## **CURRICULUM VITAE** Dean Flemming, Ph.D.

#### I. PERSONAL

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### II. EDUCATIONAL **HISTORY**

- Ph.D. in New Testament Exegesis, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, 1988
- M.Div., Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO, 1979 (Summa cum laude, co-valedictorian)
- B.A., Mid-America Nazarene University, Olathe, KS, 1975 (Summa cum laude, co-valedictorian)

#### III. PROFESSIONAL **EXPERIENCES**

#### A. Current Assignment

Professor of New Testament and Mission, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, KS, 2011-

#### B. Prior and additional Assignments

- Professor of New Testament studies, Missional Training Center, Phoenix, AZ, current
- Lecturer in New Testament, European Nazarene College, 2000-
- Research Fellow and Ph.D. candidate co-supervisor, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, U.K., 2009-
- Visiting Professor, Ph.D. studies, Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya, January 2018
- Visiting professor, M.Min. program, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2015.
- M.A. Lecturer, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, U.K., 2009, 2011
- Curriculum consultant for biblical studies, EuNC learning centers (17 countries), 2007-2011
- Visiting Scholar, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, KS,
- Professor of New Testament and Missionary-in-residence, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Olathe, KS, 1999-2001
- Missionary-in-residence and Visiting Professor of Religion, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, OH, 1997-
- Professor of New Testament and Greek, Asia-Pacific Theological Seminary, Taytay, Rizal, Philippines, 1987-97
- Professor of New Testament and Th.M. thesis advisor, Asia Graduate School of Theology, Manila, Philippines, 1987-97
- Missionary-in-residence and Visiting Professor of Missions and New Testament, Mid-America Nazarene University, Olathe, KS, 1991-93
- EuNC extension/learning center lecturer, Russia, France, Bulgaria, 2000; Russia, Kazakhstan, 2004; Romania, 2006; Albania, 2007, 2009, Italy, 2012, Russia, 2014; Portugal, 2012,

- 2014, 2016.
- ♦ Sessional Lecturer, Nazarene Theological College, Brisbane, QLD, Australia, 1994-96, 2001, 2015, 2019; Auckland Extension Center, 2019
- ♦ Adjunct Professor, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO 1992
- ♦ Visiting Lecturer, Korea Nazarene Theological College, Chonan, South Korea, 1989
- Visiting Lecturer, Eastern Mediterranean Nazarene Bible College, Larnaca, Cyprus, 1992; Madaba, Jordan 2008
- ♦ Visiting Lecturer, Samoa Nazarene Theological College, Apia, Western Samoa, 1995
- Visiting Lecturer, Nazarene Bible College, Mt. Hagen, Papua New Guinea, 1996
- Visiting Lecturer, Shekolah Tinggi Theologica Nazarena, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 1996

#### C. Professional Societies:

- ♦ Society of Biblical Literature
- ♦ Institute for Biblical Research
- Wesleyan Theological Society

# IV. TEACHING AND RELATED ACTIITIES

#### A. Areas of Specialization/Interest

- ♦ New Testament and mission
- ♦ Missional hermeneutics
- ♦ Pauline Letters
- ♦ Book of Revelation
- ♦ Contextualization/intercultural communication

#### B. Awards and Honors

- ♦ Smith-Wynkoop Book Award, Wesleyan Theological Society 2012 for *Philippians: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition*
- ♦ Christianity Today Book Award, Missions/Global Affairs Category 2006 for Contextualization in the New Testament
- ♦ Contextualization in the New Testament named in "Fifteen Outstanding Books of 2005 for Missions Studies" by International Bulletin of Missionary Research, 2006
- Distinguished Alumni Award, Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, 1998
- ♦ Professor, 1995, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary
- Alumnus of the Year, MidAmerica Nazarene University, 1997
- ♦ American Bible Society Biblical Studies Award, Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1979
- ♦ American Heritage Graduating Senior Award, MidAmerica Nazarene University, 1975
- ♦ Phi Delta Lambda Honor Society, 1975
- ♦ Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1973, 1974

