

Curriculum Vitae

W. Ross Hastings, Ph.D. (chemistry); Ph.D. (theology)

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Education: **Ph.D. (Theology)**, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, 2004
Ph.D. (Chemistry), Queen's University, Ontario. 1987
M.A. (Theology), Regent College
B.Sc. [Hons.] (Chemistry), University of the Witwatersrand, 1978
B.Sc. (Chemistry) University of the Witwatersrand, 1977

Awards: **Scholarships and Bursaries** as undergraduate at University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Research Assistantship/scholarship for chemistry graduate study at Queen's University, Kingston, ON, 1980, 1983-1987.
Greek Prize for second year Greek at Regent College
Grace Irwin Prize (\$5000) for the best book in all categories for the book *Echoes of Coinherence: Trinitarian theology and science in conversation*, (Eugene, OR.: Cascade Press, 2017), best book in all categories) at the Canadian Word Guild Awards, June 15, 2018.

**Positions
and Employment:**

Accepted as **Scholar in Residence** at St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge for sabbatical period May-December 2020. Unable to take advantage of this due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sangwoo Youtong Chee Professor of Theology, Regent College, Vancouver.
March 2018 - now

Sangwoo Youtong Chee Associate Professor of Theology, Regent College, Vancouver.
April 2016 – March 2018.

Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, Regent College, Vancouver.
January 2011 – April 2016 (employment without term granted in April 2012).

Associate Professor of Mission Studies, Regent College,
Vancouver. Sept.1, 2006 - Dec. 2010

Courses taught:

Missional Church seminar (2006 -).
'Re-evangelization of the West' now "Missional Church" (2006 -)
Pastoral Theology: Trinitarian theology of ministry and mission (2007-)
Pastoral Ethics (2005-)
Introduction to Trinitarian Theology (summer 2007, Wuhan, Cheng Du, China)
Trinity lecture: Christian Thought and Culture (Fall 2007-)
Missional God, Missional Church (missional theology) (summer, 2008, Hong Kong)
The Gospel and Human Poverty (Summer, 2008, with Ben Homan and Michael Pucci)
Soul of Ministry (Winter, 2009-)
The Book of Hebrews, June 2010, June 2012
Introduction to Preaching and Worship (Winter 2012 -)
Pastoral Theology: Care and Ethics (Fall 2011 -)
The Epistle to the Philippians (Summer, 2014 -)
Trinitarian Theology (Fudan University, Shanghai, China, Summer, 2014)
Worship Leading (Fall, 2014-)
Church and Marketplace (Summer, 2015)
Theology and Science (Winter, 2016, Winter 2017, Winter 2018)
Theology II (602) (Winter, 2017; Spring 2018)
Theology I (601) (Fall, 2017; Fall 2018)
Trinitarian Theology and Science, Tsinghua University, Beijing (Summer, 2017)
Theology and Science Seminar: Natural Cause and Divine Providence (Winter, 2019)

Administrative Duties:

M.Div. Coordinator, Chair of M.Div. Committee (2009-)
MA APPL Concentration Coordinator (2009-)
Conference Planner and Host for Regent Annual Pastors' Conference (2009-2018)
Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors (2009-2015)
Various Faculty Committees

Senior Pastor, Peace Portal Alliance Church, White Rock, BC:
August 1995 -2007. Lead Pastor, responsible for preaching,

visionary leadership, leadership of the pastoral staff, and pastoral equipping and care of the congregation with fellow pastors.

This church grew from 900 to 2500 in these years. An important missional element was the relationship formed with a church planted in Mpigi, Uganda by Pastor Michael Masembe. This church cares for many orphans in organic ways. We established a sustainable and egalitarian relationship with this church, collaborating with them in the establishment of an orphanage, schools, and agricultural renewal.

Sessional Lecturer, Regent College, Vancouver, BC: January 2004-06
Teaching THEO 630: Pastoral Ethics.

Senior Pastor, Westview Bible Church, Montreal, Quebec: 1992-1995

Senior Pastor, Westminster Gospel Chapel, Burnaby, BC: 1987-1992

Part-time Theology Instructor, Northwest Baptist Theological College, Vancouver/Langley, BC: 1988-1992

Introduction to Theology, Theology Proper (3rd/4th yr.), Pneumatology & Eschatology (3rd/4th yr.), Book of Hebrews (3rd/4th yr.).

