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## ELIZABETH (LISA) SUNG

Elizabeth (Lisa) Sung, PhD, is a systematic theologian and a spiritual director. She is a Visiting Lecturer at Regent College (Vancouver, Canada) and its partner institutions in China, and Visiting Researcher at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein, IL). In both academic and ministry contexts, *she teaches theology to foster the lived reality of personal integrity and flourishing in Christ as the catalyst for missional living*, in a framework that *explicitly reconnects systematic theology to spiritual formation, moral transformation and world service*.

Her specializations include personhood and identity; race, ethnicity, and culture; and the theory and practice of spiritual formation as related to character development. Currently, she is writing two books: *Race, Ethnicity, & Christian Moral Identity*; and the theological anthropology volume in the series, "Foundations of Evangelical Theology." She also speaks on these topics at churches, conferences and professional development workshops.

Prior to teaching theology courses for Regent College, she was Scholar-in-Residence (2019-20); the first Protestant scholar to hold the Paluch Chair of Theology at Mundelein Seminary, commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation at the largest Catholic seminary in the US; and Associate Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where she taught for nine years, received the "Faculty of the Year" award, and pioneered student covenant groups singularly focused on spiritual formation. Her dissertation (2011) is titled "'Race' and Ethnicity Discourse and the Christian Doctrine of Humanity: A Systematic Sociological and Theological Appraisal."

Drawing on extensive experience in academia and vocational ministry, she mentors faculty, pastors, and other leaders. As a spiritual director, she also leads groups and individuals in practices fostering transformative communion with Christ, at conferences, retreats and in other settings. She served with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as a Theological Consultant, and as a campus minister with University of Chicago graduate students and undergraduate chapters at Michigan State University and Hillsdale College. She also served as Director of Contemporary Worship at First Presbyterian Church (River Forest, IL).

*Christianity Today* profiled her in "Ten New or Lesser Known Female Theologians Worth Knowing":  
[www.christianitytoday.com/women/2018/june/10-new-or-lesser-known-female-theologians-worth-knowing.html](http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2018/june/10-new-or-lesser-known-female-theologians-worth-knowing.html)

*The Global Church Project* named her among "18 Asian Female Theologians You Should Know About":  
[www.theglobalchurchproject.com/18-asian-female-theologians](http://www.theglobalchurchproject.com/18-asian-female-theologians)

*Women in the Academy and Professions* featured her in an interview: "A Call to Unity in Christ: An Interview with Lisa Sung." <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-call-to-unity-in-christ-an-interview-with-lisa-sung>

## MINISTRY SPECIALIZATIONS

### ***THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP for the CHURCH: Addressing Contemporary Societal Issues\****

- **Conference Speaker, Workshop Presenter, Teacher:** presentations, seminars, series, courses, e.g., “Confronting *Christianly* Racism & Racialization”; “Human Personhood, Dignity & Flourishing”; “Ethnicity, Culture & Christlike Character” (other topics, p. 2)
- **Writer:** completing the book, *Race, Ethnicity, and Christian Moral Identity*, and the Theological Anthropology textbook in the 11-volume *Foundations of Evangelical Theology* series

### ***SPIRITUAL FORMATION & SPIRITUAL DIRECTION\****

- **Teacher:** “Following Christ: Spiritual Formation & Moral Transformation” in theology and practice\*
- **Retreat Speaker:** introducing spiritual formation and guiding groups & individuals in classical practices\*
- **Spiritual Director:** providing to individuals regular accompaniment and support in discernment\*
- **Facilitator of Spiritual Formation Covenant Groups:** regular accompaniment, supporting discernment\*

