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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Educational Studies

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1987

M.Div. Equivalency in total hours of Biblical Studies and Theology

M.A., Christian Education

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1977

B.A., Christian Education

Minors in Psychology, Bible, and French

Houghton College, 1973

TEACHING / EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

Crown College, St. Bonifacius, MN, 2009-2015

Professor of Discipleship Ministries

Director of the Children and Family Ministry Program

Huntington University, Huntington, IN, 1998-2009

Professor of Discipleship Ministries

Director of the Educational Ministries Program in the Graduate School of Christian Ministries

Associate Dean of the Graduate School of Christian Ministries, 2001-2003

Denver Seminary, Denver, CO, 1995-1998

Associate Professor and Director of Educational Ministries and Leadership

Director of the C.A.S.E. Program (Earlier Mentoring and Training Program), 1995-1997

Taylor University, Upland, IN, 1985-1995

Associate Professor of Christian Education

Director of the Christian Education and Youth Ministry Program

Houghton College, Houghton, NY, 1974-1976

Resident Director of Shenawana Dormitory

Taught a class in Christian Education for my practicum at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
 Developed multiple opportunities for discipleship in the dorm through small and large groups
 Conducted library and statistical research for MA Thesis at Trinity

Classes taught at either the undergraduate or graduate level include:

Leadership Development, Equipping Strategies, Philosophy of Ministry, Motivation of Volunteers, Teaching and Learning, Curriculum Design for Discipleship, Family Ministry, Child and Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, Biblical and Theological Foundations of Discipleship, Human Growth and Development, History and Philosophy of Christian Education, New Testament Introduction, Inductive Bible Study, Christian Camping, Small Group Ministry, Mentoring, Research Strategies, Inter-Cultural Christian Education, Internship and Spiritual Formation.

PUBLICATIONS

Newton, Gary C., *Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity*, Rev. Ed., Evangelical Training Association, Evangelical Training Association, Calumet City, IL, 2016

Newton, Gary C, Newton, "Strategies for Engaging Children at the Deepest Possible Level in Spiritual Formation," in *Exploring and Engaging Spirituality for Today's Children*, by La Verne Tolbert, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2014.

Newton, Gary C, *The Adventures of Spunky and Dunky and Buddy Bear: Rescued at Last*, Outskirts Press: Parker, Parker CO, 2014.

Newton, Gary C, *Heart-Deep Teaching: Engaging Students for Transformed Lives*, Broadman and Holman Pub.: Nashville, TN, 2012.

Newton, Gary C, "Family Matters, Building Disciples Through Family-based Children's and Youth Ministry," *Bridge*, Summer 2010.

Newton, Gary C. "Drop-Off Kids, Love 'Em or Lose 'Em," *Children's Ministry*, July/August, 2005.

Newton, Gary C. "Ministering to Unchurched, Urban, At-Risk Children," *Children's Spirituality*, Edited by Don Radcliff. Wipf and Stock Publishers: Eugene, OR, 2004.

Newton, Gary C. "Ministering to Unchurched, Urban, At-Risk Children," *Lutheran Education Journal*, Spring, 2004.

Newton, Gary C. *Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity*. Crossway Books: Wheaton, IL, 2004.

Newton, Gary C. "The Holy Spirit in the Educational Process," *Introducing Christian Education*, edited by Michael Anthony. Baker Books: Grand Rapids, MI, 2001.

Newton, Gary C. "Aids," "The Holy Spirit," "Grouping and Grading," "Liberal Arts," "Sunday School," "Nonformal Education," "Leadership" and "Philosophy of Christian Education," *Evangelical*

Dictionary of Christian Education edited by Michael Anthony. Baker Books: Grand Rapids, MI, 2001.

Newton, Gary C. *Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity Training Video*, Evangelical Training Association: Wheaton, IL, 2001.

Newton, Gary C. *Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity-Instructor's Guide*. Evangelical Training Association: Wheaton, IL, 1999.

Newton, Gary C. *Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity*. Evangelical Training Association: Wheaton, IL, 1999.

Newton, Gary C. "Small Groups in an Intergenerational Context," *New Directions for Small Group Ministry*, Vital Ministry Books: Loveland, CO, 1999, pp. 57-70.

Newton, Gary C. "Helping Youth Connect with the Bible," *The Christian Leader*, September, 1997, pp. 12, 13.

Newton, Gary C. "8 Reasons to Reconsider Seminary," *Renew*, November/December 1996, pp. 49-51.

