

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Revd Dr Fergus Macdonald**

<b>Personal Details</b>	Nationality	British	
	Date of birth	2 March, 1936	
	Marital Status	Married (50 years)	
	Wife	Dolina Mary	
	Children	Four daughters (47, 46, 44, 42) One son (adopted) (38) Seven grandchildren	
	Church Membership	Buccleuch & Greyfriars Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh	
<b>Primary Education</b>	Kiltearn Primary School, Evanton, Ross-shire, Scotland		1941-48
<b>Secondary Education</b>	Dingwall Academy, Ross-shire, Scotland		1948-54
<b>Further Education</b>	University of Edinburgh		1954-60
	Free Church College, Edinburgh		1957-60
	New College, Edinburgh		1959-60
	Doctoral research student, University of Edinburgh		2002-07
<b>Qualifications</b>	MA (1954) and BD (1960), University of Edinburgh Special subjects in MA - Geography, Psychology BD specialisation - Hebrew and Old Testament PhD (2008), University of Edinburgh: 'The Psalms and Spirituality: A Study of Meditative Engagement with Selected Psalms among Edinburgh Students'		
<b>Work Experience</b>	Minister, Drumchapel Free Church, Glasgow		1960-62
	Minister, Iglesia Presbiteriana 'San Andres,' Lima		1962-67
	Minister, Cumbernauld Free Church, Scotland		1968-81
	Lecturer (p/t), Lima Evangelical Seminary		1963-66
	Lecturer (p/t), Bible Training Institute, Glasgow		1973-81
	General Secretary, National Bible Society of Scotland (now Scottish Bible Society)		1981-97
	General Secretary, United Bible Societies		1998-2002
	Fellow, Spencer Centre for Global Engagement, Taylor University		2008-10
	Director Center for Scripture Engagement Taylor University		2011-present
<b>Wider Denominational Involvement</b>	Minister, Free Church of Scotland		1960-present
	Editor, 'The Instructor', Youth magazine of the Free Church of Scotland		1973-81
	Member, Church of Scotland Committee on Alcohol and Drugs		1976-81
	Convener, FCoS Committee on Public Questions		1978-80
	Member of FCoS Foreign Missions Board		1979-87
	Member, Free Presbytery of Edinburgh & Perth		1981- present
	Convener, FCoS Ecumenical Relations Committee		2003-07
	Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland		1987 & 2004
	Coordinator, Ministers In-Service Training, FCoS		2009-2012

	Chairman, FCoS Board of Ministry	2009-2012
<b>Wider Christian Involvement</b>	Editor <i>Reformed Forum</i>	1972-76
	Member, Religious Advisory Committee to 'Scottish Television'	1981-97
	NBSS representative on Scottish Churches Council (now Action of Churches Together in Scotland)	1981-97
	Member of Lausanne Committee	1987-98
	Secretary, Lausanne Committee	1987-94
	Executive Chair, Lausanne Committee	1994-98
	Honorary Chair, Lausanne Committee	2000-present
	Participant, Lausanne II in Manila	1989
	Chair, European Lausanne Committee	1990-94
	Participant and presenter, Lausanne III in Cape Town	2010
	Member, Conference of European Churches Consultation on Mission & Evangelization	1995
	Chair, Edinburgh Committee of Mission Scotland (Billy Graham)	1991
	Member of Mission Scotland Executive Council	1990-2007
	Council Member, Evangelical Alliance Scotland	1993-98
	Involved in leadership of Gospel & our Culture Consultations: Scotland & UK	1992
	Member, Council of Management Campaigners	1989-2004
	Trustee, Rutherford House	1993-2010
	Chair, Scottish Evangelical Theology Society	2005-present
	Trustee, National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland	1987-present
	Contributor to 'Encounter with God' (Scripture Union)	2002-present
	Chair, Taylor University Council for Global Engagement and Leadership	2006-present
Convener, Programme Committee of Edinburgh 2010	2008-10	
Board member, World Reformed Fellowship	2010-present	
<b>Bible Society Involvement</b>	Secretary, Cumbernauld Branch of NBSS	1971-81
	NBSS Board member (including terms as Convener, Distribution & Use Committee, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of Board)	1971-81
	General Secretary, NBSS	1981-97
	Trustee, Scottish Bible Society	2003-10
	Consultant, American Bible Society	2002-3
	Honorary Vice President, Scottish Bible Society	2011-present
<b>UBS Involvement</b>	UBS Council in Chiang Mai, Thailand	1980
	UBS Council in Budapest, Hungary	1988
	UBS World Assembly in Mississauga, Canada	1996
	UBS World Assembly in Midrand, South Africa	2000
	UBS World Assembly in Newport, Wales	2004
	UBS World Assembly in Seoul, Korea	2010
	Vice Chair, European Production Fund Board	1983-91
	Chair, EPF Board	1991-95
	Chair, Anglosec	1987-93
	Member of Europe Middle East Regional Cmte	1988-95
	Chair of Europe Middle East Regional Cmte	1996-97
	Member & Secretary, Subcmte on Volunteers	1985-88
	Member & Secretary, Global Officers Search Committee	1986-87
	Member of UBS Executive Cmte,	1996-97
	General Secretary, UBS	1998-2002
<b>Inter Bible Agency</b>	Co-Chair, Forum of Bible Agencies International	1990-2002

<b>Involvement</b>	Director, 'Living Word for a Dying World'	
	Consultation, De Bron, Netherlands	1994
	Chair Emeritus, International Forum of Bible Agencies	2003-present

## **Publications**

### Books

*Prospects for Scotland: Report of the 1984 Census of the Churches* (co ed. with Peter Brierley), Edinburgh 1985.

