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Allan McNicol is an Australian citizen and permanent resident of the United States. He was born in Queensland, Australia, and received his early education there. His parents and grandparents were closely associated with the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement and he works within that tradition as a professor in a seminary associated with the Churches of Christ.

In 1962 McNicol came to America and received degrees from Abilene Christian University, Yale, and Vanderbilt (Ph.D. in New Testament). Since 1972 he has lived in Austin, Texas, teaching at Austin Graduate School of Theology. He is married to Patricia Burke McNicol from Midland, Texas. Patricia majored in piano performance at Texas Tech and the University of Texas in Austin and now teaches piano at her studio in Austin. Two sons, Rob and Chris, are adults and live outside of Austin.

For the past several decades McNicol has pursued several major academic interests. He worked for many years with the late William Farmer in Gospel Studies, particularly in the area of the Synoptic Problem. McNicol continues to research and publish in that area. He is also interested in the area of eschatology. His latest book was *The Conversion of the Nations in Revelation* and was published by T&T Clark in 2011. Before that he edited *Resourcing New Testament Studies: Literary, Historical, and Theological Essays in Honor of David L. Dungan* (T&T Clark) 2009. David Peabody and J. Samuel Subramanian also served as editors in this project. He is now working on a monograph on biblical theology.

In the area of church life, McNicol maintains a deep interest in the Churches of Christ and their development theologically within the wider Stone-Campbell movement. He teaches seminars and classes in schools and churches within this heritage on several continents. At present he is especially interested in the theological identity of the Churches of Christ as a religious tradition. He has written several articles taking the position that the Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell movement constitute a definable theological tradition that has its own special identity. McNicol contends that this identity functions with its own set of distinguishing characteristics in much the same way as the Lutheran, Reformed or Pentecostal families of communions. He argues that, as a fellowship seeking to restore the common faith of the ancient church as a basis for the unification of all Christians, Churches of Christ stand or fall on their ecclesiology. In this context McNicol contends that Churches of Christ should not view themselves as part of the Evangelical movement since Evangelicalism (at least in its American iteration) has no coherent doctrine of the church. At the heart of the ecclesiology of Churches of Christ stands the rite of believer's baptism for the forgiveness of sins and weekly observance of the Lord's Supper where one regularly continues to claim the benefits of the expiatory sacrifice of Christ. In short, by pursuing this 'third way' between Evangelicalism and the high sacramental traditions of Catholicism or Eastern Orthodoxy, one best represents the direction to genuine recovery of the biblical insights into the nature of the church.

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