

# Curriculum Vita

## *The Reverend Doctor Ross Avery Lockhart*

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*In response to God's grace, I seek to encourage and equip  
missionary disciples for Christ's church of tomorrow, today.*

### **Degrees**

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Vrije Universiteit, Faculty of Religion and Theology,  
Amsterdam, 2022.

*Dissertation: "Super, Natural Vancouver: An Urban Missiological Study of  
Canada's Preeminent West Coast City."*

Doctor of Ministry (DMin), McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, 2009.

*Dissertation: "Speaking to Itchy Ears: Towards an Evangelistic Homiletic in  
Canadian Mainline Denominations."*

Master of Divinity (MDiv), The University of Toronto, 2003.

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History (BA Hons), The University of Winnipeg, 1999.

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### **Professional Experience**

Ordained Minister of Word and Sacraments, The Presbyterian Church in Canada,  
Presbytery of Westminster.

Minister-in-Association, St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, North  
Vancouver.

Dean of St. Andrew's Hall, 2020-present.

Associate Professor of Mission Studies, Vancouver School of Theology, 2020-present.

Associate Professor with Tenure (143<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, 2017), St. Andrew's Hall at  
the University of British Columbia, 2014-present.

Founding Director, The Centre for Missional Leadership, St. Andrew's Hall, 2015-2020.

Director of Denominational Formation at Vancouver School of Theology, 2014-  
2020.

Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Care, Regent College, 2016-2018.

Senior Lecturer in Homiletics, St. Mark's College, 2012-present.

Adjunct Professor, Vancouver School of Theology, 2012-2014.

Congregational Ministry Leadership as a Youth, Associate and Senior Minister in  
Manitoba, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia, 1996-2014.

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### **Books & Chapters**

## Ross Avery Lockhart

- Christianity: An Asian Religion in Vancouver*. Jason Byassee, Albert Chu and Ross Lockhart. Eugene: Cascade: 2023.
- “Join with all nature in manifold witness: engaging the soteriological doxa of Vancouver” in *Kingdom Come: Reflections in Honor of Jonathan R. Wilson*. Jason Byassee, Jeremy Kidwell, Jonathan Wilson-Hargrove and Leah Wilson-Hargrove, ed. Eugene: Cascade, 2022.
- Christian Witness in Post-Christian Soil: Coworkers with God in the Land of Hiking, Hipsters and Hand-Crafted Lattes*. Ross A. Lockhart, ed. Eugene: Cascade, 2021.
- “To the Ends of the Earth (and around the corner): Missional Leadership in an Age of Secularity” in *Before Theological Study: A Thoughtful, Engaged, and Generous Approach*, edited by Harry O. Maier, Ashley Moyse and Richard R. Topping. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2021.
- Better Than Brunch: Missional Churches in Cascadia*. Jason Byassee & Ross Lockhart. Eugene: Cascade, 2020.
- “Ecclesiology” in *Faithful Innovation: Beginning a Conversation for a Post-Covid Church*. Brendan McClenahan & Nick Warnes, ed., Los Angeles: Cyclical Publishing, 2020.
- Beyond Snakes and Shamrocks: St. Patrick’s Missional Leadership Lessons for Today*. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2018.
- “Vancouver – City of God-Glass” in *The Soul of the City: Mapping the Spiritual Geography of Eleven Canadian Cities*, Len Hjalmarson, ed., Portland: Urban Loft Publishing, 2018.
- Lessons from Laodicea: Missional Leadership in a Culture of Affluence*, Eugene: Cascade Books, 2016.
- “Peek a Boo Jesus: Looking for an Emergent Saviour in a Post Christendom Culture” in *The Hyphenated: How Emergence Christianity is Re-Traditioning Mainline Practices*. Phil Snider, Ed. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2011.
- “The Brand verses the Leader,” in *Faith in a Time of Change*. Michael Kooiman, ed. Toronto: United Church Publishing House, 2011.
- Co-Editor, *Three Ways of Grace: Drawing Closer to the Trinity*. Toronto: United Church Publishing House, 2010.
- Gen X, Y Faith? Getting Real with God*. Kelowna: Wood Lake Books/Northstone Publishing, 2003.

