

# Alice MacDonald – Biographical Sketch

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Alice MacDonald has been a member of the Word & Life Community for 39 years. She has served this community in various leadership roles—including Coordinator—for many of those years.

In 1998 she received her Master's Degree in Theology from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. She was also a founding member of the Institute for Adult Spirituality, which held two series a year at the Franciscan Renewal Center at Mission Santa Barbara until 2006.

Her interest currently lies in the contemplative practice of Silence as an experiential path to healing the great divorce between God and the world and Spirit and Matter.

Alice's spiritual formation has been most profoundly influenced by the Word and Life Community and by the evolutionary spirituality of Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and by the spirituality of Franciscan priests Virgil Cordano and Richard Rohr. Also Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, Ilia Delio, Barbara Marx Hubbard and other evolutionaries have been an important resource in understanding how the New Cosmology is transforming spiritual life. She retired from administrative duties at Word & Life in March of 2008.

Alice and her husband Bill have been married for 54 years and have three adult children.