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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**MONIQUE LISBON**

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## PERSONAL QUALITIES AND STRENGTHS

- ❖ Articulate, well-presented and professional
- ❖ Committed and able to follow projects through to completion
- ❖ Able to actively support people in pain over the long-term, whilst maintaining appropriate and healthy boundaries
- ❖ Confident and adaptable, with strong inter-personal skills
- ❖ Respectful and able to handle sensitive information confidentially and with integrity

## RECENT EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW

**2007 – Present:  
(Part-Time)**

**Resources and Education Coordinator  
In Good Faith and Associates (IGFA)**

- ❖ Developing a new website, logo and 'branding' for the organisation, including IT assistance
- ❖ Co-writing and editing major documents produced by IGFA
- ❖ Formatting information resources for download from the IGFA website and other distribution
- ❖ In conjunction with the Director of IGFA, designing outlines for educational workshops and pastoral meetings for clergy and other professionals who work with survivors of clergy abuse

**RECENT EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW, cont.****1995 – Present:  
(Part-Time)****Public Speaker, Educator and Musician  
MonoMusic ([www.monomusic.com.au](http://www.monomusic.com.au))**

Under the auspices of my own ministry/business MonoMusic, I have had a public role in educating the public about responding to and healing from abuse in the following ways:

- ❖ Running training days and workshops around Melbourne and Australia
- ❖ Public speaking and preaching in churches of several denominations, para-church groups, schools and support centres for abuse survivors
- ❖ Radio interviews and television appearance
- ❖ Guest lecturing in Pastoral Care in theological colleges
- ❖ Composition, performance and recording of music exploring themes of healing from abuse
- ❖ Writing for Christian journals and magazines

**2002 – Present:  
(Part-Time)****Managing Director, Mono Unlimited:  
Computer & Printing Support ([www.monounlimited.com](http://www.monounlimited.com))**

I currently run my own computer support company, providing administrative assistance for both regular clients and one-off larger projects, including the following areas:

- ❖ Graphic design
- ❖ Word processing
- ❖ Web design
- ❖ Database construction and management
- ❖ Book layout
- ❖ Music notation

**2005 – 2006:  
(Part-Time)****Educator and Counsellor on Issues of Abuse  
Bethel Pastoral Centre  
Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania**

I worked at this Uniting Church Pastoral Centre, counselling clients who had been abused within the church and educating people in positions of power within the church about the dynamics of healing from abuse.

**1994 – 2002:  
(Part-Time)****Pastoral Assistant, Ashburton Baptist Church  
Administrator, The WellSpring Centre, Ashburton**

I provided pastoral and administrative/computer support to the staff team of ministers and the expansive wider church community.

## TERTIARY/POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

**2000 – 2003:  
(Part-Time)**

**Graduate Diploma in Theology  
Churches of Christ Theological College, Mulgrave  
United Faculty of Theology, Parkville**

- ❖ Course-work with uniform results of High Distinctions and Distinctions.

**1999 – 2003:  
(Part-Time)**

**Selected Additional Units towards Bachelor of Theology  
Churches of Christ Theological College, Mulgrave**

- ❖ Selected additional units (particularly in Pastoral Studies), falling outside parameters of Graduate Diploma of Theology, with uniform results of High Distinctions and Distinctions.

**1988 – 1991:  
(Part-Time)**

**Selected Units towards Bachelor of Theology  
Ridley College, Parkville**

- ❖ Selected units in New Testament.

**1987 – 1994:  
(Part-Time)**

**Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy)  
University of Melbourne, Parkville**

- ❖ Course-work: Double major in Philosophy, minor streams in German and Swedish.

## PREACHING

**1994 – 2006:**

Preaching at the following churches on both an itinerant basis, and as a member of staff (Ashburton Baptist Church and Southern Community Church of Christ):