*Word Evangelism*, Edinburgh 1990.

*Prospects for Scotland 2000* (co ed. with Peter Brierley), Edinburgh & London, 1995.

*Yours Very Sincerely*, Kincardine, Scotland, 2004.

### Book Chapters

'The Lord's Day' in *Hold Fast Your Confession: Studies in Church Principles*, D. Macleod, ed., Edinburgh 1978.

'Bible Society Literature for Outreach' in *Local Church Evangelism*, D.F. Wright and A.H. Gray, eds., Edinburgh, 1987.

'The Bible Societies in Scotland' in *The Bible in Scottish Life and Literature*, D.F. Wright, ed., Edinburgh 1988.

'Memory Therapy' in *Rivers in the Desert*, R. Crowcher, ed., Sutherland, NSW, Australia, 1991.

'And He Has Given It A Written Authority (The Church and the Bible)' in *Shaping Tomorrow Starting Today: The Church's Strategy for the future*, G. Grogan, ed., Fearn, UK, 1992.

'Seven Questions for Scottish Churches: Some Reflections on the results of the 1994 'Scottish Church Census' in *Prospects for Scotland 2000*, Edinburgh & London, 1995.

'The Challenge of Nominality' in *They Call Themselves Christians: Papers on nominality given at the International Lausanne Consultation on Nominalism*, December 1998, H. Wraight, ed., London 1999.

'L'Alleanza Biblica Universale ... dal passato al futuro' in *La Bibbia che unisce: I cristiani insieme, e la Bibbia dati e riflessioni fondamentali*, Carlo Buzzetti, ed., Torino, 2003.

'Fergus Macdonald' (autobiographical) in *Stopped Work? Start Living!*, I. Howat, ed., Fearn, UK, 2005.

'David and Derrida: The Psalms and Postmodernism' in *The People's Theologian: Writings in Honour of Donald Macleod*, I.D. Campbell & M. Maclean, eds., Fearn, UK, 2011,

### Articles

'Seedtime and Harvest' in *The Christian* newspaper (BGEA, London), October 1968

From 1969-72 regular news reports from Scotland for London-based newspaper *The Life of Faith*.

From 1981-97 regular articles in *Word at Work*, magazine of The National Bible Society of Scotland.

'Proclaim Christ until He comes: A Report on the Manila Congress', *The Monthly Record*, December, 1989.

'Prayer: The Vital Weapon', *Christian Herald* (UK), 1990.

Entry 'Bible Societies' in *Dictionary of Scottish Church History and Theology*, N.M. de S. Cameron, ed, Edinburgh 1993.

'The Bible's Missing Links', in *Covenanter Witness*, May 1994.

'Lausanne Twenty Years On', *The Lausanne Letter*, Sept 1994.

'The Body and the Book', *Quadrant* 1995.

Editorials in *World Evangelization*, magazine of the Lausanne Movement, nos. 66-82, 1994-98

'Finding the Key to the Census', *Quadrant*, October 1995.

'The Theology of Hope' in *World Evangelization* magazine, No. 73, January 1996.

'Leadership Letter' (The Challenge of Research), *Quadrant*, May 1996.

'The Story and the Myth', *SBET: Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, Vol. 16, No. 1, Spring 1998.

'Resourcing the Churches, Reaching the Nations', *The Monthly Record*, September 2002.

'Cool Kerygma: Making Preaching Relevant in the Twenty-First Century', *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, Vol. 21, No. 2, Autumn 2003.

'Public Truth and Spiritual Freedom', *The Monthly Record*, June-July 2004.

'Great is the LORD and greatly to be Praised', *The Monthly Record*, September 2004.

'Do the Psalms Hold the Key?' in *Quadrant*, September 2005.

'When the Foundations are being Destroyed', *The Monthly Record*, September 2005.

'Upgrading Ecumenical Relations', *The Monthly Record*, October 2006.

'Instructor Centenary', *The Monthly Record*, October 2006.

Entry 'Apocrypha/Deuterocanon' in *New Dictionary of Apologetics*, C. Campbell-Jack and G.J. McGrath, eds., Leicester / Downers Grove, 2006.

‘Contemporary Spirituality’, *The Monthly Record*, April 2007.  
‘A School of Sabbatics?’, *The Monthly Record*, June 2008.  
‘Do the Psalms Speak Today?’, *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, Vol. 26, No. 2, Autumn 2008.  
‘Engaging the Scriptures: The Challenge to Recover Biblical Literacy’, *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, Vol. 27, No. 2, Autumn 2009.  
‘Making Culture with Scripture Songs’, *Evangelical Quarterly: An International Review of Bible and Theology*, Vol. LXXXII No. 4, October 2010.  
‘Is it Biblical?’, *The Record*, December 2010.  
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[http://www.freechurch.org/index.php/scotland/articles/the\\_formula\\_and\\_the\\_psalms/](http://www.freechurch.org/index.php/scotland/articles/the_formula_and_the_psalms/), April 08, 2011.  
“‘The most important publication in the whole of history’”, *The Record*, July 2011.