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David has served as a pastor, teacher, and ministry leader for over 40 years. He was a catalytic leader for citywide pastors' prayer summits across Australia, bringing hundreds of pastors together in relational unity from more than 20 denominations. He also pioneered *Leadershift*, an experimental configuration of apostolic-type relationships.

David teaches with a measure of prophetic gravitas, and as the founder of *Lifemessenger* carries a message of reformation, particularly in the Western church and culture. He is committed to seeing the church across all nations and denominations restored to apostolic foundations and Western culture rediscovering its genesis – and thus its flourishing – in its historic commitment to Christianity. Communicating primarily through electronic media, he carries a vision of the ultimacy of God and of cultural reformation.

He was associated for 20 years with Logos Foundation, a ministry that was not only a leader in disseminating the Charismatic renewal across the mainline denominations through conferences and publishing but also led successful campaigns in the public square, defeating the Australian Labor government's secular humanist *Bill of Rights* and national ID card, as statist incursions upon historic civil liberties. During this time the ministry established a strategic relationship with R. J. Rushdoony, a prolific author and pioneer of the Christian Reconstruction movement, bringing him to Australia for conferences to educate the Christian public concerning the challenge of secular-humanism in both the church and wider culture.

David authored the book, [Snakes in the Temple: Unmasking Idolatry in Today's Church](#), issuing a call for repentance and reformation across the Western church. He is currently working on a doctoral dissertation with Whitefield Theological Seminary, toward book publication, notionally entitled, *The Blind Servant: Re-envisioning the West as God's Servant—A Blueprint for Civilisational Renewal*. He is also writing a commentary on Romans, entitled, *God's Manifesto for Paradise Restored*.

David and Jenny were married in 1974 after graduating from Bible College. David holds a degree in biblical studies and Jenny in history. They are the parents of two adult children, Daniel and Virginia, and reside on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne, Australia.

Founder · *Lifemessenger Inc.*, (1996-present).

Endorsed Minister · *Crosslink Christian Network Australia*, Canberra, (2001-present).

Founder · *The Gathering*, Melbourne, (2007-2012).

Founder · *Leadershift*, Melbourne, (2005-2012).

Founder/Elder · *The Vine*, Mornington Peninsula, (2005-2010).

Convenor · *Open Heavens Over Australia Conference*, Melbourne, (2004).

Credentialed Minister · *CRC Australia*, (1991-2001).

President/Founder · *Prayer Summits Australia Inc.* in partnership with *International Renewal Ministries (IRM)*, Multnomah Bible Seminary, Portland, Oregon, (1996-2000).

Servant-Leader · *Melbourne Pastors Network*, (1996-99).

Coordinator · *Frankston Ministers Network*, (1999-2000).

Pastor · *Peninsula City Church*, Frankston, (1992-99).

Principal · *Peninsula College of the Bible*, Frankston, (1993-96).

Lecturer · *Crusade College of Ministry*, Victoria, (1991-92).

Lecturer · *Logos Bible College*, Blue Mountains, NSW, (1986-90)

Member · Governing Council of Covenant Churches, *Logos Foundation*, (1981-83).

Editorial Board · *Restore Magazine (New Wine Magazine, USA)*, *Logos Foundation*, (1981-83).

National Coordinator · *Logos Foundation*, Blue Mountains, (1981-83).

Bible Teacher · *Christian Faith Centre Ministry Training College*, Sydney, (1974-1980).

Youth Leader · *Christian Faith Centre*, Sydney, (1972-1980).

Graduate

· *Pacific College of Theology*, Melbourne, (BA Bib. Stud., 1988-91).

· *Logos Bible College*, Vancouver, (Diploma of Ministry, 1984-85).

· *Christian Faith Centre Ministry Training College*, Sydney, (Certificate of Ministry, 1972-73).

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