### V. RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

#### A. Areas of Specialization/Interest

- ♦ Book of Revelation
- ♦ Philippians/Pauline letters

- ♦ Missional interpretation of the New Testament
- ♦ New Testament precedents for contextualization
- ♦ Interface of biblical and missiological studies
- B. Dissertation: "Essence and Adaptation: Contextualization and the Heart of Paul's Gospel." University of Aberdeen, 1987. Supervisor: Professor I. Howard Marshall

#### C. Publications

- 1) Scholarly Publications:

- ♦ "Foundations for Responding to Religious Pluralism." *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 31 (Spring, 1996): 51-75.
- ♦ "Biblical Theological Foundations for a Response to Religious Pluralism." *Asbury Theological Journal* 52 (Fall 1997): 43-61.
- ♦ "The Gospel and Syncretism: Contextualizing the Gospel in Colossians." *The Mediator* 4 (October, 2002): 51-73.
- ♦ Contextualization in the New Testament: Patterns for Theology and Mission. Downers Grove, IL/Leicester, UK: InterVarsity Press/Apollos, 2005. (reviewed in 20+ scholarly journals) Arabic edition, 2010.
- "Paul and the Athenians: Articulating the Gospel in a Pluralistic World." *Didache* 6/1 (August 2006). <a href="http://didache.nts.edu/pdfs/6-1">http://didache.nts.edu/pdfs/6-1</a> Flemming.pdf =
- ""On Earth as It Is in Heaven': Holiness and the People of God in Revelation." In *Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament*. Edited by Kent E. Brower and Andy Johnson. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007, 343-62.
- ♦ Review of Contextualization and Syncretism: Navigating the Cultural Currents, Gailyn Van Rheenen, ed. Evangelical Missions Quarterly (October 2007):526, 528.
- ♦ "Biblical Notes on the Letter to the Colossians." Wesley Study Bible. Edited by Joel B. Green and William H. Willimon. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009.
- ♦ NBBC, Philippians: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition. New Beacon Bible Commentaries. Kansas City, MO: Beacon

- Hill, 2009.
- ♦ "Contextualization in a Wesleyan Spirit: A Case Study of Acts 15." In World Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit. American Society of Missiology Series 44. Edited by Darrell L. Whiteman and Gerald H. Anderson. Nashville: Providence House, 2009, 16-27.
- ♦ "Paul the Contextualizer." In Local Theology for the Global Church: Principles for an Evangelical Approach to Contextualization. Edited by Matthew Cook, et al. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2010, 1-20.
- ♦ "Major review of *Philippians and Philemon: A Commentary*, Charles B. Cousar." *Interpretation* 65.1 (January 2011): 84-86.
- ♦ "Exploring a Missional Reading of Scripture: Philippians as a Case Study." *Evangelical Quarterly* 83 (January 2011): 3-18.
- ♦ "Revelation and the *Missio Dei*: Toward a Missional Reading of the Apocalypse." *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 6.2 (2012): 161-78.
- ♦ "Review of *Philippians: Let Us Rejoice in Being Conformed to Christ*, John Paul Heil." *Interpretation* 66.4 (2012):462-63.
- ♦ "Review of Paul's Letter to the Philippians: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary, Ben Witherington III." Interpretation 67.1 (2013): 87-88.
- ♦ "Contextualization." In *Global Dictionary of Wesleyan Theology*. Edited by Al Truesdale. Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2013, 123-25.
- ♦ "Idolatry." In *Global Dictionary of Wesleyan Theology*. Edited by Al Truesdale. Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2013, 254-56.
- ♦ Recovering the Full Mission of God: A Biblical Perspective on Being, Doing and Telling. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2013.
- ♦ "Living Out the Future: Missional Ecclesiology in the Book of Revelation." *Didache: Faithful Teaching* (Jan 2014).
- ♦ ""Won Over without a Word': Holiness and the Church's Missional Identity in 1 Peter." Wesleyan Theological Journal 49 (Spring 2014): 50-66.
- ♦ Recovering the Full Mission of God: A Biblical Perspective on Being, Doing and Telling. Korean Edition. Daiseo Publishing Company, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2015.
- ♦ Why Mission? Nashville: Abingdon, 2015.
- ♦ "A Sent and Sanctified Community: Missional Holiness in the Gospel of John," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 50 (Spring 2015): 133-44.
- ♦ "Review of *Philippians and Philemon*, by Daniel L. Migliore," *Interpretation* 70.4 (2016): 493-94.
- ♦ "A Missional Reading of Colossians." In *Reading the Bible Missionally*. Edited by Michael W. Goheen. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016, 213-37.