Part-time Chemistry Instructor, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC: 1991-1992: *third year Organic Chemistry and first year Basic Chemistry courses.*

Research Assistant, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario: 1983-1986

Pastor, Union Street Gospel Chapel, Kingston, Ontario: 1983-1986

Chemistry Teacher and Headmaster, Grainger Grammar School, Newcastle, England: 1981-1983

Chemistry Teacher, St. Martin's School, Johannesburg, South Africa: Jan. - Dec. 1979

Chairs:

Sangwoo Youtong Chee Chair of Theology at Regent College. The installation date was on April 9, 2016. I became a full professor in March 2018.

Grants:

Templeton Grant: January 1, 2009-December 31, 2011. Co-investigator with Dr. Jennie McLaurin of a Templeton Grant for a three-year science-theology project called "Pastoral Science: Reading, Teaching, and Delighting in God's Two Books." This was a collaborative learning model that promotes accelerated sustained change on the topic of

Science for Ministry, for the equipping of pastors to appreciate the origin, activity, nature, interpretation, and social implications of science as it is integrated with faith.

Templeton Grant: 2017 – 2019. [Grant ID #59058] "ReFaithing Science at Regent College." A three-year theology-science project around the theme of the coinherence of Trinitarian theology and science. Involves the hiring of a post-doctoral fellow and conferences and classes on theology and science. The book *Echoes of Coinherence: Trinitarian Theology and Science Together* has been published on August 14, 2017, in association with this Grant. *This publication was made possible through the support of a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The opinions expressed in said publication are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the John Templeton Foundation.*"

Affiliations:

Member of the American Academy of Religion
Member of the American Scientific Affiliation
Member of the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation
Accepted as Scholar-in-Residence at St. Mary's College, University of St Andrews, 2020.
Accepted as Scholar-in-Residence at St Edmund's College, Cambridge, UK, 2020 (unable to take advantage of this due to the pandemic).

Boards:

2010 – now: Member of the BioLogos Forum Advisory Board.
2010 – 2015: Faculty representative on the Board of Governors of Regent College
2008 – 2015: SWAM, South and West Africa Mission
2000-2007: Bethany Kids, Kenya

Publications:

Chemistry

W.R. Hastings, Ph.D. Thesis entitled
"CHEMISTRY OF RUTHENIUM CARBONYLS: *Carbon Oxide Hydrogenation by Catalysts derived from Ruthenium Carbonyls*", 1987.
W.R. Hastings, M.J. Thomas, C.J. Cameron and M.C. Baird, Tenth Symposium on Catalysis (Catalysis Division, Chemical Institute of Canada), Kingston, Ontario, 1986. (NLC. Diss. Abstr. Int. 1987, 48, 758).
W.R. Hastings and M.C. Baird, *Inorganic Chemistry*, 1986, 25, 2913.
W.R. Hastings and M.C. Baird, *Inorganic Chemistry*, 1988, 27, 3024.
R.D. Heyding and W.R. Hastings, *J.C.P.D.S.*, 1987.
W.R. Hastings, M.R. Roussel and M.C. Baird, *J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.*, 1990, 1, 203.
W.R. Hastings and M.C. Baird, *Gov. Rep. Announce. Index (U.S.)*, 1986, 86 Abstr. No. 642 994 ([Ru(CO)₄]_n).

Theology

Theses:

W.R Hastings, M.C.S. Thesis entitled: *Repentance in The Evangelical Theological Heritage*, 1992, Regent College (Supervisor: J.I. Packer).

W.R. Hastings, Ph.D. thesis entitled: *Giving Honour to the Spirit: a critical analysis and evaluation of pneumatological union in the Trinitarian theology of Jonathan Edwards in dialogue with Karl Barth*, 2004, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland. (Supervisor: Alan J. Torrance) defended successfully, May 10, 2004
[\[http://hdl.handle.net/10023/2707\]](http://hdl.handle.net/10023/2707)

Monographs

W. Ross Hastings, *Missional God, Missional Church: Hope for Re-evangelizing the West* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Acad., 2012).

W. Ross Hastings, *Jonathan Edwards and the Life of God: towards an evangelical theology of participation* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2015).

W. Ross Hastings, *Where Do Broken Hearts Go? An integrative, participational theology of grief* (Eugene, OR.: Cascade Press, 2016).

W. Ross Hastings, *Echoes of Coinherence: Trinitarian theology and science in conversation*, (Eugene, OR.: Cascade Press, 2017), winner of the 2018 \$5000 Grace Irwin Prize (best book in all categories) at the Canadian Word Guild Awards, June 15, 2018. It was also reviewed favourably by the *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (03 September 2018) and by *PNEUMA* (40 (2018) 213–279).

W. Ross Hastings, *Total Atonement: Trinitarian Participation in the Reconciliation of Humanity and Creation* (Minneapolis: Lexington Books/Fortress Acad., 2019).

