



Christian Mentoring

JOHN MALLISON MINISTRIES

Rev. Dr. John Mallison OAM...**Biographical Sketch**

As an **internationally known Christian educator, mentor and author**, John Mallison is a specialist in enabling mainly Christian leaders to develop personally and spiritually, equipping them for service and helping them to finish well. A key aspect of this is mentoring, which John is passionate about. **He has mentored a cross-section of Christian leaders nationally and internationally.**

His **broad parish ministry in Australia spanned 17 years full-time** first with the Methodist Church and then the Uniting Church in rural, industrial, developing urban areas and 3 years part-time in an experimental inner-city parish. His ministry balanced evangelism, disciple-making and social concern..

For 14 years he was a full-time Christian educator for the Uniting Church in the state of NSW, commencing as State Youth Director for 5 years and then appointed as Director of Adult Education. During his last 4 years he founded and directed the U.C.A. lay training centre in Sydney.

He is an **Ex-Moderator of the NSW Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia.**

In his local church, state-level, national and international ministry he has been involved extensively in work across all denominations and para-church organisations.

For 22 years he **directed his own Christian leadership development organisation, John Mallison Ministries Inc.**, serving all sections of the Christian Church both nationally and internationally. Mentoring, equipping others to mentor, teaching and the preparation of resources were the main thrusts of this ministry.

He has **special skills and wide experience in cross-cultural ministry**, having conducted leadership-training events in **30 different countries.**

He has been a **pioneer in the Small Group Movement across Australia** through his own extensive & creative use of small groups, his writings and training of thousands of leaders from all sections of the church.

For 8 years, he was the **National Director for Mentoring for the Australian Arrow Leadership Program.**

John is a prolific writer having **23 published books**, and numerous articles that aim to equip Christian disciples and leaders. A number of these are published in various languages.

His latest **best selling book, *Mentoring to Develop Disciples and Leaders*** has a UK edition, and Polish and Cambodian (abridged) translations. He has prepared a comprehensive CD-ROM ***Mentoring Trainer's Pack*** containing all his training and mentoring resources to accompany this text ... and much more! The contents of this CD-ROM are available in full at www.johnmallison.com

John's **popular training manual** to equip small group leaders, ***The Small Group Leader***, (a revision and expansion of ***Growing Christians in Small Groups***) has been widely used, with translations in French, Polish, Korean, Portuguese and Indonesian. Special editions were published in the UK & Malaysia. It is now out of print but is available for download at www.johnmallison.com

In October 2007 ***Postcards on a Journey .. Reflections of a Christ Follower.*** was released. In it he shares and reflects upon stories from his remarkable life and ministry.



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He has an honorary **Doctorate of Theology from the Australian College of Theology** for “a substantial contribution to theological learning and for a notable contribution to the life & work of the church”.

In 2003 he was awarded the **Order of Australia Medal** by the Australian government for his services to the community. This service included the founding and directing of the original **Newcastle Youth Service**, a street work with anti-social youth (commenced in the early 1960s) and the **Port Kembla Blue Nursing Service**, a mobile domiciliary service. For 12 years he was **National Chair of LinC**, an agency of **World Vision Aust.**, equipping non-professional carers to serve in their local communities. He has also been involved in numerous other community movements.

He is married to June. They have 5 children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys walking, being with his family and drinking cappuccinos with his many friends. He now lives in a retirement village where he has continued to care for his wife who has alzheimers. He still mentors a number of leaders, keeps preparing and distributing resources and undertakes numerous other ministry opportunities.

He believes that **the secret of his ministry is the amazing grace of God, the health and opportunities God has given him, a godly wife and family and the support of a large number of prayer partners.**