- ♦ Why Mission? Korean Edition. Daiseo Publishing Company, Seoul, Republic of Korea, 2017.
- Recovering the Full Message of God: A Biblical Perspective on Being, Doing and Telling. Portuguese edition. Literatura Nazarena Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal, 2018.
- ♦ "The Book of Revelation." In *Wesley One Volume Commentary*. Edited by Kenneth J. Collins and Robert W. Wall. Nashville: Abingdon, 2020, 908-34.
- "Divine Judgment and the Missio Dei in the Book of Revelation." In Listening Again to the Text: New Testament Studies in Honor of George Lyons. Edited by Richard P. Thompson. Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, 2020, 171-91.
- ⋄ "Following the Lamb Wherever He Goes: Missional Ecclesiology in Revelation 7 and 14:1-5." In *Cruciform* Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission, ed. Christopher W. Skinner, Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson, Drew J. Strait. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2021, 260-78.
- ♦ Self-giving Love: The Book of Philippians. Transformative Word. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2021.

#### 2) Other Publications

- ♦ "The Challenge of Religious Pluralism." *World Mission* (October/November 1992, January/ February 1993).
- ♦ "Free Society, Christians, and Persecution." *Illustrated Bible Life* (Sept-Nov 1995): 28-30.
- "T' is for Transformation." World Mission (September, 1997): 2-3.
- ♦ "The Face of Faithfulness." *Holiness Today* (September, 2003): 35.
- ♦ "II. Accept No Substitutes." *Holiness Today* (February, 2004): 34-35.
- ♦ "How Do We Make 'Church' Work Today?" *Holiness Today* (May/June, 2007): 12-13.
- ♦ "The Problem of the Galatian Churches." *Illustrated Bible Life* (June-August, 2007): 34-35.
- ♦ "The Marriage of Telling and Living the Good News." *Adult Faith Connections Leader*. WordAction Publishing (Summer 2010): 4.
- "Mission Essentials: The Story of Cross-Cultural Mission in the Book of Acts." Engage Magazine (March 14, 2012). <a href="http://engagemagazine.com/content/mission-essentials-story-cross-cultural-mission-acts">http://engagemagazine.com/content/mission-essentials-story-cross-cultural-mission-acts</a>
- ♦ Book cover and website endorsements for: Michael W. Goheen,

Introducing Christian Mission Today: Scripture, History and Issues, IVP Academic, 2014; Lee Beech, The Church in Exile: Living in Hope after Christendom, IVP Academic, 2015; Michael J. Gorman, Embodying the Gospel: Paul, Participation and Mission, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015; Jackson Wu, One Gospel for All Nations: A Practical Approach to Biblical Contextualization, William Carey Library, 2015; Jason Halig, We Are Catholic: Catholic, Catholicity, and Catholization, Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2016; Michael W. Goheen, The Church and Its Vocation: Lesslie Newbigin's Missionary Ecclesiology, Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018; David A. deSilva, An Introduction to the New Testament: Contexts, Methods and Ministry Formation, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2018; Rob A. Fringer, Paul's Corporate Christology; An Evaluation of Paul's Christophanic References in Their Epistolary Contexts, Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019; Jackson Wu, Reading Romans with Eastern Eves: Honor and Shame in Paul's Message and Mission, Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic 2019. Tom Steffan and William Bjoraker, The Return of Oral Hermeneutics: As Good Today as It Was for the Hebrew Bible and First-Century Christianity, Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2020. R Randolph Richards and Richard James, Misreading Scripture with Individualistic Eyes: Patronage, Honor, and Shame in the Biblical World. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2020.