- ❖ Wattle Park Gospel Chapel, Box Hill, VIC
- ❖ Pilgrim Uniting Church, Doncaster, VIC
- ❖ South Yarra Baptist Church, South Yarra, VIC
- ❖ Collins Street Baptist Church, VIC
- ❖ St Peter's Anglican Church, Leeton NSW
- ❖ Southern Church of Christ, Cheltenham, VIC
- ❖ Essendon Church of Christ, Essendon, VIC
- ❖ Aberfeldie Baptist Church, Essendon, VIC
- ❖ Ashburton Uniting Church, Ashburton, VIC
- ❖ St Mark's Anglican Church, Emerald, VIC
- ❖ St Hilary's Anglican Church, Kew, VIC
- ❖ St James' Anglican Church, Glen Iris, VIC
- ❖ Box Hill Baptist Church, Box Hill, VIC
- ❖ Armadale Baptist Church, Armadale, VIC
- ❖ Thomastown-Lalor-Epping Uniting Church, VIC
- ❖ St Mark's Anglican Church, Forest Hill, VIC
- ❖ Woy Woy Anglican Church, Woy Woy, NSW
- ❖ Warrandyte Uniting Church, Warrandyte, VIC
- ❖ Moreland Baptist Church, Coburg, VIC
- ❖ Traralgon Anglican Church, Traralgon, VIC
- ❖ St Mary's Anglican Church, Sunbury, VIC
- ❖ Ashburton Baptist Church, Ashburton, VIC
- ❖ Margate Christian Church, Hobart, TAS
- ❖ Augustine Centre, East Hawthorn, VIC
- ❖ Camberwell Baptist Church, Camberwell, VIC
- ❖ St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Balwyn, VIC
- ❖ St Jude's Anglican Church, Carlton, VIC
- ❖ Knox Baptist Church, Knox, VIC
- ❖ The Patch Church of Christ, The Patch, VIC
- ❖ Frankston Forest Baptist Church, Frankston, VIC
- ❖ Ocean Grove Uniting Church, Ocean Grove, VIC

## LECTURING/TRAINING/PUBLIC SPEAKING

- 2006:**
- Pastoral Care Workshop**  
**Christ Church Anglican Church, Gosford, NSW**
- ❖ Sole facilitator of workshop for pastoral care workers on the topic *Rethinking Pastoral Care after Child Sexual Abuse*
- Bonhoeffer Conference, St John's Ministry Centre, Morpeth, NSW**
- ❖ Guest presenter about Dietrich Bonhoeffer at a retreat/conference commemorating 100 years since Bonhoeffer's birth
- Passionate Arts Seminar, Artfull Faith**  
**Christian Education and Congregational Mission, Uniting Church**
- ❖ Guest speaker/performer at Easter seminar for members of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania
- St Joseph's College, North Melbourne, VIC**
- ❖ Guest presenter for Year Twelve students on *Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church* as part of series on *Religion and Society*
- Ivanhoe Baptist Church and Ivanhoe Uniting Church, Ivanhoe, VIC**
- ❖ Facilitator of ongoing small support and discussion group for abuse survivors on the fringes of these two churches in Ivanhoe
- Aitken College (Uniting Church), Greenvale, VIC**
- ❖ Guest presenter and performer on *Healing from Childhood Sexual Abuse* at chapel services for 900 students, aged from 12 to 17
- Keilor Road Uniting Church, North Essendon, VIC**
- ❖ Guest presenter and performer as part of seminar by Victorian Council of Churches for high school students on *Choices* (education afternoon about the trafficking of women and children into the sex industry)
- Keilor Road Uniting Church, North Essendon, VIC**
- ❖ Guest presenter and performer on the topic *Stories and Songs to Stir the Soul*
- 2002 – 2006:**
- WellSpring Centre, Ashburton, VIC**
- ❖ Guest presenter on *Personal Trauma and Reconciliation* as part of course on *Reconciliation* (subject accredited by Melbourne College of Divinity)
- 2004:**
- White Ribbon Day, Ivanhoe, VIC**
- ❖ Presentation on *Healing from Abuse* for the Victorian Council of Churches *White Ribbon Day* campaigning for an end to violence against women and children
- New Beginnings Christian Singles Group, Ivanhoe, VIC**
- ❖ Presentation on *Abuse and Suffering*
- Box Hill Baptist Church, Box Hill, VIC**
- ❖ Presentation on *Abuse and Forgiveness* at Box Hill Baptist Church, Box Hill, VIC
- Maranatha Christian School, Endeavour Hills, VIC**
- ❖ Preparatory session with high school teachers on *Sexual Abuse*
  - ❖ Assembly presentation on *Sexual Abuse* for high school students
- 1998 – 2006:**
- Bible College of Victoria (BCV), Lilydale, VIC**
- ❖ Guest Lecturer on *Pastoral Care and Child Abuse*
- 1997 – 2006:**
- Churches of Christ Theological College (CCTC), Mulgrave, VIC**
- ❖ Guest Lecturer on *Pastoral Care and Child Abuse*

