

# THE MVNU EXPERIENCE



**CHOICES**— You make them daily about every aspect of your life. Right choices make you feel good about who you are and how you live your life. The choices you make define who you are and are becoming.

As you think about the choice of a college education, we want you to know that at Mount Vernon Nazarene University you have choices of relevant and challenging majors that will open the doors to experience discovery and growth. Travel. Serve. Learn.

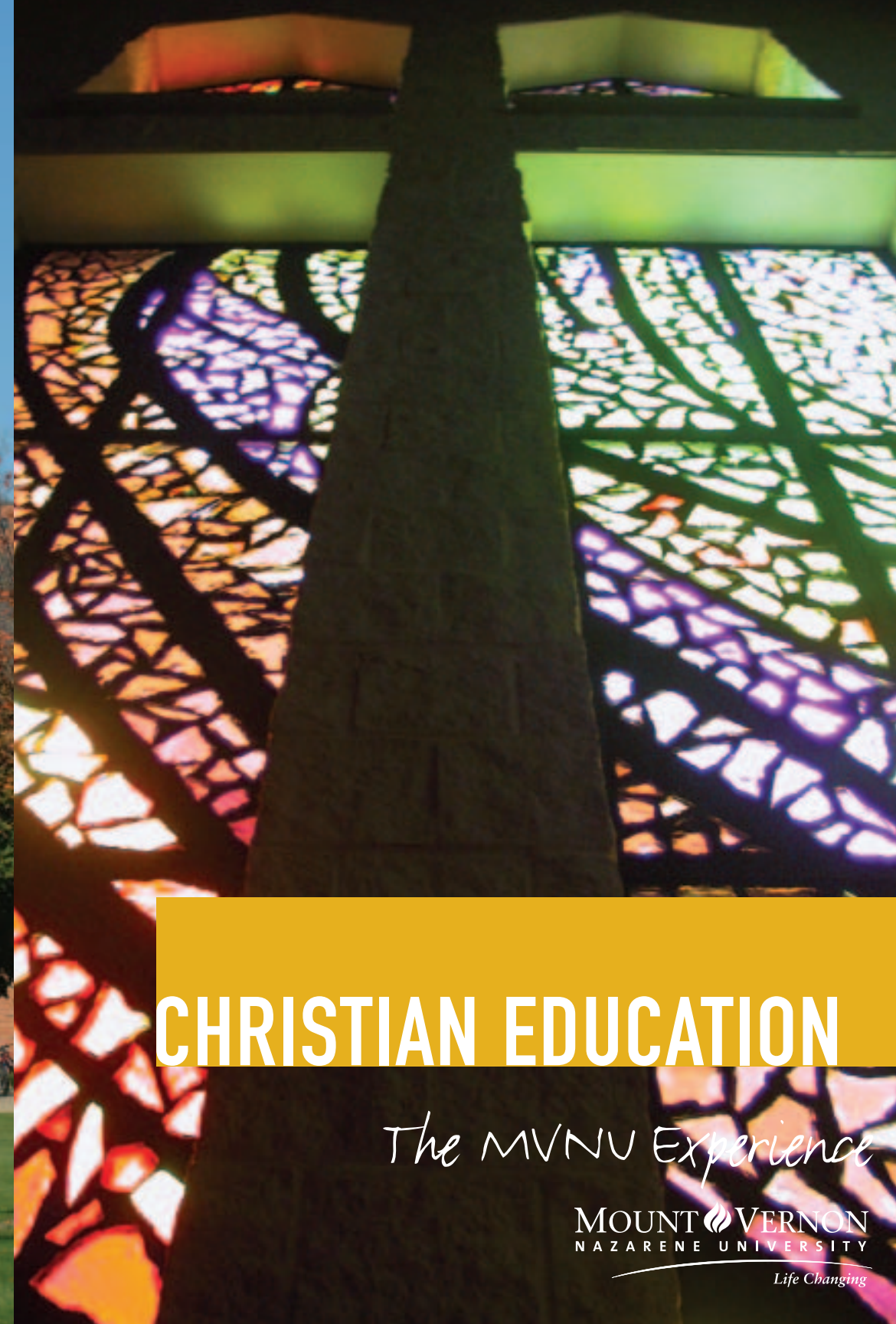
In a real community of faith where professors give you personal attention and you know you're not a number; you're one of us. We'll show you how you can afford it too. It's all a matter of choice. Make the right one.