Newton, Gary C. Review of *Ephesians: Power and Magic*, by Clinton Arnold. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, 29 (1993): 452-53.

Newton, Gary C. "The Battle in Our Own Backyards," *Taylor Magazine*, Summer, 1991: 15-16.

Newton, Gary C. "The Motivation of the Saints and the Interpersonal Competencies of Their Leaders." *Christian Education Journal*, Spring, 1990.

Newton, Gary C. "Working with Church Volunteers," *Sunday School Sourcebook*, David C. Cook Publishing Company: Elgin, IL, 1989, pp. 24-26.

Newton, Gary C. "Establishing a Godly Lifestyle," and "Developing Interpersonal Skills in Relationships." *Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity*, Evangelical Teacher Training Association: Wheaton, IL, 1988.

Newton, Gary C. "The Right Stuff for Youth," *Curriculum '84*, Evangelical Ministries Inc.: Philadelphia, pp. 16-17.

Newton, Gary C. "Off the Streets," *The Bible Newsletter*, Vol. 2, No. 6, Evangelical Ministries Inc.: Philadelphia, June 1982, p. 7.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Newton, Gary C., (2014) Presented a seminar entitled, "Encouraging Deep Spiritual Reflection through Storytelling," at the International Listening Association Conference in Minneapolis.

Newton, Gary C., (2014) Presented a seminar entitled, "The Mentoring Principles and Practices of Jesus," at the International Mentoring Association Conference in Phoenix Arizona.

Newton, Gary C., (2013) Presented a professional development workshop entitled, "A Reflective Response to Nicholas Carr's book - *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*," at the Society of Professors of Christian Education, in Dallas Texas.

Newton, Gary C., (2013) Presented a seminar entitled, " An Inductive Teaching Strategy to Help Students Wrestle with Personal, Moral and Ethical Issues Based on Biblical and Social Science Research," at the Society of Professors of Christian Education, in Dallas Texas.

Newton, Gary C., (2012) "Heart-Deep Teaching: Engaging Students for Spiritual Transformation." Paper presented at the annual conference of the North American Professors of Christian Education, Dallas, Texas.

Newton, Gary C., (2012) "Effective Teaching and Learning Strategies for Un-Churched and Marginalized Youth within a Postmodern Culture." Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Dallas, Texas.

Newton, Gary C., (2012) "Strategies for Engaging Children at the Deepest Level in Spiritual Formation." Paper presented at the Fourth Triennial Conference for the Society for Children's Spirituality, Chicago.

Newton, Gary C., (2010) "Milking the Backside: Getting students to explore the 'backside' of the major learning outcome of a class before facilitating the learning of the major principle." Paper presented at the National Conference of the "Society of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education," Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

International Listening Association
Society for Professors of Christian Education
Association of Youth Ministry Educators
International Mentoring Association

ORDINATIONS

Christian Missionary and Alliance, 2010
Community Bible Church, Marietta, PA, 1978

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Senior Pastor- Full-time – July 2015 - Present

Community Alliance Church, Ballston Spa NY 12020

Helped to re-start an Alliance Church in “re-development status”

Established and Managed the Saratoga West Mobile Home Kid’s Club Ministry

Serving at-risk children and families through a homework club outreach

Senior Pastor - Served bi-vocationally while teaching full-time for 17 years

St. Peter’s First Community Church, Huntington IN, 2005-2009

Helped to turned around a liberal, dying, downtown church from its United Church of Christ (UCC) affiliation into a vibrant evangelical community church

Union Church, Huntington IN, 2002-2004

Helped to re-establish a plateaued country church into a growing outreach-oriented church

Eagle Quest Church, Columbia City, IN, 2001-2002

Served as interim pastor to help heal a split church

Bellevue Community Church, Littleton CO, 1996-1998

Helped to re-vitalize a traditional Mennonite Brethren Church

Oak Chapel United Methodist Church, Upland IN, 1994-1995

Served as interim pastor to help revitalize a plateaued church

Milgrove United Methodist Church, Hartford City, IN, 1988-1993

Helped to stabilize a declining country church

Transit Bridge Church of Faith, Angelica, NY, 1972-1973

Re-opened and re-planted a country church that had been closed for six years

Youth and Christian Education Pastor - served full time for six years

Community Bible Church, Marietta, PA, 1977-1983

Presently the church is over 1000 in attendance and growing. Jeff Burkholder, the senior pastor, is one of the students I mentored and taught when he was in junior and senior high school.

