

## About Your *Encounter with God* Authors

**KAREN BERGEY** is the lead editor for *Encounter with God*. Karen lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, Blaine, and their two children. Karen is a certified Spiritual Director and is currently serving as Associate Pastor at Salford Mennonite Church in PA.

**ANDY BATHGATE** retired as CEO of SU Scotland in March 2020 after 18 years in the role. Until his sudden homegoing in October of 2023, he lived in Edinburgh with his wife, Alyson. We ask for God's enabling that we may run as he did and one day hear the words that Andy heard: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

**DAVID SMITH** is engaged in international ministry in Asia and Africa. His most recent book, *Stumbling toward Zion*, highlights the importance of the biblical tradition of lament.

**PHILIP CHURCH** is a Senior Research Fellow at Laidlaw College, Auckland, where he previously taught Biblical Studies. He remains involved in research supervision, and in teaching in majority world countries. He is a board member of A Rocha Aotearoa NZ.

**GARETH HIGGS** is the superintendent minister of Plymouth Methodist Mission. He is a husband, and a dad to three children.

**EMLYN AND 'TRICIA WILLIAMS** worked for Scripture Union for many years in a variety of roles in the UK and overseas. They are now part-time editors of Daily Bread.

**CAROLINE FLETCHER** is a freelance writer based in Chesterfield who also works in media sales. She has an MPhil in Biblical Studies and has recently been working on a book about lesser-known New Testament characters.

**ANNABEL ROBINSON** grew up at Kew Gardens, London, and became a Christian at age 16. After graduating from Oxford she moved to Canada where she taught classics at the University of Regina. Now retired, she works as Publications Director for SU Canada.

**JULIE WOODS** is a freelance Old Testament lecturer who concentrates on majority world countries, though recently working more in the UK. She is currently working at London School of Theology.

**SHARON SACKS** has long been involved in ministry, mentoring children and young people, leading Bible studies, and writing materials for both children and adults. She also served as Director of Personnel for a missions agency serving workers in the hard places of the world. Officially retired, Sharon continues to write and teach, as well as serve on her church's Missions Committee.