

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Chair of the Christian Ministry Department

Mount Vernon Nazarene University exists to shape lives through educating the whole person and cultivating Christ-likeness for lifelong learning and service.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU) is an intentionally Christian teaching university for traditional-age students, graduate students, and working adults who seek opportunities to learn and grow in an academic community of faith. The University provides the context for a transformational experience through excellent academics, service opportunities, caring relationships, and a nurturing spiritual and social environment. Faculty, staff, and students are challenged to achieve their highest potential, to become increasingly Christ-like and to make a difference in their world through lifelong service.

The University seeks a full-time 10-month, **Chair of the Christian Ministry Department** for its Academics Department. The position reports up to the Executive Vice President/CAO through MVNU's established academic structure and is available immediately, upon appointment of a successful candidate. A full complement of benefits is provided including a health care plan, retirement plan, and tuition assistance (for self and dependents). The candidate will also receive generous holidays, and vacation and sick days earned on an accrual basis.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University invites applications for the position of Chair of the Christian Ministry Department. This pivotal role will lead the department and serve as the primary representative from the Christian Ministry department to the university's leadership. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a strong commitment to the Wesleyan Holiness tradition as an Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, coupled with a passion for teaching, research, publication, and fostering a vibrant academic community.

Responsibilities for this position include:

Key Responsibilities:

- Department Leadership:
 - Provide visionary leadership for the Christian Ministry Department.
 - Oversee departmental operations, including curriculum development and faculty evaluation.
 - Help envision a new and engaging Ministry degree that takes praxis and theory and interwinds to create a relational and relevant degree program.
 - Collaborate with university leadership to align departmental goals with the university's mission and strategic plans.
- Teaching:
 - Teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses in Theology, with a focus on Wesleyan Holiness perspectives.
 - Develop and enhance course materials, ensuring alignment with academic standards and student learning outcomes.
- Research and Writing:
 - Engage in scholarly research and publish works that contribute to the field of Theology, particularly within the Wesleyan Holiness tradition.
 - Mentor faculty and students in research initiatives and academic writing.
- Community Engagement:
 - Foster relationships with local churches and Christian organizations to create opportunities for student involvement and service.
 - Represent the department in university and community events, promoting the mission and values of Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Expectations for the successful candidate:*Required:*

- Evangelical Christian statement of faith, experience, and mission fit
- An earned doctorate in Theology, Ministry, or a related field from an accredited institution.
- A strong commitment to the Wesleyan Holiness tradition and the mission of Mount Vernon Nazarene University.
- Ordained Elder in the Church of Nazarene in good standing.
- Proven experience in teaching at the undergraduate or graduate level.
- A record of scholarly research and publication.
- Excellent leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with administration, faculty, staff, and students.

To be considered for this position, please email a resume to humanresources@mvnu.edu and complete the application, found at: <http://mvnu.edu/jobs/application>. Applicants submitting materials via email should attach either a Microsoft Word or .PDF File. Alternatively, materials can be faxed to (740-397-1005), or mailed to:

Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Human Resources
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Professional and personal references are required, consistent with the responsibilities associated with this position. A background check will be performed prior to appointment. Mount Vernon Nazarene University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or military service in administering its employment policies and practices. As a religious educational institution under the auspices of the Church of the Nazarene, the University is permitted by law to consider religious beliefs/practices in making employment decisions and does so to achieve its mission. The University requires as a condition of employment that all employees subscribe to standards of the Church of the Nazarene and conduct their lives in accordance therewith.