W. Ross Hastings, *Theological Ethics: The Church's Integrity in Contemporary Context* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Acad., 2021).

W. Ross Hastings, *Pastoral Ethics* (Bellingham, WA.: Lexham, in press).

W. Ross Hastings, *Theology of the Resurrection* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, in press).

W. Ross Hastings, *God and Molecules: Chemical Evolution and Divine Providence* (Downers Grove, IL.: IVP Acad., in writing)

Journal Articles/Book Chapters:

W. Ross Hastings, “‘Honouring the Spirit’: analysis and evaluation of Jonathan Edwards’ pneumatological doctrine of the incarnation.’ *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 7 (No.3) July 2005, 279-299.

W. Ross Hastings, ‘Discerning the Spirit: Ambivalent assurance in the soteriology of Jonathan Edwards and Barthian correctives.’ *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 63 (04), 2010, 437-455.

W. Ross Hastings, ‘Ecstasy, Embrace, Effulgence: The Trinity and the Mission-shaped Church in the Twenty-first Century . . . Insights from Jesus’s High Priestly Prayer, Jonathan Edwards, and Karl Barth’, *CRUX* 45.2 (Fall, 2009), 2-11.

W. Ross Hastings. "The Shack's God." *CRUX* 45.4 (Winter, 2009), 22-26.

W. Ross Hastings, “Jonathan Edwards on the Trinity: A Current Evaluation of its Place and Its Controversial Facets,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* in 59, No.3 (2016), 585-600.

W. Ross Hastings. “Reflections on Some Evolutionary Creation Affirmations,” *CRUX* 52.2 (Summer, 2016), 18-22.

W. Ross Hastings, “The Trinity and Human Sexuality: made in the image of the triune God,” *CRUX* 54.2 (Summer, 2018), 10-24.

W. Ross Hastings, “Karl Barth: Human Identity and the Freedom of God in Christ” in *Sources of the Christian Self: A Cultural History of Christian Identity*, eds. James M. Houston and Jens Zimmermann (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018).

W. Ross Hastings and William Watson, “Matthew Henry: Expounding the Scriptures,” in *The History of Preaching*, vols. 1 and 2, eds. Benjamin Forrest, Kevin L. King, Bill Curtis and Dwayne Milioni (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018), vol. 1, 427-439.

W. Ross Hastings, “T.F. Torrance’s Contribution in the Constructive Dialogue Between Theology and Science,” in *Torrance and Evangelical Theology: A Critical Evaluation*, eds. Myk Habets and R. Lucas Stamps, in press, Eugene, OR.: Wipf & Stock, 2018.

W. Ross Hastings, lecture at Los Angeles Theology Conference, January 17-18, 2019, on *Divine Action and Providence: “Divine and Created Agents in Asymmetric Concursus: A Barthian Option.”*

W. Ross Hastings, “Divine and Created Agency in Asymmetric Concursus: A Barthian Option” in Oliver Crisp and Fred Sanders, eds. *Divine Action and Providence* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019), 115-136.

W. Ross Hastings, “‘The Word Became Flesh’: Christian Theology and Science

as Coinherent, Not Conflicted . . . A Post-Intellectual Approach” in *Is the Gospel Good News?* McMaster New Testament Studies Series, Stanley E. Porter and Hughson T. Ong, eds. (Eugene, OR.: Pickwick, 2019), 179-222.

W. Ross Hastings, “Sport: Idolatry or the Image of God . . . or both?” in press, *CRUX* 56. (),

W. Ross Hastings, “Personhood: The Core of Human Identity,” *CRUX* 57.1 (Spring, 2021), 11-18.

W. Ross Hastings, “A Theology of Depression” in press, *CRUX* ...

Review Articles:

W. Ross Hastings. Review of *The Supreme Harmony of All: The Trinitarian Theology of Jonathan Edwards*, Amy Plantinga Pauw. *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 5 (No.1), March 2003, 120-122 (attributed to “Ross Shaw” in error).

W. Ross Hastings. Review of *Listening to the Past: The Place of Tradition in Christian Theology*, Steve Holmes. *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 6 (No. 4), 440-443. 2004.

W. Ross Hastings. Review of *Jonathan Edwards: Philosophical Theologian* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2003), Paul Helm and Oliver Crisp ((Eds.), 7 (No.3), July 2005. *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 7 (No. 3), 2005, 316-342.

