



The British and Irish Association for Practical Theology

Mission Studies Special Interest Group

In Association with The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

DAY CONFERENCE

Monday 21st May 2018
10.30am for 10.45am until 4pm

MISSIONAL SPIRITUALITY

If missional communities are 'joining in with what God is up to' their core task is the spiritual gift of *discernment*; discernment of the movement and activity of the Triune God. This day conference will explore what approaches and traditions of Christian spirituality support missional communities.

Keynote Speaker: Prof Elaine Heath



Elaine Heath is Dean of Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC, USA and Professor of Missional and Pastoral Theology there. Elaine's scholarly work integrates systematic, pastoral, and spiritual theology in ways that bridge the gap between academy, church, and world. Her research interests focus on evangelism and spirituality, evangelism and gender, the new monasticism, and emergence in church and in theological education. She is the co-founder of the Missional Wisdom Foundation, (<https://www.missionalwisdom.com/>) which provides opportunities for clergy and laity to learn how to live in intentional communities and how to develop missional communities and social enterprise in diverse social contexts. Her publications include *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church* (2016), *Missional. Monastic. Mainline* (co-authored with Larry Duggins, 2014), *The Mystic Way of Evangelism, Revised and Updated 2nd Edn.* (2017). Dean Heath is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.

Call for papers on the conference theme: In the afternoon of our time together there will be an opportunity for delegates to share their own practice or research in the subject area of the day. Short proposals should be sent to Nigel Rooms, Convenor of the BIAPT Mission Studies SIG at nigel.rooms@churchmissionsociety.org by **16th March 2018** (decision on acceptance by 23.3.18).

The cost of the day is £20 which will include refreshments at the start and end of the day and a hot lunch. Payments will be made on the day. There is an opportunity for a few delegates to stay overnight at the Queen's Foundation before or after the conference for £25 for B&B. Please contact hospitality@queens.ac.uk

It is essential to book your place on the day as numbers are limited. To do so please send an email to Eve West (BIAPT Administrator) admin@biapt.org and note any dietary requirements or other needs with her.