

## Introduction to Rev. Douglas G. McKenzie OAM

Doug McKenzie was born in Melbourne, Australia, undertook ministerial education at Edinburgh University and was ordained as Minister of the Word in St Andrew's Church of Scotland, Calcutta, India on May 1, 1951. From there he ministered at a number of Presbyterian churches firstly in Bendigo, Victoria, then in Pittsburgh, USA followed by Echuca and Blackburn in Victoria, Alice Springs and Darwin in the Northern Territory and then, following Church Union, in St Andrew's Uniting Church in Brisbane, Queensland. You can fill in all the gaps - living with Aboriginal people, surviving Cyclone Tracy, and their relationship with the church in Bali, Indonesia with lots more, by reading the story of Doug and his wife Maisie, in Maisie's wonderful book *Holy Mackerel*.

Doug and Maisie live in retirement on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and we feel privileged to be numbered amongst their closest friends. Now in his late eighties, Doug writes meditative prayer reflections arising from his desire - as he says - "to try a new theological language based on lived experience."

We thank Doug for being prepared to share these insightful dialogues with God, and for challenging us with new expressions of intimacy in a language which resonates within the spiritual landscapes of people today and every day.