

**University of Glasgow**

**Academic Standards Committee – Friday 16 November 2012**

**Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and the Free Church  
College – New Staff**

**Lesley Fielding, Senate Office**

Further to the meeting of the Joint Board on 31 May 2012, CVs for new staff are detailed in Appendix 1:

- Rev. Alex J MacDonald, MA
- Rev. Dr David Ford
- Rev. Dr John Ross

The Board resolved to recommend to the Academics Standards Committee that the new members of staff be recognised as teachers of the University.

ASC is therefore invited to **approve** these staff as recognised teacher of the University.

**Alex J MacDonald**

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d.o.b – 17<sup>th</sup> March 1949

**Academic**

Edinburgh University – 1967-1970 – graduated M.A. 1970  
Free Church College – 1970-1973 - College Diploma, Distinction in Apologetics  
Free Church Training of the Ministry – Examiner in Apologetics – 1989-2000

**Published literature**

*Love Minus Zero: Current Issues tackled from a Christian Perspective*, Christian Focus Publications, 1989

*Creation in Crisis? Green Concerns and Christianity*, Christian Focus Publications, 1992

*Why I am Not an Atheist*, Buccleuch and Greyfriars Free Church of Scotland, 2001 (also online at <http://www.buccleuchfreechurch.co.uk/whyamnotanatheist.htm>)

*Hope for a Lost World*, in *The Monthly Record*, July/August 2005, ps. 4-13 (also online at [http://www.freechurch.org/index.php/scotland/magazines/the\\_monthly\\_record](http://www.freechurch.org/index.php/scotland/magazines/the_monthly_record))

*Tell me the Story: The Carpenter*, Christian Focus Publications, 2007

**Pastoral Experience**

39 years in the pastoral ministry, from 1973 to the present - in Bishopbriggs (10 years), Bon Accord, Aberdeen (10 years) and Buccleuch and Greyfriars, Edinburgh (19 years) – wide variety of work involving children, students, senior citizens, hospital visiting, evangelistic work and pastoral counselling of people with various problems including alcohol and drug dependency, marriage difficulties and homelessness.

**Chaplaincy**

School chaplain to two secondary and two primary schools in Bishopbriggs (1973-1983), Hospital Chaplain to Woodilee Mental Hospital (1973-1978), Free Church Chaplain/Lecturer to Northern College of Education (1983-1993), Free Church Chaplain/Lecturer to Moray House College of Education (1993-1996)

**Wider Free Church Work**

Producer of Glasgow Presbytery's bicentennial exhibition on Thomas Chalmers (1980)

Free Church Youth Camps: Camps Supervisor (1987-1998)

Clerk to Training of the Ministry and Admissions Committee (1978-1983)

Member of Study Panel: involved in producing reports on Sanctity of Human Life, Marriage and Divorce, Role of Women in the Church, Work and Employment

Convener of Youth Committee (1993-94)

Convener of Public Questions, Religion and Morals Committee (1994-1997)

Editor of *The Monthly Record* (2000-2007)

Moderator of the General Assembly (2005)

Chairman of the Home Missions Board (2008-2011)

**Extra-denominational work**

Member of Lothian Region Education Committee (1994-96)

Member of City of Edinburgh Education Committee (1996-2000)

Member of a Church of Scotland Society, Religion and Technology Project work group (1980s)

Member of ACUTE (Alliance Commission on Unity and Truth among Evangelicals) working group on human sexuality (1990s)

Member of the Causey Development Trust – urban regeneration project (2006 to present)