- ♦ Pioneer Devotionals—Gospel of Luke, Week 5, Luke 6:12-45, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Fall 2016.
- ♦ "The Grace of Dying Well," *Holiness Today* (November/December 2016): 16-19.
- Occurrentary on Philippians, *Illustrated Bible Life* 42.3 (Spring 2019): 5-7, 9-11, 13-15.
- ♦ "Revelation 7:9-17." Lectionary Commentary. A Plain Account (October 27, 2020). <a href="http://www.aplainaccount.org/revelation-79-17-3/">http://www.aplainaccount.org/revelation-79-17-3/</a>

#### 3) Papers/Presentations

- ♦ "Church Leadership and Ordination: A New Testament Perspective." Philippine Association of Bible Colleges and Theological Schools Annual Meeting, 1989.
- ♦ "The Challenge of Religious Pluralism: A Biblical Perspective." Theology Conference of the Wesleyan Church and the Church of the Nazarene, 1992.
- ♦ "A Global Christian Education." Visiting Scholar Lecture. Mid-America Nazarene University, 1992.
- ♦ "The Third Horizon: A Wesleyan Contribution to the Contextualization Debate." Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, 1994.
- "Response to Walter Kaiser, Jr. "Unity and Growth of Salvation." Annual Lectureship, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary. Baguio,

- Philippines, 1995.
- ♦ "Rightly Dividing the Word." Biblical Interpretation Lectureship. Nazarene Theological College. Brisbane, Australia, 1995.
- ♦ "Contextualizing the Gospel for (Neo) Pagans: Learning from Paul's Evangelistic Ministry." Nazarene Theological College. Brisbane, Australia, 2000.
- ♦ "Theology of Mission and Missional Theologizing: A Paradigm from Paul." Global Theology Conference of the Church of the Nazarene. Guatemala City, Guatemala, 2001.
- ♦ "Sanctification in 1 Thessalonians," Annual Leadership Conference. European Nazarene College. Büsingen, Germany, 2003.
- ♦ "Paul and the Athenians—Biblical Resources for Contemporary Contextual Evangelism." Annual Leadership Conference. European Nazarene College. Büsingen, Germany, 2004.
- ♦ "Paul and the Athenians—Articulating the Gospel in a Pluralistic World." Eurasia Regional Theology Conference. European Nazarene College. Büsingen, Germany, 2005.
- ♦ "Being the Church: A Biblical Perspective." Annual Leadership Conference. European Nazarene College. Büsingen, Germany, 2008.
- ♦ "Toward a Missional Reading of Scripture." Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Azusa Pacific University, 2010.
- ♦ Faculty Development Lecture and follow up session on Contextualization in the New Testament. MidAmerica Nazarene University, 2010.
- ♦ "Revelation and the *Missio Dei*: Toward a Missional Reading of the Apocalypse." Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Southern Methodist University, March 2011.

- ""Won Over Without a Word': Holiness and the Church's
  Missional Identity in 1 Peter." Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan
  Theological Society. Seattle Pacific University. March, 2013.
- ♦ Author Interview, Leader's Edge, *Missio Nexus*, February 2014
- "Living Out the Future: Missional Ecclesiology in the Book of Revelation." Resource Paper for the Global Theology Conference, Church of the Nazarene, Johannesburg, South Africa, March, 2014.
- Panelist at the Global Theology Conference, Johannesburg, 2014.
- ♦ "Recovering the Full Mission of God," Poster Presentation at the Faculty Poster Session, MNU, April 2014.
- ♦ "Radically Different—Fully Engaged: The Church as the

