



## Speaker Biographies

### Professor Bart McGettrick, Dean of Educational Studies at Liverpool Hope University

Bart McGettrick is Emeritus Professor of Education and also Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Education at the University of Glasgow.

Originally a teacher of Geography, he was Principal of St Andrew's College for teacher education in Scotland from 1985 to 1999, and first Dean of the Faculty of Education at Glasgow University in 1999. He has been Professor of Education at Glasgow University since 1993, leaving the University in November 2005. Bart now works as Dean of Education and Professor of Educational Development at Liverpool Hope University.

With widespread international experience, Bart is a Regent of Bethlehem University, Palestine, and is heavily involved in Christian Education in The Holy Land. He undertakes work with the First Nations of Canada, and directs a Summer Institute there. Currently he is actively engaged in developing teacher education and leadership in education in Lithuania.

A member of the Scottish Social Services Council, he deals with aspects of Social Work and Social Care. He is also responsible for setting up the Scottish Forum for Professional Ethics in Scotland, as well as chairing a number of Boards of Governors of schools and other organisations.

He has given the keynote addresses to national and international conferences, and has contributed to congresses, conferences and seminars of international standing in every continent – except Antarctica!

### John Shortt

In his work as Travelling Secretary for the European Educators' Christian Association (EurECA), John leads seminars and speaks at conferences for Christian teachers all over Europe and even as far away as Kyrgyzstan and the United States.

He taught Mathematics at secondary level for many years and was the founding Director of the Charis Project and Head of Research at the Stapleford Centre. He was co-author with David Smith of 'The Bible and the task of teaching' and is presently working on a book for Christian teachers in the Russian-speaking world. He has been an editor of 'Journal of Education and Christian Belief' since it first appeared in 1997.





## Ed Walker

Ed Walker graduated from Exeter University with a degree in Geography and spent the next 10 years working in relief and development. For much of this time, Ed was working overseas for Tearfund's disaster response team in Burundi, Rwanda, Southern Sudan, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Northern Kenya & North Sudan, running projects in water, sanitation, health care, emergency feeding, health promotion, agriculture and community development. His last post for three and a half years was as Programme Director of Tearfund's Darfur programme, heading up Tearfund's largest relief response to reach over 200,000 war affected people.

Ed is author of the book 'Reflections from the Scorched Earth' and has also had work published by Theos Think Tank, as well as a book entitled: 'Issues facing Christians in Sudan.'

Currently, he works as Director of Client Services for the YMCA in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, leading the organisation's youth, homelessness, youth crime prevention and health and fitness work. He is also a member of the Haberdashers' Company which helps run a number of schools across the country.

Ed is married to Rachel and has 2 daughters: Iona (3) and Elana (1).