

## **Rev. Ben Elliott, PhD**

### **Employment History**

#### **Deer Park Alliance Church; Red Deer, Alberta, Canada**

Lead Pastor (2015–2022)

*President, Red Deer Ministerial Association (2017–22)*

*Member, National Standing Committee on Theological Issues, CMA, Canada*

*Member of Red Deer housing and homelessness working group*

*Member of on-call chaplaincy program for Red Deer Regional Hospital (2016–22)*

*Member of editorial board, Jaffray Journal, Indonesia, (2016–present)*

#### **Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada**

International Worker — Indonesia (2009–2015)

Lecturer in Theology and Philosophy, Jaffray College, Jakarta (2010–12; 2013–14)

National CMA Education Objective Developer for Indonesia :: 2010–2012

Medical reassessment to Canada, due to dengue fever, April 2014

#### **Ambrose University College; Calgary, Alberta, Canada**

Interim/Adjunct Lecturer (2006–07, '08, '15, '22); International worker in residence (2014–15)

#### **Silvergrove Construction (and others within the industry)**

Framing Carpenter (1996–97, 1998–99, 2003, 2005–06, 2008, 2015, 2022, 2023)

### **Education and Accreditation**

#### **University of Georgia, USA**

MA Classics Program, Greek and Latin emphasis (2022–present :: graduation spring 2024)

Thesis project: translation and commentary of *On the Incarnation*, by John Cassian

“Allusions and Omissions in Augustine’s *Confessions*,” presented at Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Patristic Studies, 2023.

#### **University of Aberdeen, Scotland**

PhD in Divinity; Systematic Theology (2003–08)

Dissertation: *Karl Popper and Christian Theology* [On the theme of how Christian theological method can learn from the philosophy of science, particularly of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.]

*Sir Karl Popper Prize* from the British Society for the Philosophy for Science for

“Falsifiable Statements in Theology: Karl Popper and Christian Thought” (2004)

### **Wesley Biblical Seminary; Jackson, Mississippi**

MDiv Honors, Pastoral Ministry major; with academic distinction (2000–03)

Thesis: *Building the Foundation for a Trinitarian Understanding of Marriage from the Fathers of the Fourth Century*

Baker Bookhouse Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies from WBS (2003)

### **Canadian Bible College :: Regina, Canada**

BA in Religion (1995–96, 1999–2001)

Freshman class president (1995)

### **University of Calgary, Canada (1997–98)**

Geophysics Studies

### **Bowness High School, Calgary, Canada**

Advanced High School Diploma, with excellence (1992–95)

Class valedictorian

SAT: 1550 :: 770 verbal, 780 math

### **Selected Books and Articles**

*Accreditation Helps: An Introduction to the Theology of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.*  
Chicago: Wingspread/Moody, 2012.

*Advancing the Vision.* Edited by Bernie Van De Walle and Ben Elliott. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2023.

“The Great Polarization: A Response to the Great Reversal.” *In Hands: Stories and Lessons of Wholistic Development.* CAMA Services, 2019.

*Made New in the Kingdom of God: Devotional Readings for Lent 2020.* Edited by Ben Elliott, Peter Rockhold, and Lyn Lamers. Red Deer: Red Deer Ministerial Association, 2020.

*Ordinary Thomas and the Mysterious Box.* Forthcoming Richmond: Our Mutual Friend, 2023.  
[On the topic of discussing family transitions, especially for expatriate school age children.]

### **Personal**

Married (22 Dec 1999) to Kari (nee Neufeld); Kari is a xc and track head coach in the NCAA

I have two teenaged children: a son, currently a sophomore at Queen’s University in Canada, and a daughter, currently a junior in high school in Georgia.

My hobbies are cycling, running, jam-making, woodworking, reading, ice hockey, and xc ski

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