

MULLAN, David (Dr.)

This city pastor also an author

Dr. David Mullan, minister at Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, is now a published author.

The Belleville resident completed his PhD thesis for the University of Guelph, in 1984, and the document, with a few minor changes, was published this January by a firm in Scotland.

The 280-page volume, *Episcopacy in Scotland: The History of an Idea 1560-1638*, studies the debate within the Church of Scotland as to how the church should have been governed -- with bishops or presbyteries.

Mullan says his research indicated that bishops were supported by King James VI, who ruled Scotland during part of the period studied. But bishops were "despised and rejected by Presbyterians" during that time.

Mullan's research included a four-week trip to Scotland and the whole project required approximately two years of full-time study to complete.

"There was some tedium, but generally a sense of joy" in working on the project, says Mullan.

The book has been published with the financial assistance of the Scottish Arts Council, by the Edinburgh-based John Donald Publishers Ltd. Mullan says the volume is currently available in North America through the Humanities Press, New Jersey.

Mullan has served as minister at Victoria Avenue Baptist Church since January 1985.

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