### Articles

- “Let it Shine,” *Christian Courier*, September 2022.
- “Creation as Cathedral?” *Christian Courier*, July 2022.
- “Don’t Give Up!” *Christian Courier*, March 2022.
- “What Child Is This? Reimagining church metrics on another pandemic Christmas,” *Christian Courier*, December 2021.
- “Banana Bread Blessings: Reflections on Incarnation,” Creation Conversations Series, *Church for Vancouver*, October 2021.
- “Mantrip Memories,” *Christian Courier*, September 2021.
- “Digital Dilemma?” *Christian Courier*, June 2021.
- “~~Our~~ God’s House,” *Good Idea*, Wycliffe College, April 2021.
- “Business as usual?” *Christian Courier*, January 2021.
- “Good news beyond hand sanitizer?” *Good Idea*, Wycliffe College, November 2020.
- “Lesslie Newbigin’s missional ecclesiology,” *Touchstone*, September 2020.

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- “The New School of Christ,” *Christian Courier*, September 2020.
- “Is Covid a Missional Moment?” *Light Magazine*, September 2020.
- “Speak Moistly to Me: Incarnation and Covid-19,” *Christian Courier* August 2020.
- “An Epiphany on Christmas Eve,” *Touchstone*, February 2020.
- “New Year’s Missional Resolutions,” *Christian Courier*, January 2020.
- “Trick, Treat or Tacky?” *Christian Courier*, November 2019.
- “Kids These Days: Exploring Vocation with iGen,” *Christian Courier*, July 2019.
- “Nones and Dones,” *Christian Courier*, May 2019.
- “Sharing Life,” *Christian Courier*, April 2019.
- “Church in the Land of Lattes and Lululemon,” *Christian Courier*, April 2018.
- “Sharing Life” *Christian Courier*, April 2018.
- “Growing Faith” *Christian Courier*, December 2018.
- “O Cannabis” *Christian Courier*, June 2018.
- “To the Ends of the Earth” *Christian Courier*, April 2018.
- “Can I get a Witness?” *Equipping for Evangelism*, Presbyterian Church in Canada Publications, 2017.
- “Seminaries Find Homes in Congregations,” *The Christian Century*, February 2017.
- “Affluenza” Cover Story, *The Presbyterian Record*, November 2016.
- Writer, *These Days*, Devotional Magazine, Presbyterian Church (USA), 2015.
- “Joy to the World,” *The Presbyterian Record*, December 2015.
- “Confessing Faith Out Loud,” *The Presbyterian Record*, November 2015.
- “Call/Answer,” *The Presbyterian Record*, October 2015.
- “Kingdom Cottage,” *The Presbyterian Record*, September 2015.
- “Sign of the Times?” *The Presbyterian Record*, July/August 2015.
- “Throwback Sundays: The limits of suspicion and the necessity of grace.” *The Presbyterian Record*, June 2015.
- “Kingdom Acres: ‘Show home’ ecclesiology.” *The Presbyterian Record*, May 2015.
- “The Three E’s: Effectiveness: Doing the ecclesiastical math.” *The Presbyterian Record*, April 2015.
- “Seeing What Others Do Not See: Developing an entrepreneurial spirit.” *The Presbyterian Record*, March 2015.
- “Evangelism Essentials: Sharing the gospel begins with relationships,” *The Presbyterian Record*, February 2015.
- “Learning to Lead” *The Presbyterian Record*, January 2015.
- “First Preach” The Good Idea Column, *Institute for Evangelism*, Wycliffe College, Toronto, 2014.
- “The Writing is on the Wall: The Indispensable Ministry of Preaching,” *Touchstone Magazine*, March 2014.

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### Courses Taught

#### Vancouver School of Theology

- ED500 Catechesis and Community in Post-Christendom
- DS515 Reformed Worship, Creeds and Confessions
- DS510 Presbyterian Heritage, Polity and Practice
- DS580 Canadian Presbyterian Church History
- HOM500 Introduction to Homiletics
- HOM601 Preaching in the African American Tradition

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HOM614 The Witness of the Preacher  
HOM684T Homiletical Models for Contemporary Preaching  
PT582 Church Planting in the Canadian Context  
PT5/733 Church Planting in Post-Christendom  
PT500 Theological Foundations for Pastoral Leadership  
PT851 Missional Metrics: Financial Models for Church Planting  
SAH-L5/700 Practicing Evangelism in a Post-Christendom World  
SAH-TH6/723 Missional Theology in a Post-Christendom World

### **Regent College**

APPL546 Pastoral Care

### **St. Mark's College**

PAS502 Introduction to Homiletics

Committee work: (VST) – Board of Governors (as Dean of SAH), as VST Faculty:  
Faculty Council, Faculty Association, Admissions & Scholarships, Faculty  
Student Review Committee, Pastoral and Public Leadership Committee,  
Dean's Advisory Committee. (St. Mark's) – Senate. (Westminster  
Presbytery) – Ministry Committee, Church Doctrine (Convenor).  
(National Church) – Church History, Theological Education Liaison  
Group, Assembly Council, Principal Clerk Search Committee.

