

Matthew D. Hirt

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

Email: mhirt@sebts.edu

Family: Heather Leigh Hirt – Virginia Commonwealth University (2006) – Married August 15, 2009

Hometown: Fremont, Ohio

Education/Credentials

Doctor of Philosophy, International Missiology/Applied Theology: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC, December 2020.

Dissertation Title: *A Biblical-Theological Study of Geography for Developing Missions Strategy to the Nations*

Master of Divinity, International Church Planting: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC, 2013.

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies: Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, 2009.

Ordained to ministry, Bethel Baptist Church, North Vernon, IN, 2014.

Academic Leadership Experience

The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, 2021–Present.

- Missionary Faculty: Department of Intercultural Studies

Graduate Courses

- History of Christian Missions
- Leadership in Missions
- Evangelism
- Baptist History & Doctrine

Post-Graduate Seminars

- Current Issues in Missiology
- Contemporary Theologies of Mission
- Supervision of postgraduate students (Th.M. and D.Min.)

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC, 2017–present.

- Competency-Based Theological Education Outcome Specialist (Great Commission Outcome) – March 2023–Present
- Special Assistant for New Partner Development/ Competency-Based Theological Education Coordinator, EQUIP Office – November 2020–March 2021
- Adjunct Faculty, Introduction to Great Commission Studies (MIS5000) – Spring 2021
- Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Great Commission Studies (MIS5000) – Fall 2020
- Grader for Dr. John H. Ewart, Associate Professor of Missions and Pastoral Leadership and Associate Vice President for Global Theological Initiatives and Ministry Centers. Fall 2017–Fall 2020
 - Evangelism: Nature and Practice (EVA 1100, Undergraduate)
 - Introduction to Great Commission Studies (MIS 5000, Masters)

- Church Revitalization (PMN 6600)
- Leadership, Culture and Context (CED 6660)
- Leadership, Culture and Context (CED 6660) Uganda Cohort
- Guest lecturer for Dr. John Ewart
 - Introduction to Great Commission Studies (MIS 5000)
- Guest lecturer for Dr. George Robinson, Associate Professor of Missions and Evangelism
 - Theology of Christian World Mission (MIS 6700)
 - Personal Discipleship and Disciplemaking (EVA 3510)

Missions Experience

International Mission Board (IMB)

- Theological Education Catalyst, Nigeria, 2021–Present
 - Various responsibilities at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Consulting with the Nigerian Baptist Convention Global Mission Board
- Church Planting Catalyst, Nepal, 2011–2014
- Trainer with Nehemiah Teams, Philippines, May 2010 & January 2013
- Team Leader, Nehemiah Teams in the Philippines, Summer 2008 & 2009

Pastoral Leadership Experience

- Senior Pastor, North Henderson Baptist Church, Henderson, NC, 2019–2020
- Associate Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, North Vernon, IN, 2014–2019

Other Experience

- Volunteer Missions Strategy Consultant with Marketplace and Development Enterprises, 2023–Present.
- North Carolina Baptist Convention Board of Directors, 2020–2021.
- State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Christian Life Committee 2018–2019.
- United States Navy Service, USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23), Sonar Technician (STS2), 2002–2006.

Publications

Books

Author, *Peoples and Places: How Geography Impacts Missions Strategy*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2022. (Published dissertation)

Assistant Editor and Contributing Author, *Generational Disciple Making: How Ordinary Followers of Jesus Are Transformed into Extraordinary Fishers of Men*. Spring Hill, TN: Rainer, 2022.

Journals and Book Reviews

Author, “Prophets in the Seminary: The Prophetic Function as a Means of Maintaining Missional Focus in Theological Education,” *Global Missiology* 20.2 (2023).

Author. Review of “E. Ray Clendenen. Jesus’s Opening Week: A Deep Exegesis of John 1:1–2:11,” *Southeastern Theological Review*. Anticipated publication Spring 2021.

Author. Review of “Paula Fredriksen. Paul: The Pagans’ Apostle,” *Southeastern Theological Review* 10.2 (2019): 105–107.

Author. Review of “James Nyman. Stubborn Perseverance: How to Launch Multiplying Movements of Disciples and Churches among Muslims and Others (A Story Based on Real Events).” *Southeastern Theological Review* 9.1 (2018): 141–143.

Author. “Book Review–The Insanity of God: The True Story of Faith Resurrected.” *Global Missiology* 1.11 (2013). <http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/1254>.

Other Publications

Regular Contributor for The Upstream Collective (www.theupstreamcollective.org), 2019–Present.

Author. Articles for The Center for Great Commission Studies Blog (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary), 2017–Present.