Supervised the total educational and outreach ministry excluding the preaching and the leadership of the board, which was the responsibility of a part-time senior preaching pastor.

Responsible for all educational ministries, community outreach, children, youth, and adult ministry, camping ministries, summer missionary training and supervision, the

youth center, training, leadership development, family ministry and teaching ministry.

Initiated, built and developed a Youth Center that was open every day of the week ministering to at-risk children and youth.

Developed a continuing summer missionary program involving 5-8 student leaders reaching out to at-risk kids in Marietta.

Established small home group Bible studies, in the downtown area where we lived, to reach out to local non-believers and new Christians.

Hired a full-time couple to oversee the Youth Center Ministry and a full-time wilderness specialist to oversee the adventure activities in the summer.

Doubled the size of the church facility and attendance in both the church and outreach activities.

Established a year-round camping ministry to children, youth, and families involving two weeks of conference camp and retreats incorporating backpacking, canoeing, rock-climbing, skiing, and rappelling.

Integrated discipleship training in all of our learning experiences with all ages groups.

Assistant, Youth or Children's Pastor or Director – served part-time or volunteer

Director of the Huntington Kid's Club, Huntington, IN, 2001-2008

Established and directed a ministry of 50 to 75 at-risk street kids each week in the downtown area of Huntington where we lived

New Life Community Church, Huntington, IN, 1994-1995

Helped to plant the church in our community and served as small group trainer and coordinator

Upland Community Church, Upland, IN, 1986-1987

Served as interim Youth and Christian Education Pastor

Alpine Chapel, Lake Zurich, IL, 1983-1985

Helped in the establishment of a new church plant by hosting a Bible study for our neighbors, teaching and serving. The church is presently over a 1000 in attendance.

Village Church of Barrington, Barrington IL, 1984

Served as interim youth pastor after a split in the youth group

Wheeling First Baptist Church, Wheeling, IL, 1973-1974

Served as interim youth pastor

Salvation Army, Wellsville, NY, 1969-1972

Served as the children's and youth director with at-risk kids

Camp of the Woods, Speculator, NY. 1968-1972

Served in various summer staff positions, but eventually became the Head Boy's Counselor in charge of 120 high school and college aged staff my last three summers

Intercultural Experiences**Minneapolis, MN, 2012-2014**

Minneapolis is one of the top designated cities to which the US government sends new refugees. It is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the US. In supervising and mentoring my Crown College students during their internships, I have had exposure to many different ministries to various ethnic groups in the Minneapolis area.

Hmong Students, 2009-2015

At Crown College, I worked with a lot of Hmong students who were training for the ministry and served for a year as the Hmong Student Association Advisor.

Ireland, 2006

Spent a week visiting churches, monasteries, and historical sites in an attempt to understand the roots and historical events behind the early evangelistic movement of the church.

Puerto Rico, 2005

I spent a week working with an MA student from Puerto Rico to establish a youth ministry training school in a C&MA Bible college there.

Ramallah, West Bank, November 2001

I spent a week as a consultant at the Friends School working with Muslim and Christian teachers helping them to develop a unified philosophy of education that articulated both their similarities and unique differences. The time was productive but I had to leave abruptly due to a bomb attack on the school. It was a challenging time to be in the Middle East.

England, March 1992

Spent a week touring England as a part of a sabbatical to explore the details of John Wesley's life and travels as they relate to his strategy for building disciples.

Israel, 1989

Spent two weeks on a study trip on the "Life and Times of Jesus" with the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem.

Kenya, East Africa, two weeks each summer 1988-1992

I worked with the General Secretary of the Pentecostal Church of Kenya to train pastors, teach at their youth camp, and supervise students from Taylor University during intercultural learning experiences.

Community Service and Leadership

**Established Kids/Homework Clubs in two mobile home parks in Saratoga County
Working with at-risk children and their families.**

**Served in the Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Waconia MN, 2009-2014
Regularly played violin in services, during meals, and special events and spoke occasionally for special programs.**

Played the violin for Salvation Army Kettles, Public Schools, department stores and community events at Christmas almost every year since I was in college.