**Lecturing/Training/Public Speaking, cont...**

- 2003:**
- Christian Youth Camps (CYC), Phillip Island, VIC**
    - ❖ Guest presenter and performer on *Sexual Abuse and Suffering*
  - John Garratt Publishers, Mulgrave, VIC**
    - ❖ Two hour public forum on *Healing the Hurts of Life*
  - Greensborough Christian Book Centre, Greensborough, VIC**
    - ❖ Two hour public forum on *Can We See God in Suffering?*
  - Leeton NSW Ministers' Association, Riverina Region, NSW  
(in conjunction with Shalom Healing Home)**
    - ❖ Public speaking and singing at dinner on *Finding Hope in Suffering and Despair*
    - ❖ Training afternoon for inter-denominational ministers on *Rethinking Myths about Child Sexual Abuse and the Church's Response*
- 2002:**
- Southland Ministries, Sheffield, TAS**
    - ❖ Sole presenter at six-hour training day for Pastoral Care Workers on *Beyond Victimhood: Rethinking Pastoral Care after Child Sexual Abuse*
  - Department of Health and Human Services, Hobart, TAS**
    - ❖ Workshop facilitator at the 2002 SAAP (Supported Accommodation and Assistance Program) Conference on Homelessness, on *Working with Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse: The Struggle to Find Meaning, Hope and Faith in the Face of Apparent Meaninglessness*
  - Zadok Institute for Christianity and Society, Canberra**
    - ❖ Guest performer and workshop facilitator on *Abuse and Atonement* at the 2002 National Conference on *Reconciliation*, Canberra, ACT
  - St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Balwyn, VIC**
    - ❖ Seminar on *Suffering* with RSVP: Responding to Life Inc. (Christian Creative Arts group)
  - WellSpring Centre, Ashburton, VIC**
    - ❖ Guest presenter at *Healing Circles* Seminar Series on *Trauma*
- 2001:**
- WellSpring Centre, Ashburton, VIC**
    - ❖ Co-facilitator for *Sexual Abuse and Finding Faith* Seminar Series
- 1998:**
- Monbulk Care Network, Monbulk, VIC**
    - ❖ Panel member at Community Public Forum on *Child Sexual Abuse*
- 1996 – 1998:**
- Survivors on the Net, Melbourne, VIC**
    - ❖ Guest performer at Melbourne City Marches against Child Abuse and White Balloon Launches
- 1997:**
- Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse, Sydney, NSW**
    - ❖ Guest performer at Book Launch of *Breaking the Silence: Survivors of Child Abuse Speak Out* (ed. Liz Mullinar and Candida Hunt, NSW: Hodder and Stoughton, 1997)
- 1996:**
- Plenty Valley Christian School, Doreen, VIC**
    - ❖ Guest presenter to Year Nine classes on *Surviving Sexual Abuse*
  - Geelong Rape Crisis Centre, Geelong, VIC**
    - ❖ Guest performance at Public Lecture on *Child Abuse* with Moyra Rayner
  - Aberfeldie Centre, Moonee Ponds, VIC**
    - ❖ Guest performer and public lecture on *Sexual Abuse*
- 1995:**
- Centre for Creative Ministries, St Kilda, VIC**
    - ❖ Guest performer and speaker at Public Training Day

## TELEVISION AND RADIO APPEARANCES

- 2006:** **Channel Seven Television**
- ❖ Interviewed on *Sunrise* nationwide morning program about healing from abuse
- Network Ten Television**
- ❖ Interviewed on *Celebrating Easter* religious affairs special program on Good Friday
- 2005:** **3AW Radio**
- ❖ One hour radio interview on the topic of *Healing from Child Abuse*, also featuring several of my songs
- 2004:** **SBS National Television**
- ❖ Invited panel guest on the topic *Child Pornography* on behalf of Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse (ASCA)
- 2003 / 2004:** **Grey Matter (Light FM, Melbourne and other Australian Christian radio stations)**
- ❖ Radio interview with Paul Gray as part of two-hour special on the film *Bonhoeffer* and the role Bonhoeffer's life and writings have played in my music and ministry
- 2003:** **Grey Matter (Light FM, Melbourne and other Australian Christian radio stations)**
- ❖ 1.25 hour radio interview with Paul Gray on *Society, the Church and Sexual Abuse*
- ABC Radio NSW** on tour to Riverina Region, NSW
- ❖ Radio interview on the role of music in healing from sexual abuse
- The Green Room (Light FM, Melbourne, VIC)**
- ❖ Radio interview with Martin Fawkes about sexual abuse, my ministry and my newly released CD about healing from abuse, *If The Truth Hurts*
- Morning Magazine Program (Plenty Valley FM, Melbourne, VIC) and Faith on Sunday Program (Plenty Valley FM, Melbourne, VIC)**
- ❖ Two radio interviews on finding hope in the 'mess' of life (particularly after abuse) and forthcoming presentation at Greensborough Christian Book Centre on *Can We See God in Suffering?*
- 2002:** **The Reality Zone™ Radio Program**
- ❖ Radio interview on *Moving Beyond Child Abuse*, which aired on 63 Christian radio stations around Australia and overseas in September 2002
- 2001:** **The Green Room (Light FM, Melbourne, VIC)**
- ❖ Radio interview with Martin Fawkes on *MonoMusic and Sexual Abuse*
- 1999:** **Radio Rhema, Geelong, VIC**
- ❖ Radio interview with Mark Evans on *MonoMusic and Sexual Abuse*
- 1997:** **ABC National Radio (Australia-wide)**
- ❖ Half hour radio interview with Religious Affairs Presenter David Busch on the topic of *Suffering and Sexual Abuse* (noon on Good Friday 1997, repeated on following Sunday evening)
- 1996:** **Community Radio Interview**
- ❖ Community radio interview with Janice Atkinson on *MonoMusic and Sexual Abuse*

