

**Symposium Theme:** Youth and Mission

**Title:** Intersection – a dialogue between missiology and youth ministry

**Date and Time:** Friday, June 15, 2012 | 1:30-5:30 PM

**in-ter-sec-tion** [in-ter-sek-shuhn] noun 1. a place where two or more roads meet, especially when at least one is a major highway; junction. 2. any place of intersection or the act or fact of intersecting.

The disciplines of missiology and youth ministry share several common realities and challenges. Both disciplines have experienced notable shifts, are attending to domestic and global changes, and critique the church from their particular vantage point. Yet while the work overlaps, there are few opportunities for disciplined dialogue between the two and therefore their work rarely impacts each other. This symposium is an opportunity to both name the challenges and create connections through thoughtful dialogue. Researchers, professors, students and practitioners are all invited to participate.

**Schedule:**

1:30 – **Opening and welcome**

1:45-3:00 – **Large Group Dialogue** *The Changing Face of Missiology and Possibilities from Youth Ministry and the Changing Face of Youth Ministry and Possibilities from Missiology*- Presentations by Dr. Terri Martinson Elton and others, followed by dialogue.

Break

3:10–4:50 **Small Group Dialogue** Digging Deeper into Youth and Mission Intersections. Choose 2 of the following sessions (3:10 – 3:55 and 4:05-4:50).

- *Vocational Calling as Participation: Undergraduate Perceptions about How God Guides in Missions and Ministry* by Dr. J Matthew Price, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- *One Cross at a Time: The Mission Agency's Role in Building the Missional Church* by Eric Iverson, Youthworks
- Social Media – to be announced
- Urban Youth Ministry – to be announced

5:00-5:30- **Panel and Closing**

*Terri Martinson Elton*, MA, PhD Associate Professor of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. As a Lutheran missiologist, Terri's academic work is centered on helping congregations understand their call to be missional. Her work is rooted in a passion for the church that emerged from serving in congregational ministry for 16 years, with most of those years including leading ministry with children, youth and their families.

*J Matthew Price*, MAICS, MDiv, PhD. Asst Professor of Christian Education and Intercultural Studies, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mt Vernon, Ohio. Professionally, Matt has worked as a youth

pastor, curriculum editor, pastor, and missionary. His family has lived in Cote d'Ivoire, South Africa, France, and Benin.

*Eric Iverson*, Multi-Cultural Integrity Director, Youthworks.