W. Ross Hastings. Review of *Remembering Our Future: Explorations in Deep Church*. Eds. Andrew Walker and Luke Bretherton (London/Colorado Springs/Hyderabad: Paternoster, 2007). *CRUX*, 43 (No.4), Winter 2007, 46-49.

W. Ross Hastings. Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Jonathan Edwards*, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007). *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 10 (No.4), 2008, 473-476.

W. Ross Hastings. Review of *Darwin’s Pious Idea: Why the Ultra-Darwinists and Creationists Both Get It Wrong*. Conor Cunningham (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010). Regent Cosmos website on the Regent Marketplace website.

W. Ross Hastings. Review of Jason S. Sexton, gen. ed., Stanley Gundry, series ed. *Two Views on the Doctrine of the Trinity*. *CRUX*, 51 (No.1), Spring 2016, 32-36.

W. Ross Hastings, Review of Rodrick K. Durst, *Reordering the Trinity: Six Movements of God in the New Testament* (Grand Rapids MI: Kregel, 2016). *CRUX*, 53 (No.2), Summer 2017, 39-40.

W. Ross Hastings, Review of Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015). *CRUX*, 54 (No. 2), Summer 2018, 37-40.

W. Ross Hastings, Review of Marty Folsom, *Sharing God's Life*, Vol 3, *Face to Face* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2016), *CRUX*, 55 (No.1), Spring 2019, 38-40.

W. Ross Hastings, Review of Douglas Farrow, *Theological Negotiations: Proposals in Soteriology and Anthropology* (Grand Rapids: Baker Acad., 2018). *CRUX*, 55 (No. 2), Summer 2019, 15-23.

Conference Presentations:

W. Ross Hastings, *The Life of God in Jonathan Edwards: Towards an Evangelical Theology of Participation*, in the *History of Christianity and North American Religions* program unit at the PNW AAR/SBL/ASOR meeting at Marylhurst University (March 28, 2015) in Portland, Oregon.

W. Ross Hastings, "Jonathan Edwards on the Trinity," an invited lecture at the Annual Meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, Atlanta, GA., in the "Models of God" session, November 18, 2015.

Popular Articles:

Ross Hastings, 'What DNA Matter Did the Baby Jesus Have?' in 'Ask a Theologian' section, *Faith Today*, November/December 2006.

W. Ross Hastings, Ask a Theologian: 'Did God create out of His essence or His will?' in 'Ask a Theologian' section, *Faith Today*, July/August, 2008.

Ross Hastings, 'Missional Church: Fad or Foundation?' *Faith Today*, Sept/October 2010, 23-4.

W. Ross Hastings, 'Christian Theology and Science: fearful antagonism or joyful collaboration', *Faith Today*, November/December 2011, 20-21.

W. Ross Hastings, 'A Theological Reflection on My Experience of Depression,' in *Living Life: A Journal of Spiritual Formation and Reflection*, June 2016, 168-169.

W. Ross Hastings, "Three Bodies United in One: A Holistic Theology of the Body," *Regent World*, March 31, 2020 / Issue Volume 31, Number 1, Spring 2020.

Guest Lectures:

The Public Theology of Jonathan Edwards, University of Stellenbosch, Faculty of Theology, Cape, South Africa, Feb. 2007.

Ecstasy, embrace, effulgence': The Trinity and the mission-shaped church in the 21st Century, Regent Summer Evening Public Lecture: May 14, 2008.

Missional God, Missional Church, Kampala Evangelical School of Theology, June 2011

The theology of the missional church at ATCO Houston, pastors' conference convened by Houston Graduate School of Theology, Mission Houston and Ekklesia Church, October 26, 2013.

Plenary lecture at the *Vibrant Dance of Science and Faith* conference in Austin, TX in October 2010 entitled: *The How of Creation: Parameters and Nodes for gracious and fruitful dialogue* (the foundations and the forward motion of pilgrims in unity ... an exposition of Ephesians 4:1-16).

Missional God, Missional Church, plenary address at the General Assembly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Ottawa, Canada.

The Life of God in Jonathan Edwards: Towards an evangelical theology of participation, book opening public lecture, Regent College, March 2015.

The Life of God in Jonathan Edwards: Towards an evangelical theology of participation, post-graduate seminar at George Whitefield College, Muizenburg, Cape Town, May 2015.

Image-bearing: The Gospel and scholarship, lecture to faculty and staff of Cornerstone Bible Institute, Salt River, Cape Town, May 2015.

'The Word became flesh': Christian Theology and Science as coinherent, not conflicted: plenary lecture at the Bingham Colloquium, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario, June 4, 2015.

