

# Karl Ludwig Ganske, PhD

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## Education

2001–2009 University of Manchester Manchester, UK  
Nazarene Theological College

### PhD, Wesley Studies

- Dissertation: “The Religion of the Heart and Growth in Grace: John Wesley’s Selection and Editing of Puritan literature for *A Christian Library*.” This dissertation explores Wesley’s pastoral application of devotional literature, ideas of growth in grace, the religion of the heart, 17th and 18th century religious psychology, and the use of metaphor in theological communication.

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Herbert McGonigle

1998–2001 Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO, USA

### MA (Research) Christian Thought

- Graduated *cum laude*.
- My MA Thesis was titled “Nicholas Ferrar and George Herbert in the Works of John Wesley.” This thesis examined the inclusions of the lives of Ferrar and Herbert in Wesley’s works and drew attention to their representing the devotional aspects of the English Arminian Holy-Living Tradition and its particular impact on John Wesley.

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Tom Noble

1993-1998 Northwest Nazarene University Nampa, ID, USA

### BA (Psychology)

- Graduated *cum laude*.  
Also met all requirements for **BA (Philosophy)**.

1995, 1997 Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies,  
Keble College, University of Oxford Oxford, UK

### BA and MA level summer studies

- Attended lectures on Renaissance and Reformation history, theology, art, and architecture and responded in essay examination.
- Participated in Seminars in English Renaissance Thought, Medieval Spirituality, and the life and works of C.S. Lewis.

**Professional Interests**

Historical Theology, Wesleyan and Pietistic Theology

**Publications, Conferences, and Ordination**

- I have participated in conferences of the Wesleyan Theological Society; the Wesley Center for Applied Theology (NNU); NTC Manchester graduate research seminars, the Tyndale Fellowship, UK; and Duke Divinity School's Summer Wesley Seminar (2006).
- 'Moravians,' 'the Orthodox Church,' and 'Puritanism' for *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2013)
- 'John Wesley's relationship to the Puritan tradition.' A paper presented to the Tyndale Fellowship, Cambridge, UK (2005)
- Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene since 2011.

**Professional Experience**

Jul.-Dec. 2017 Manchester Wesley Research Center Manchester, UK  
**Post-Doctoral Fellow**

I am researching John Wesley's biblical interpretation in conversation with the New Perspective on Paul and Wesley's use of the term 'gospel'.

2012-2017 Springwater Church of the Nazarene Gresham, OR, USA  
**Lead Pastor**

In these five years we have developed as a largely bilingual body with community groups and worship gatherings in English and Spanish. The church has taken on the commitment of supporting a church plant in Manta, Ecuador. We have developed community groups and training sessions with diverse topics including the use of "Storying" techniques for group engagement with the Bible.

In 2016-17 I served with the Trustees of Northwest Nazarene University representing the Oregon Pacific District.

2008-2011 Dodge City Church of the Nazarene Dodge City, KS, USA  
**Pastor of Spiritual Development**

I oversaw our programs of adult discipleship and small groups. Over three and a half years we moved from independent Sunday School, Wednesday Evening Studies, Home Groups, and Support Groups to an integrated semester-based catalog that included and coordinated all small groups. We worked on aligning all groups with the church's mission. I also served as director of communications.

2006-2008 Northwest Nazarene University Nampa, ID, USA  
**Professor of Philosophy and Theology**

Courses Taught: Introduction to Theology, Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophical Foundations, Cornerstone

2006-2008      Intercultural Ministries      Nampa, ID, USA  
College Church of the Nazarene

**Associate Pastor**

I participated in a preaching rotation, helped to lead music, and served on the pastoral leadership committee. This church is intentionally multi-cultural and conducted services in English and Korean.

2005-2006      European Nazarene College      Büsingen, Switzerland  
**Lecturer in Theology**

Courses Taught: Wesley's Theology, World Religions, Holiness, Introduction to Doctrine, Introduction to Philosophy

2000-2001      College Church of the Nazarene      Nampa, ID, USA  
**Pastor to University Students (as an internship)**

I facilitated the restart of a ministry to university students. I taught Bible studies, led Morning Prayer each weekday, and organized recreational outings.

**References**

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