## MUSIC RECORDING

- ❖ I have recorded several albums of my own compositions, which contain songs about finding hope in suffering:
  - **Wounded Beauty** (2006)
  - **If The Truth Hurts** (2003)
  - **There Is A Tomorrow: Reflections on Healing from Child Abuse** (Promo CD, 2002)
  - **Only the Suffering God**, re-mastered CD (2001)
  - **Scars of Grace** (2000)
  - **Refuge** (1999)
  - **Your Surprising Love** (1998)
  - **The Lies of Love** (1997)
  - **Only the Suffering God** (1992)
- ❖ I engineered and co-produced the CD, **Breaking Free by Barb Shearer**, containing songs about healing from abuse.
- ❖ I helped to co-ordinate the production of the double enhanced CD **Whispers of Peace for the National Council of Churches in Australia**, containing songs for congregational use on peace and reconciliation.
- ❖ I have also co-produced and performed on other CDs for several **freelance songwriters and performers** in Melbourne and for the **Church Missionary Society**.

## WRITTEN PUBLICATIONS

- 2008:** ***Fragments of Home: Piecing Life Together after Childhood Sexual Abuse* (Braidwood Press)**
- ❖ Author of combined book/CD which integrates personal experience and theoretical information about child sexual abuse
- 2004:** ***Zadok Perspectives***
- ❖ Book review on *Holy Topsyturnydom: Australians Write about Hope in the Face of Trauma* by Heather McClelland
- 2003:** ***Ishah Women's Theological Journal***
- ❖ *Starting Point* column on the media and sexual abuse
- Zadok Perspectives***
- ❖ Article on *Abuse and Atonement*
- 1987—1999:** ***Alive Magazine (formerly On Being)***
- Various articles including
- ❖ Book review of *Soul Survivor* by Paul Hawker (March 1999)
  - ❖ *The Struggle to Forgive: Is It Worth the Pain?* (November 1997)
  - ❖ *The God Who Exists but is Not There* (September 1995)
  - ❖ *Throw Off the Security Blanket* (August 1989)
  - ❖ *Singleness and Sexuality* (September 1988)
- 1997:** ***Breaking the Silence: Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse Speak Out***  
(Liz Mullinar and Candida Hunt, eds., NSW: Hodder and Stoughton, 1997)
- Contributor to this collection of stories by members of Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse (ASCA)
- 1993:** ***Back from the Edge***
- Contributor to this collection of stories by survivors of childhood abuse  
(© WestCASA Incest Support Group 1993)

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- 2003 – 2006:** **South Yarra Community Baptist Church**, Prahran, VIC
- ❖ Home base for itinerant ministry, member and active contributor to music ministry (composer of liturgical responses, regular pianist)
- 2002:** **Southern Community Church of Christ**, Cheltenham, VIC
- ❖ Associate Minister and Member
- 1993 – 2002:** **Ashburton Baptist Church**, Ashburton, VIC
- ❖ Pastoral Assistant and Member
- 1987 – 1992:** **St Jude's Anglican Church**, Carlton, VIC
- ❖ Active member of church and contributor to music ministry

## AFFILIATIONS AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 1997 – Present:** **Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse (ASCA)**
- ❖ IT/Graphic Design Consultant
  - ❖ Victorian Media Representative
  - ❖ Previous Director and Board Member
  - ❖ Previous Victorian Committee Member
- 2002 – Present:** **RSVP: To Life!**
- Member of Christian Creative Arts group
- 2001 – Present:** **Australian Christian Artists' Network (ACAN)**
- Performing member
- 1987 – 1992:** **Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES)**
- Conference Worship Leader
- 1988 – 1989:** **Christian Union (CU), Melbourne University**
- Cell Group Leader and Committee Member

## HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Movies
- ❖ Socialising with friends

## REFERENCES

Available on request.