Trinitarian Theology and Science, School of Public Leadership Stellenbosch University, Cape, South Africa, August 25, 2017

Christianity in the Public Square, Vocatio Institute, Brasilia, Brasil, October 6-7, 2017.

Where Do Broken Hearts Go? Grief and Loss, Vocatio Institute, Brasilia, Brasil, October 9-10, 2017.

Missional God, Missional Church, The Village Church, Surrey, BC, 2020.

Ross has also ministered widely to pastors and churches and professional groups at various conferences in the UK, North America, Africa and Asia. This includes Christian and Missionary Alliance Pastors' Retreats, Firs Family Camp, Peoples' Church, Campus

Crusade Executive Seminar, Missionary Conferences (Thailand, Brazil), Missionsfest, Teachers' Christian Fellowship, IVCF banquets, Christian Legal Fellowship of Canada (Whistler, BC), Men's Retreat, Peninsula Bible Church Cupertino, Christian Reformed Church Mission and Theological Education in Africa (TEA) Conference in Arusha, Tanzania.

Preaching:

I have preached at the following churches in recent years:

St. John's Anglican Vancouver; City Lights (Pentecostal) Church, Burnaby; West Vancouver Baptist; First Presbyterian Church, Portland; Cates Hill Gospel Chapel, Bowen Island, B.C., First Baptist Church, Vancouver; Christchurch, Kenilworth, Cape Town; Knox Church, Toronto; Fairview Presbyterian, Vancouver; North Shore Alliance, Vancouver; Redemption Church, Vancouver; Delta Anglican Church, Delta, BC; Igreja Presbiteriana do Planalto, Brasilia, Brasil; Point Grey Baptist Church, Vancouver; Pacific Community Church, Cloverdale, BC; Lake Country Alliance Church, Lake Country, BC.

Blogs:

Blog on the BioLogos and Cosmos site on science and theology issues: *The How of Creation: Parameters and Nodes for gracious and fruitful dialogue* (the foundations and the forward motion of pilgrims in unity ... an exposition of Ephesians 4:1-16).

Attended the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Washington DC in February 2011 at the invitation of DoSER (Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion - a group of thoughtful evangelical scientists, headed up by Jennifer Wiseman and Peyton West) in order to give recommendations on how seminaries can institute and devise a mandatory science-theology course for all MDiv students.

Wrote a report on my AAAS visit for Cosmos: *A Visit to AAAS in Washington, DC ... reflections by Ross Hastings on fundamentalism, science in theological education and other sundry items*

Courses Taught:

Theology 601
Theology 602
Atonement Seminar
Theology and Science, with Ashley Moyse
Theology and Science Seminar, with David Robinson
Preaching and Worship
Pastoral Ethics
Pastoral Care

Missional Church
Missional Church Seminar
Worship
Soul of Ministry
Marketplace Theology
The Epistle to the Philippians
Theological Themes in Hebrews

Sample Theses Supervised:

Greg Anderson, ThM: The Art of Pastoral Communion: Pastor and Congregant Together in Christian Formation

Daniel Burgi. ThM thesis (mission studies): Contours of a Local Theology in the Himalayas: Contextualizing Christian Theology to the Circumstance of Tibetan Buddhism

Lois Thiessen Derksen, MCS thesis (Applied theology): Holistic Discipleship—A Pedagogy Towards Wholeness

KC Flynn, MCS thesis (theology): The Theological Ethics of Jacques Ellul

Matt Gray, ThM thesis (theology): An Evaluation of the Gospel & Our Culture Network's Historical interpretation of 20th Century American Evangelicalism, in view of Billy Graham's Ministry, Pre-1975

Leslie Herrmann, ThM thesis (theology): One Alone Cannot be Excellent: The Theology and Spirituality of Beauty in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards

Jeremy Kidwell, MCS thesis (theology): Elucidating the Image of God: An analysis of the imago Dei in the theology of Colin E. Gunton and John D. Zizioulas, Metropolitan of Pergamon

Immanuel Koks, MA: Hope for the Disabled in the Theology of Jurgen Moltmann

James Smoker, ThM (theology) “‘Our Endeavours to Recollect a Forgotten Name’: Samuel Taylor Coleridge and the Relationship Between Science and Theology”.

Clement Wen, MCS (INDS): The Doctrine of Participation and Deification in the Theologies of Maximus the Confessor and John Calvin

Comprehensive Papers and Examinations Supervised:

Each year I have supervised and examined capstone comprehensive papers and exams in the Theology, Applied Theology, and Interdisciplinary Concentrations at Regent College. Most years this has involved 10-20 papers or exams. I function as a second reader for Marketplace Theology exams and papers also.