## David Ernest Cass Ford

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### Employment

- 2010-present Online editor, International Missions Board, Free Church of Scotland; International students' chaplaincy duties, Glasgow Universities; Free Church College, Edinburgh: supervisor research MTh (narrative preaching); International Christian College, Glasgow: Guest lecturer New Testament Greek
- 2004-2010 University Foundation Bible Seminary of Colombia and Evangelical Seminary of Lima (Peru): Lecturer in Hermeneutics, Synoptics, Johannine Literature, Biblical Theology, Modern Theology, Pastoral Theology and Church History at undergraduate & postgraduate levels  
Founder [www. Recursos Teológicos](http://www.recursos-teologicos.org) (theological resources website in Spanish); Conference addresses on: Parables, Oral Tradition of the Gospels, Calvin & Art, Christian & Art
- 2000-2004 General Secretary of British Evangelical Council. Short-term lecturing in Biblical Studies and Theology in Romania, Spain and Colombia
- 1986-1999 Minister, West Free Church, Coatbridge (development charge) & Associate Minister St Vincent St Free Church, Glasgow  
Public short courses in New Testament Greek and Christian Ethics. Glasgow Bible College: Correspondence Course teacher in Minor Prophets and Homiletics
- 1978-1986 Missionary pastor of Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Peru. Training courses in Gospels, Biblical Hebrew, Romans and Theology

### Education

- 2007 Diploma as Online Tutor, Autonomous University of Bucaramanga, Colombia.
- 2003 Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults, University of Glasgow
- 1999-00 MTh Glasgow University (taught courses - Gospels, Biblical criticism, Biblical theology and Roman Catholic theology. Dissertation on the influence of Calvin on Dutch Art)
- 1976-78 Diploma in Theology (First Class), Free Church College, Edinburgh
- 1973-76 Diploma in Theology (First Class), Bible Training Institute, Glasgow
- 1971-73 PhD, University of Salford
- 1970-71 MSc (Chemical Engineering), University of Salford
- 1966-70 BSc (Chemical Engineering), University of Salford

**Publications** Over 50 in English and Spanish. Also radio and TV participation

**Interests** Long-distance running; street photography; sketching

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Rev. Dr. John Stuart Ross**

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**Date/place of birth:** 23rd February, 1947. Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, UK.

**Précis:** Forty years of Christian ministry, including involvement in cross-cultural academic theological education, pastoral ministry, missionary service, executive management of missions, plus denominational leadership.

**Professional Experience**

Nov. 2011 – present Minister without charge, Free Church of Scotland.  
External Examiner in Church History at the University of Fort Hare, Alice, Eastern Cape, South Africa.

2008 – Nov. 2011 Lecturer, Dumisani Theological Institute, King Williams Town, Eastern Cape, South Africa.

*Courses taught:* Bachelor of Theology, in conjunction with North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa,

- Church History,
- Missiology,
- Pastoral Theology,
- Dogmatics (introduction to Calvin "s Institutes),
- Introduction to the Science of Theology,
- Liturgics,
- Systematic Theology.

*Supervision:* Bachelor of Arts (Honours) course, in conjunction with North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa.

2008 – 2011. Created and managed Dumisani Theological Institute website: [www.dumisani.org](http://www.dumisani.org)

2007 (Aug-Oct). Visiting Scholar at Dumisani Theological Institute, King Williams Town, South Africa.

2007. Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

Moderatorial address: „Redrawing the Christian Map of Scotland.“

2002 – 2008. Free Church of Scotland Committees:

- Convenor: Finance Committee.
- Convenor: Church Extension and Redevelopment Committee
- Member: Board of Trustees
- Member: Board of Trustees " Legal Group

- Member: Training of the Ministry Committee
- Member: Sustentation and Ministry Committee
- Member: Ecumenical Relations Committee, including participation in the Conversation with the Church of Scotland. Author of discussion paper, „An Associate Reformed Presbytery? : A Response to Professor Andrew McGowan.“
- Member: Assembly Arrangements Committee
- Member: Committee on Worship. Author of discussion paper, „Let Us Worship God: The Public Worship of God in the Free Church of Scotland.“

2003 – 2006. Member of the Board of Governors, Highland Theological College, Dingwall, Scotland.

2002 - 2008 Minister of Greyfriars Free Church of Scotland, Inverness, Scotland.

1991– 2002 Chief Executive, Christian Witness to Israel, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent, UK.

Responsibilities included, *inter alia*:

- Devising and implementing international strategy,
- Directing and supporting CWI "s missionary team,
- General Secretary to Council of Management,
- Pastoral oversight of all CWI staff,
- Staff recruitment,
- International advocacy of Jewish Evangelism,
- Lecturer in Judaism and Jewish Missions, including teaching courses on Judaism and Jewish/Christian relations for Bachelor of Arts (Theology) students at Wales Evangelical School of Theology, Bridegend, Wales, UK and Highland Theological College, Dingwall, Scotland, United Kingdom.
- Coordinator: Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism (LCJE), European chapter.

