reformed Mission Consultation, held at Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI), March.

1990 "The Gospel and Western Culture: The Mission of the Church in North America." The Van Dyke Missions Lectures, Calvin Theological Seminary (Grand Rapids, MI), January.

1988 "Liberation, Evangelism, Community: The Struggle for 'Primacy' in the Church's Mission." University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, March.

1986 "Cultural Plurality in Biblical Theologies of Mission: The Interpretation of Genesis 10-11." Institute of Biblical Research, Deep South Region, Semiannual Meeting, December.

1982 "Rules and Relativities: Paul the Contextualizer vs. Paul the Law-Giver." Institute of Biblical Research, Deep South Region, Semiannual Meeting, November.

UNPUBLISHED MONOGRAPHS:

"Dialogue: Witness to the New Creation: The Missiology of Paul D. Devanandan."

"Evangelism and Social Responsibility in the Lausanne Tradition."

"Society and Religion: The Synoptic Potential in the Views of Durkheim and Weber."

"In Charge of Change: Conversion and Innovation in the Context of African Traditional Religion."

"Between Scylla and Charybdis: The Ethics of Niebuhr's *Human Destiny*."

"The Unity of the Church and the Renewal of the Human Community: Missiological Reflections on the Faith and Order Theme."

"The Indianization of Theology: Reflections on the View of Pandipeddi Chenchiah."

"Cultural Plurality in Biblical Theologies of Mission: A Search."

"Evangelism and Social Action in Missio-Ethical Perspective."

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

1989-present
Professor of Missiology, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan. *Director of the Master of Theology Degree Program*, 1989-1994; *Dean* of *Journey*, the seminary's Center for the Church's Learning, 2002-2007; *Director of the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program*, 2007-2012.

1980-1989
Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Christian Ministries and *Chair of the Christian Ministries Department*, Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi. Recipient of the Board of Trustees Faculty Merit Award, 1983, and of the Mississippi State Legislature Faculty Award, 1988.

1984-1985
Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

1978-1979

Mission Colleague and *Team Leader* for Africa Foundation, a ministry among Ugandan refugees in Nairobi, Kenya; Instructor in New Testament Introduction at Daystar Communications in Nairobi.

1973-1978

Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Biloxi, Mississippi.

1968-1973

Campus Staff Member for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Southern Mississippi (1968-1970), and at the University of Florida and Florida State University (1970-1973).

1966-1967

Director of Christian Education at the Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia.

ECCLESIASTICAL RELATIONSHIPS:

1990-present Member of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, PC(USA). Member of the Cabinet on Mission, Witness and Stewardship (1993-1998); member and moderator of the Discipleship Ministry Team (2004-present); member of the Staffing Design Team (2005-2006); commissioner to the General Assembly (2012).

1980-1990 Member of the Presbytery of Mississippi, PC(USA), formerly Central Mississippi Presbytery, PCUS. Moderator of Review and Evaluation Committee (1987-1989); member of the Synod Council, Synod of the Living Waters (1988-1989).

1973-1980 Member of South Mississippi Presbytery, PCUS. Moderator of Christian Education Committee, Moderator of Church Extension Committee, member of Presbytery Council, Representative to General Assembly (1977).

1970-1973 Member of Everglades Presbytery, PCUS. Ordained October 4, 1970, following eight years as a Candidate Under Care of that Presbytery (1962-1970).

REFERENCES:

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