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### **Service as a Presenter**

Presenter, "Turtle Island Theology" at VU scholars conference, Mennorode Conference  
Centre, Netherlands, 2022.  
Presenter, "Visions of the Good Life: Salvation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Kampen Theological  
University, Netherlands, 2022.  
Presenter, "Religious Responses to Climate Change," Inter-religious conference,  
Vancouver School of Theology, 2022.  
Presenter, "Evangelism today" Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry, Ontario, 2022.  
Presenter, Virtual Bible Study, Episcopal Church in the Philippines, 2022.  
Presenter, "Ministry in a Post-Covid Church," two webinars for PC-USA's Synod of the  
Northeast, 2022.  
Panelist, "Evangelism in the wake of pandemic" Wycliffe College, Toronto, 2021.  
Presenter, "Post-Pandemic Ecclesiology," Presbytery of Brandon, 2021.  
Presenter, "Unmasking the Post-Covid Church," Archdiocese of Regina, 2021.  
Presenter, "Covid-19 and Christian Witness," PC-USA, Presbytery of Minnesota Lakes,  
2021.  
Presenter, "Ecclesiology and Covid-19: Rethinking our theology of church in the midst of  
a pandemic," South Africa, 2020.  
Presenter, "Covid-19 Ecclesiology" Cyclical Church Planting Conference, 2020.  
Lecturer, VST Academy: "Evangelism for the Shy Christian," Vancouver, 2020.  
Presenter, Atlantic Synod, Zion Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 2019.  
Presenter, Men's Ministry Retreat, Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, ON, 2019.  
Presenter, Re-Imagine West Conference, St. Paul's Church, Edmonton, Alberta, 2019.  
Presenter, Christianity in the Urban West Conference, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam,

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- 2019.
- Presenter, Re-Imagine Conference, Metropolitan Church, London, Ontario, 2019.
- Presenter, Presbyterian Pastor's Conference, Dominican Republic, 2019.
- Guest Lecturer, St. Andrew's Theological Seminary & Asian Theological Seminary, Manilla, Philippines, 2019.
- Presenter, "Missionsfest," Vancouver Convention Centre, 2019.
- Congregational Leadership Track Speaker, Canada Youth, Brock University, 2018.
- Theme Speaker, Presbytery of the Kootenays Presbytery Revitalization Event, Creston, 2018.
- Presenter, "Can you Say a Few Words: Funeral Homiletics in Post-Christendom Canada" at The Vancouver School of Theology Inter-Religious Conference on Death and Dying, 2018.
- Theme Speaker, Presbytery Retreat, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, 2018.
- Theme Speaker, Men's Maritime Retreat, Amherst, Nova Scotia, 2018.
- Theme Speaker, Youth for Christ, Whistler-Pemberton, 2017.
- Theme Speaker, Summer Revival Conference, Chinese Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, 2017.
- Theme Speaker, Presbytery of the Kootenays Ministry Conference, Crawford Bay, 2017.
- Speaker, ReVITALize Conference, Metropolitan Church, London, 2017.
- Presenter, *Christ and Cascadia*, Fuller Northwest Seattle, 2016.
- Preacher, Alberta Synod, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2016.
- Presenter on Evangelism, Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2016.
- Presenter and Preacher, A Consultation on Preaching with Darrell Johnson, Carey Theological College, 2016.
- Organizer and host, *Pre-General Assembly Webinar for Commissioners*, 2016.
- Presenter, Yu-Shan Seminary, International Conference hosted by The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, 2016.
- Organizer and speaker, *New Wine in Old Wineskins? A church planting conference* at St. Andrew's Hall, 2016.
- Speaker, Presbyterian Church in Canada's National Clerk's Consultation, Crieff Hills, Ontario, 2016.
- Organizer and host, *Clerks Basic Webinar*, 2016.
- Presenter, Epiphany Explorations Conference, First Metropolitan Church, Victoria, 2016.
- Presenter, ReVitalize Conference, Regina, 2015.
- Preacher, Synod of Saskatchewan, Regina, 2015.
- Preacher and Chaplain, Synod of British Columbia, 2015.
- Speaker, Cruxifusion Conference, Burlington, Ontario, 2015.
- Theologian & Preacher, *Rendezvous* National Youth Conference, The University of Manitoba, 2014.
- Keynote Speaker, Canadian Association of Professional Speakers, Vancouver Chapter, 2013.
- Keynote Speaker, Canadian Association of Professional Speakers, Calgary Chapter, 2013.
- Keynote Speaker, Canadian Association of Professional Speakers National Convention, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 2012.
- Sessional Lecturer, "Evangelism for Non-Evangelicals," The Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2012.
- Guest Speaker, *Queen's Alumni Conference & Symposium on the Future of Ministry*,