1986-1991. Assistant General Secretary, Christian Witness to Israel.

Involved in founding and providing interim support for Cambridge Presbyterian Church (Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales).

1981 Moderator, Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

1976 –1986. Minister of Knock Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Planter of Richill Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland.

1972 –1976. District missionary and theological educator with Qua Iboe Mission (Northern States Area Conference, Igala region), Nigeria.

- Devised Theological Education by Extension programme, including administrative scheme and course materials: Old Testament: introduction and content; New Testament: introduction and content; African Church History; Biblical Theology.

### **Theological Education**

2004 Doctor of Philosophy, University of Wales, Lampeter.

Thesis title: *Time for Favour: Scottish Mission to the Jews (1838-52)*

1970 – 72 Diploma in Theology, with distinction in Dogmatics (equivalent BTh) South Wales Bible College, Barry, South Wales, UK.

1968 –1969 Diploma in Missionary Training, Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade, Missionary Training College, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.

## Current Research Interests

- The influence of Scottish missions on the indigenous churches in the Eastern Cape of South Africa.
- Jane Elizabeth Waterston (1843-1932): South Africa's first woman doctor and missionary to Livingstonia, Nyasaland.

## Publications:

### 1. Books and Pamphlets

*Time for Favour: Scottish Missions to the Jews, 1838-1852*, (Stoke-on-Trent: Tentmaker Publications: 2012). To be published April 2012.

*Sound the Trumpet: The Life of Tiyo Soga* (King William's Town: Dumisani Theological Institute, 2009.)

*For and Future and a Hope*, ed. (Chiselhurst: Christian Witness to Israel, 1989.)

*Responsible Renewal: Lessons from the Life and Times of Henry Cooke* (Belfast: Ambassador Publications, 1986.)

### 2. Academic Articles

#### 2012 – Present

*Who Wouldn't be a Missionary? Herbert W. Dickson and the Joy of Christian Service* (contribution to Mission Africa's forthcoming academic level commemorative volume).

#### 2008-2011

*Christian Publishing in China: A Cautionary Note*, Ref 21, March 2011 <<http://www.reformation21.org/articles/christian-publishing-in-china.php>>

*Reformed Identity in the Eastern Cape*, World Reformed Fellowship, February 2011, <[http://www.wrfnet.org/c/portal/layout?p\\_l\\_id=PUB.1.52&p\\_p\\_id=56\\_INSTANCE\\_6Gau&p\\_p\\_action=0&p\\_p\\_state=normal&p\\_p\\_col\\_id=column-3&p\\_p\\_col\\_pos=1&p\\_p\\_col\\_count=4&\\_56\\_INSTANCE\\_6Gau\\_groupId=1&\\_56\\_INSTANCE\\_6Gau\\_articleId=384&\\_56\\_INSTANCE\\_6Gau\\_version=1.0](http://www.wrfnet.org/c/portal/layout?p_l_id=PUB.1.52&p_p_id=56_INSTANCE_6Gau&p_p_action=0&p_p_state=normal&p_p_col_id=column-3&p_p_col_pos=1&p_p_col_count=4&_56_INSTANCE_6Gau_groupId=1&_56_INSTANCE_6Gau_articleId=384&_56_INSTANCE_6Gau_version=1.0)>

*A Legacy of Shame: Luther and the Jews*, Ref 21, August 2010,

< <http://www.reformation21.org/articles/a-legacy-of-shame-luther-and-the-jews.php>>

*Aspects of Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones' Legacy: Some Personal Observations*, Ref 21, March 2010, <<http://www.reformation21.org/articles/aspects-of-dr-martyn-lloydjones-legacy-some-personal-observations.php>> „Sound the Trumpet: The Life of Tiyo Soga”, [article] in *Haddington House Journal*, vol. 12, 2010, pp.103-119.