### ***TEACHING THEOLOGY: Fostering Integrity, Understanding, & Discernment for Missional Living***

- **Seminary Courses\***
  - Theological Anthropology: Reality, “The Good Life,” & the Good Person – *Regent College (Canada); Guangdong Union Theological Seminary (China); Fujian Theological Seminary (China)*
  - “Race,” Racism, & Christian Identity & Ministry – *Mundelein Seminary; Regent College (Canada)*
  - Theology & Social Science (*DMin Seminar*) – *Mundelein Seminary*
  - History of Christian Thought, 1500-1900 (*STL seminar*) – *Mundelein Seminary*
  - Theological Anthropology (*PhD Seminar*) - *TEDS*
  - Global Theologies (*PhD and DMin Seminar*) - *TEDS*
  - Theology I: Introduction to Theology - *TEDS*
  - Theology II: Christ, Humanity, Sin, Salvation - *TEDS*
  - The Uses of Scripture in Theology - *TEDS*
  - Cultural Hermeneutics: Exegeting Word & World - *TEDS*
  - Personhood in Philosophy, the Sciences, & Theology - *TEDS*
  - Models of Sanctification & Spiritual Formation: Personal Transformation in Union with Christ - *TEDS*
  - Biblical & Theological Anthropology: “Race,” Ethnicity, Nationality - *TEDS*
- **Parachurch Ministries – Staff Training Courses\***
  - Scripture, Hermeneutics, & Biblical Theology - *InterVarsity Staff (Area Teams; Regional Teams)*
  - Women in Ministry: A Hermeneutical Case Study – *InterVarsity Staff (Regional Teams; national conferences)*
    - Part I: Biblical Texts and Theological Perspectives
    - Part II: Understanding Diverse Positions & Their Practical Implications
  - Culture, “Race,” & Ethnicity & the Kingdom of God – *InterVarsity Staff (Regional Teams; national conferences)*
    - Part I: Ethnic and Cultural Diversity & Unity: A Biblical & Theological Perspective
    - Part II: Implications for Identity Formation, Discipleship, Ministry, & Mission
  - Christian Worldview – *CRU [formerly Campus Crusade for Christ] National Staff Training Course*
    - Part I: Major Worldviews Compared
    - Part II: Race & Ethnicity for Life & Ministry

- **Churches, Conferences, Professional Development Workshops – Presentations, Series\***
  - Human Dignity: Ethical Issues Confronting Christians in the Next Ten Years – *ApologeticsCanada 2020*
  - Right of Conscience – *Dallas Theological Seminary and Christian Medical & Dental Association Conference, Dallas*
  - Culture & Character Cultivation: A Theological Framework – *Faculty Professional Development Seminar, Trinity Western University, Canada*
  - Cultural Diversity & Spiritual Formation in Christlikeness – *Student Life Division Staff Professional Development Seminar, Trinity Western University, Canada*
  - Race & Ethnicity in the Biblical Vision of Humanity - *Faculty Workshop, Mundelein Seminary*
  - Beyond “Colorblindness”? Race-Cognizance & Intercultural Intelligence – *Paluch Masterclass for Faculty & Students, Mundelein Seminary*
  - Confronting *Christianly* Racism & Racialization in the US (6-Week Series) - *First Presbyterian Church, River Forest*
  - Race & Racism: A Biblical & Theological Perspective – *Chinese Christian Union Church, Chicago*
  - What Do Race and Ethnicity Have to Do with Being a Christian? – *ApologeticsCanada 2020*
  - Christian “Love” in Theological Perspective - *The STEAM Lecture Series, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio*
  - Christ, Spiritual Disciplines & Personal Transformation: Examining Dallas Willard’s Account - *2020 Symposium for Christian Worship - The Calvin Center for Christian Worship, Grand Rapids*
  - Spiritual Formation: Pursuing Transformative Friendship with God – *Grace Anglican Fellowship, Lake Forest*
  - Jesus Christ, Divine & Human? Why Christian Doctrine Matters - *Zion Harvest Church, Woodstock*
  - Women in Ministry – *First Presbyterian Church, River Forest; Chinese Christian Union Church, Chicago*
    - Part I: Biblical & Theological Perspectives
    - Part II: Diverse Positions & Practical Implications
  - “One Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church”? Doctrinal Unity & Diversity – *Grace Anglican Fellowship, Lake Forest*
    - Part I: The Early Church through the Middle Ages
    - Part II: The Doctrinal Distinctives of the Reformation and Post-Vatican II Catholic-Protestant Relations
  - Catholics & Evangelicals Today – *Chinese Christian Union Church, Chicago*
  - Lessons from Protestant-Catholic Dialogue - *2020 Symposium for Christian Worship, The Calvin Center*