CHOOSE IT. FEEL IT. LIVE IT.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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When God calls us to the Christian ministry, He also calls us to excellence, personal commitment, and solid preparation. MVNU provides courses in biblical, theological, and philosophical foundations in Christian living for all students, while also preparing those pursuing a career in ministry. Today ministry takes various forms of professional and lay service, including senior and associate pastorates, evangelism, missionary work, and various educational and writing ministries. Most importantly, we emphasize spiritual growth through a deepening of one's love for Jesus Christ and spiritual maturity in becoming more like Him in personal purity and self-giving service.

With relevant preparation suitable for any Christian denomination, we emphasize both the classical and the contemporary. We introduce new courses and programs as times change, while maintaining an unchanging commitment to the Word of God.

*Dr. Jeanne Serrão,  
Dean, School of Theology and Philosophy*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Christian Education Department at MVNU can help you prepare for creative and effective service for Christ, whether your passion is for ministry to children or youth, or for educational ministries in general. Our programs equip students for local church assignments or for positions in Para-church and Christian organizations, in evangelism, discipleship, teaching, and training for a specific age level or in leadership of comprehensive ministries for all ages.

You don't have to wait to begin your study of ministry principles and practice. In your first semester you will attend the Christian Life and Ministry course, guiding you toward a richer understanding of fundamentals of the faith, spiritual formation, calling, and Christian community. The next three semesters of Christian Education Seminar will help you address ministry issues and help build a cohort relationship with fellow students in your major, while introducing you to our experienced and caring faculty in the department. As you progress, you'll join other Christian Education majors in:

- Foundational classes in teaching and human development,
- Studies of church leadership, and
- Courses in broad practical areas, such as:
  - Missions
  - Recreation
  - Family ministries



Or specialize in children, youth, or adult ministries with classes in:

- Evangelism
- Programming
- Pastoral care

Christian Education at MVNU also offers you courses in lay ministry, multiple staff issues, and church renewal strategies rarely available in undergraduate programs. Attend national conventions and lead off-campus ministry projects as an essential part of your coursework. You will have access to the University's continuing education seminars for current ministers allowing you to meet professionals in your field of interest. Most importantly, your involvement inside and outside the classroom will help shape who you are and who you become as a person, the essential ingredient of meaningful service to Christ.

Our faculty combines the best of academic training and practical experience. Each has served effectively in local church ministry positions and continues to be actively involved in ministry. Some have led denominational programs and regional ministries. All continue to build on their academic degrees to better understand the church of today and to help shape the ministers of tomorrow.

If you have a vision for ministry, Christian Education at MVNU can help bring it to reality.

Come and join us!



## MAJORS

Students in Christian Education may choose a major from among the following programs:

- **B.A. in Educational Ministries**
- **B.A. in Youth Ministries**
- **B.A. in Children's Ministries**
- **A.A.S. in Children's Ministries**

All three B.A. majors fulfill educational requirements in the Church of the Nazarene for ordination as deacon or elder, in combination with the religion supporting area.

Minors are also offered in Adult, Youth, Educational, and Children's Ministries, for those preparing for service while pursuing careers in other fields.

## WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE SAYING

"My experience at Mount Vernon Nazarene University has been incredible. I learned to include God in every part of life and to be an authentic Christian, not only in my calling to ministry but also in every facet of my life.

My teachers filled me with a passion to serve and realistically prepared me for potential challenges that may occur in ministry. Next to my calling into ministry, MVNU has been one of the biggest blessings in my life because it helped shape much of who I am."

**STACY FERRYMAN ('03)**  
Children's Ministries  
Children's Worker—  
Greenwood, IN  
Recipient, International Network  
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