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October 2011.

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## Service to the Church and World

Participant, *Theology and Qualitative Research Conference*, The Network for Ecclesiology & Ethnography, St. John's University, October 2021.  
Assessor, Association of Theological Schools Accreditation Team to NAIITS, March 2021  
Vancouver School of Theology Board of Governors, 2020-present.  
Judge, Associate Church Press Awards, 2019-present.  
Summer Pulpit Exchange, Gilnahirk Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2019.  
Board Member, Mission Central, 2019 – 2021.  
Participant, *Urbana*, St. Louis, 2019.  
Organizer & Leader, Leader, "In the Footsteps of St. Paul," a pilgrimage tour to Turkey, Greece & Italy, 2018.  
Participant, The World Council of Churches Conference on Global Mission and Evangelism, Arusha, Tanzania, representing The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2018.  
Participant, *Christian Leadership Forum*, Atlanta, 2018.  
Weekly Guest Pulpit Supply Preaching across Canada, 2014-present.  
Participant, *Christian Leadership Forum*, Atlanta, 2017.  
Organizer & Leader, "Holy Land Study Tour," 2017.  
Organizer & Leader, St. Andrew's Hall "Holy Land Study Tour," 2016.  
Member, St. Mark's College Senate, UBC, 2016-  
Summer Pulpit Exchange, Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2016.  
Member, Board of Trustees, Forum for Theological Exploration, Atlanta, 2015-2021.  
Convenor, New Mission Development Guideline Committee, Presbytery of Westminster, 2015-2016.  
Participant, World Council of Churches Conference on Evangelism, Nashville, 2015.  
Participant, Canadian Church Planting Conference, Montreal, 2015.  
Participant, Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting, Nashville, 2015.  
Instructor, "VST Theology and Development Course" Global School, San Salvador, El Salvador, 2015.  
Organizer & Leader, Leader, "In the Footsteps of St. Paul," a pilgrimage tour to Turkey & Greece, 2014.  
Co-Chair, Vancouver Jewish-Christian Dialogue, 2014-2019.  
Member, Education and Reception Committee, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2014-2020.  
Member, National Church History Committee, Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2014-present.  
Member, Camp Douglas Committee, Presbytery of Westminster, 2014-2019.  
Member, The Academy of Homiletics, 2013-2018.  
Member of the Steering Committee, Jewish-Christian Dialogue, Vancouver, 2013-2019.  
Summer Pulpit Exchange, Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2013.  
Guest Preacher, Wexford Presbyterian Church, Wexford, Ireland, 2013.  
Guest Preacher, Enniscorthy Presbyterian Church, Enniscorthy, Ireland, 2013.

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Thompson Scholar, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, 2013.

Participant, Greenbelt Festival, England, 2012.

Organizer & Leader, "In the Footsteps of St. Patrick" Pilgrimage to Ireland, 2012.

Organizer & Leader, Youth Mission Trip to Ensenada, Mexico, 2012.

Governor, Vancouver School of Theology Board of Governors, 2010-2012.

Organizer & Leader, Youth Mission Program to Cuba between Queen's Theological College and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Cuba, 2007-2008.

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### **Professional Designation:**

Ordained Minister of Word & Sacraments, the Presbytery of Westminster, Synod of British Columbia in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dean and Associate Professor at St. Andrew's Hall (seconded as Professor of Mission Studies at VST) at the University of British Columbia. Tenure granted by the 143<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Kingston, Ontario, June 2017. Founding Director of the Centre for Missional Leadership, St. Andrew's Hall. Minister-in-Association at St. Andrew's/St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in North Vancouver, British Columbia. Member of the American Society of Missiology. Member of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education.