„Unity and Uniformity: Towards a Trinitarian Theology of Worship, co-authored with James Eglinton, in *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, vol. 27; No. 2, Autumn 2009, pp. 131-154.

„Four Pages from a School Register: Lovedale Missionary Institution Register of Students, 1860-1880, guest editorial, in *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, Vol. 27; No. 1, Spring 2009, pp. 1-4.

„The Trivial Round, the Common Task: Minutes of the Missionary Board of the Glasgow Missionary Society (1838-1843),” in *In die Skriflig*, vol. 43; No.3; September 2009, pp.563-583.

„Struggling to Die Well: Aspects of Scottish Missions in the Eastern Cape, in *Woord en Daad*, Winter 2009, No. 408, pp. 9-11

„Man About Town: Robert Murray M'Cheyne in London (1839),” in *Reformed Theological Review*, Vol.67, April 2008, No.1

#### 1988-2006

„Daniel Edward: Pioneer Missionary, in *Mishkan: A Forum on the Gospel and the Jewish People*, Issue 58-54, 2006

„Claudius Buchanan: Scotland’s First Missionary to the Jewish People,” in *Mishkan: A Forum on the Gospel and the Jewish People*, Issue 59-65, 2006.

„The Legacy of John Duncan, in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, New Haven, July, 2005

„An Introduction to Holocaust Theology,” in *Reformed Theological Journal*, Belfast, 1999.

„A Family Correspondence: Letters of John Duncan and his daughter, Maria Dorothea and her husband, Adolph Spaeth, with extracts from Maria’s Diary,” in *Reformed Theological Journal*, Belfast, 1998.

Review Article: „Dissonant Voices: Religious Pluralism and The Question of Truth by Harold A. Netland,” in *Foundations*, British Evangelical Council, 1996.

„Jewish Evangelism in Britain Today” in *Mishkan: A Forum on the Gospel and the Jewish People*, Issue 12-19, 1995.

„“Rabbi” Duncan and the Budapest Mission,” in *Reformed Theological Journal*, Belfast, 1992.

„Beyond Zionism: Evangelical Responsibility to Israel,” in *Mishkan: A Forum on the Gospel and the Jewish People*, Issue 8/27, 1990.

„The Biblical Doctrine of Race” in *Mishkan: A Forum on the Gospel and the Jewish People*, issue 6/7, 1987.

### **3. Professional and Conference Papers**

*Sound the Trumpet: A Commemoration and Celebration of the life and work of Umfundisi Tiyo Soga*, at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, King William’s Town, South Africa, 2009.

*Reformed Identity in the isiXhosa speaking churches of Amathole District of the Eastern Cape*, at International Conference of the Reformed Churches in South Africa, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 2009.

*What Were Four Scotsmen Doing in Palestine?* at conference of the International Jewish Evangelical Fellowship, Virginia, USA, 2004.

*Work among the Jewish People: Historical Perspectives and the Contemporary Challenge*, at International Conference of Reformed Churches, Philadelphia, USA, 2001.

*A Personal View Of Mission Today: Opportunities, Challenges, And Problems* for the International Missions” Board of the Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh, 1998.

*The Missionary Challenge at the Turn of the Millennium*, at London City Mission, London, February 1998.

*The Reformed Churches and Jewish Missions*, at International Conference of Reformed Churches, Seoul, South Korea, 1997.

*Ethics and Mission in the Scottish Context*, for Rutherford House Scottish Theology Group, Inverness, Scotland, 1997

*Telling Jewish People about Jesus*, Evangelical Movement of Wales Minister’s Conference, Bala, 1995

*John Duncan and Jewish Missions in Hungary 1839 – 1843*, Free Church School of Theology, Larbert, 1991.

*John Duncan and the Hungarian Jewish Missions*, Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism, European Chapter Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 1990.

*The Biblical Doctrine of Race*, Free Church School of Theology, Larbert, 1986.

### **Additional Information**

#### **Marital Status:**

Married to Elizabeth (1972); we have three children (two eldest born in Nigeria, 1973, 1974), and eight grandchildren.

#### **Interests and hobbies include:**

Hill walking, fly fishing, ornithology and mammal watching, classical music