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Gary D. Bouma is an Anglican priest who has been a religious professional in more than eight denominations. Bouma joined Monash University in 1979 and has held various academic and administrative positions there, including deputy vice chancellor and acting vice president (2002–04). He had previously taught at Dalhousie University in Canada (1970–79). His research has primarily focused on the interaction between religion and society in Western societies including Canada, the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, and Europe, with current work that includes a major study of religious plurality in multicultural Australia making strategic comparisons with other societies; research into gender and the management of religious diversity focussing on women and Islam in China, Malaysia and Japan; an attempt to delineate Australia's religious institution, and continuing work on post-modernity as a context for interfaith dialogue and theological reflection. Among his numerous publications are *Australian Soul: Religion and Spirituality in the 21st Century* (2006) and *Religion, Cultural Diversity, and Safeguarding Australia* (with Desmond Cahill, Hass Dellal, and Michael Leahey, 2004). A native of Grand Rapids, MI, Bouma received a BA in Greek and philosophy from Calvin College (1963), a BD in the history of dogma and church and society from Princeton Theological Seminary (1966), an MA in social psychology and a PhD in sociology from Cornell University (1968, 1970). He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of three living children and four grandchildren.