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Joanna Walker pursued later-life doctoral studies in spirituality and ageing (awarded 2020) in the Centre for Research in Ageing at the University of Southampton, UK. This followed a career in adult education, most recently as the Bishop's Adviser in Adult Education in the Anglican Diocese of Guildford (2005-2014). Here she was able to encourage a focus on lifelong faith development and a special interest in the Church's response to older people's spiritual development. Prior to then, as a lecturer in the Department of Educational

Studies at the University of Surrey, she had established the first national educational centre for pre-retirement educators and an academic training programme for practitioners. She was a founding member of the Association for Education and Ageing and a member of its journals' editorial teams. Three books and various papers appeared along the way, contributing to the field of educational gerontology in the UK and beyond. She is now exploring how her research and professional experience might be applied to informal older adult learning within her local and regional networks.