



Mercy Ministry Companions

**A Guide for Board Chairs, Deputy Chairs, Directors, CEOs, Principals, Senior Leadership teams and middle leaders to accompany the recording of the MMC Conference Keynote Address delivered by
Dr Maeve Heaney VDMF, entitled
“Falling into Leadership: Theologizing Mission through the Lens of Mercy”
on 28 October 2022.**

This Resource Guide is provided to assist Board Chairs, Directors, CEOs, Principals, Senior Leadership teams, Mission Co-ordinators and middle leaders to reflect on our identity and our mission as Mercy Ministry Companions.

The resources can be used by small groups (e.g. as part of a Board meeting, a regular Exec team meeting or departmental meeting or staff formation offering) or as a self-paced ongoing formation opportunity for people currently in these leadership roles or for emerging leaders.

The recording of the 28 October Keynote Address can be considered in four (4) parts.

Maeve Heaney VDMF creatively weaves her words and her music into the Keynote Address Maeve plays the guitar and is accompanied by her colleague Macauley Parker-Burton on the keyboard. Both Maeve and Macauley provide the vocals. The words to each song are included in the ppt slides.

The contents of each Part are summarized below:

Part 1: Theologizing (begins at 00:00:00)

Key points include:

- ✚ Our ‘theologizing’ enables a bridge between Church and culture.
- ✚ Our faith seeks an understanding of itself so that bridges can be built between the faith we share, the values we espouse, and the culture we inhabit.
- ✚ This connection is important as it helps us to articulate ‘why we do what we do’ in our various ministries.

Part 2: Mission (begins at 00:27:54)

Key points include:

- ✚ As does the Church, we exist for mission.
- ✚ Our hallmark is ‘relationality’, a way of being together which enables everyone to live life to the full.
- ✚ The Church grows at its ‘mission points’ – MMC has many mission points.
- ✚ The song “Meet my Friend” played and sung by Maeve and Macauley

Part 3: Leadership (begins at 00:39:06)

Key points include:

- ✚ Each of us leads in our specific areas of ministry and location of service.
- ✚ We have been led, or called, to our particular ministry involvement.
- ✚ We are encouraged to use our gifts in service of others through healing the sick, comforting the afflicted, sheltering the homeless, educating those seeking knowledge and many other works of mercy undertaken in the name of MMC.
- ✚ The song “For you, for them” played and sung by Maeve and Macauley.
- ✚ The poem “The Gift of Leadership” by Denise Levertov.

Part 4: Mercy (begins at 00:56:30)

Key points include:

- ✚ We also recognize the gaps in our gifts and capabilities and give thanks for those gaps because they provide spaces for personal growth if we attend to them.
- ✚ God’s mercy works through people such as our founders, ourselves, our colleagues.
- ✚ The song “Lead Kindly Light” sung and played by Maeve and Macauley.

Resources included in this Resource Guide package are:

- ✚ Vimeo recording of the seminar <https://vimeo.com/781373614>
- ✚ This Resource Guide
- ✚ PDF copy of Dr Maeve Heaney’s ppt slides for her Keynote Address

Some ideas for using this Resource

Using Part 1: Theologizing

- ✚ View the Introduction to the video presentation and Maeve’s comments about theologizing
- ✚ As needed, the video can be paused for conversation about key ideas arising for you.
- ✚ You can follow the key points on the pdf of the ppt slides as well.

Using Part 2: Mission

- ✚ View this section on the video recording
- ✚ You can follow the key points on the pdf of the ppt slides as well.
- ✚ In small groups or as part of personal reflection, name the connection points for you with Maeve’s comments on Mission.

Using Part 3: Leadership

- ✚ View this section on the video recording
- ✚ You can follow the key points on the pdf of the ppt slides as well.
- ✚ In small groups or as part of personal reflection, name the connection points for you with Maeve’s comments on Leadership.

Using Part 4: Mercy

- ✚ View this section on the video recording.
- ✚ You can follow the key points on the pdf of the ppt slides as well.

- ✚ In small groups or as part of personal reflection, name the connection points for you with Maeve's comments in this section.

Drawing the insights together after watching the Keynote Address

- ✚ How would you respond to Maeve's address if you were asked to do so?
- ✚ Find an opportunity to share your response with a colleague.

Concluding remarks

I hope this Resource Guide is a helpful means of revisiting the Conference Keynote Address and panel responses if you were there in person on Day 2 or for sharing Maeve Heaney's insights with your ministry colleagues in small, manageable 'bytes'. I would appreciate any feedback you can provide which would make the Resource Guide even more effective.

My gratitude for their assistance in developing this Resource Guide goes to Georgie Thomas from Mercy Health and Helen Boland from Mercy Ministry Companions.

If you would value further assistance with the ongoing formation of Board members, CEOs, Leadership teams and those in designated leadership roles within your ministry, you are most welcome to contact me at annette.schneider@mercyministrycompanions.org.au

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