**Served as Chairperson of Business, Entertainment and Tourism (BET) Huntington 2001-2007
Established and organized a group of business and community leaders in Huntington to revitalize the downtown area of our community. Designed a successful long-range plan and accomplished the first stage in the plan by building a beautiful bike path along the river downtown.**

**Established and directed the Huntington Kid's Club, 2001-2008
Worked with leaders from twelve community churches to establish a non-denominational evangelical outreach ministry to at-risk kids in the downtown area of Huntington. Trained the leadership and board to continue the ministry after I left.**

**Served as Chairperson of the Huntington Ministerial Fellowship, 2003-2008
Encouraged and led the pastors in Huntington to take a more active leadership role in the community by praying weekly as a small group, meeting monthly for breakfast and fellowship, and planning seasonal events and special services as a community. During my time in Huntington, we saw several new healthy church plants, growth in evangelical churches, positive changes in more liberal churches, and several successful community outreach events and ministries. Two years after I left, a Christian was elected mayor.**

**Received the Marietta Community Service Award in Marietta PA, 1983
Awarded the "Jaycee Community Award" for my work in serving the youth and families through the Marietta Youth Center. In 1981, an abandoned three-story building in downtown Marietta was given to us to develop into a Youth Center. We were able to completely gut it and renovate it within two years with all volunteer help and money without taking any money out of our church budget. We made a gym out of the top two floors in the front third of the building, put twelve classrooms on the second floor, and designed the first floor for pool and Ping-Pong tables, lounge areas, meeting rooms and a one - bedroom apartment for the new Youth Center Director.**

Camping Ministry Experience

Teen and College Years Camping Experience

Attended winter retreats at Camp Timber Ridge and Camp Forest Springs

Camp of the Woods in Speculator NY- worked 5 summers during High School and College on Kitchen Staff, Music Staff (Violin and Bass), Assistant Head Boy's Counselor, Head Boy's Counselor over 120 male staff. (2 summers)
Started and Directed the Winter Ski Retreat Program during Winter break my Sophomore and Junior years

Adult Camping Experience

Houghton College

Directed the College Ski Slope for three years
Taught downhill ski classes for college freshmen PE credit for three years

Wheaton College: Attended the Wilderness Learning Seminar, Vanguard Graduate Leadership Program: Rock Climbing, rappelling, whitewater canoeing, hiking, ropes course, etc

Houghton College: Served as Resident Director of the men's dormitory for two years
Spent a week each summer prior to the fall semester training my Resident Assistant team on a week canoeing trip in the Adirondack Mountains

Community Bible Church Marietta- Pastor of Youth and Christian Education- 6 years
Directed two weeks of church camp (Junior and Teen) each summer for six years
Directed the summer missionary program to street kids in our community involving wilderness canoeing, backpacking, rock climbing, and rustic tent camping (5 years)
Directed year- round camping trips and retreats for different age groups each month including junior high, senior high, young adult & father/son. Camping activities involved: skiing, backpacking, cabin retreats, canoeing, and tent camping.

Personal Family Camping

Since my three boys were five years old, we have taken a wilderness camping trip every summer for at least a week, usually involving canoeing, tenting, hiking, and fishing. (PA, NT, NY, CO).
Went skiing with my boys almost every Saturday during the winter while living in Colorado for three years
Every winter I took them for one or more ski trips

Alpine Chapel, Lake Zurich IL – Directed a family camp for the whole church

Taylor University, Upland IN Professor for 10 years
Supervised student internships at camps all over the US

Taught a winter wilderness camping class every winter, held at either Spring Hill Camp or New Horizon Camp, MI

Taught classes or sections of classes in Christian education on non-formal learning, camping, and children and youth ministry.

Camp of the Woods, Speculator NY

Led seminars on a variety of topics for a week or two each summer for eight years

Deerfoot Lodge, Speculator NY 2008

Led the counselor training program for one summer while Dr. Jay Barnes was on sabbatical, helped lead training with Jay another summer.

Denver Seminary, Denver CO Professor for 3 years

Supervised internships at many camps and retreat centers in Colorado

Spoke at, visited, or attended many excellent camps in the CO area.

Huntington University, Huntington IN Professor for 11 years

Taught discipleship and children and family ministry classes

Spoke at various camps, retreats, and conferences

Crown College, St. Bonifacius, MN Professor for 6 years

Taught the Christian Camping Class

Led a winter trip snowshoeing and winter camping at Camp Shamineau (2011)

Supervised summer interns at Camp Shamineau and Camp Jim

Camp Jim, Baxter MN 2012

Led a counselor training session and served as Junior Bible Camp Teacher

Eastern Montana Bible Camp, Montana 2013

Taught for a week of Junior Bible Camp