- Embodiment of the Gospel in Its Local Context," John A. Knight Theology Conference, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, April, 2014: <a href="http://www.mvnu.edu/johnaknight/2014papers/papers.asp">http://www.mvnu.edu/johnaknight/2014papers/papers.asp</a>
- ""Won Over without a Word': Holiness and the Church's
  Missional Identity in 1 Peter." Poster Presentation at the Faculty
  Poster Session, MNU, April 2015.
- ♦ "Rethinking the Rapture." Presentation at the Annual 7 x 7 Challenge, MidAmerica Nazarene University, April 5, 2016.
- ♦ "Why Mission?" Poster Presentation at the Annual Faculty Exhibition, MidAmerica Nazarene University, April 2016.
- ♦ "The New Jerusalem and the Mission of God's People: Reflections on Revelation," PALCON 2016, MidAmerica Nazarene University, June 22, 2016.
- Moderator, Session 1: "Peril and Promise of Exile: Biblical Narrative Speaking to Us Today." USA/Canada Theology Conference, Nazarene Theological Seminary, September 2016.
- ♦ Member of a panel discussion in the online webinar, "Ecclesiology, Scripture, and the Mission of God," Center for Pastoral Leadership, Nazarene Theological Seminary, with live Facebook interactive session, January, 2017.
- ♦ "Following the Lamb Wherever He Goes: John's Vision of the Church in Revelation 7:1-17 and 14:1-5," Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Wilmore, KY, March 2017.
- ♦ "Approaching Scripture through the Mission of God," Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Quadrennial Convention workshop, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 23, 2017, with Ron Benefiel and Brad Kelle.
- Divine Judgment and the Missio Dei in the Book of Revelation," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research/Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA, November 17, 2017.
- "Living Out the Future: Missional Ecclesiology in the Book of Revelation," Plenary Speaker, Annual "Theological Conversation" event, Church of the Nazarene, Lisbon, Portugal May 1, 2018.
- "Babylon Left Behind: Reading Revelation 17 and 18 Missionally in Light of Ancient and Contemporary Political Contexts," Forum on Missional Hermeneutics, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO, November 17, 2018.
- ♦ "The Diaspora and the Mission of God." Presentation to the Leadership Conference of the Church of the Nazarene, February 9, 2019.
- ♦ "Recovering the Full Mission of God." Workshop for the M19 Conference of the Church of the Nazarene, Feb. 12 and 13, 2019.
- ♦ "Mission in Times of Upheaval," Presentation to the Global Field Strategy Coordinators, Church of the Nazarene," June 23, 2020.
- 4) Involvement in Collaborative Groups
- ♦ Member of the Study Group on Contextual Evangelical

- Theology of the Theological Commission, World Evangelical Alliance
- ♦ Research Fellow, Western Institute for Intercultural Studies
- ♦ Fellow of the Manchester Wesley Research Center
- Advisory Committee, *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of the Bible*, Beacon Hill Press.
- ♦ Manual Articles of Faith subcommittee on Eschatology, Church of the Nazarene, 2018-2020

#### VI. MINISTERIAL SERVICE

- ♦ Senior pastor, Church of the Nazarene. Okinawa, Japan and Ohio, U.S.A. 1980-82
- ♦ Ordained, Church of the Nazarene, 1982
- ♦ Global missionary, Church of the Nazarene, 1987-2011
- ♦ Director of Spiritual Development and chapel worship leader, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1993-97
- ♦ Chapel coordinator, European Nazarene College, 2001-2002; 2011
- ♦ Choir director at Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary and at the Antipolo Church of the Nazarene, Philippians
- Distinguished Service Award, Nazarene Missions International, 1997
- ♦ Centennial Heritage Award, Church of the Nazarene, 2008
- ♦ Adult Bible Study teacher, College Church of the Nazarene, Olathe, KS, 2013-
- ♦ District Board of Ministry, Kansas City District, Church of the Nazarene, 2015-