



Mercy Ministry Companions Update

December 2022

Waiting in joyful hope as we reimagine our mission and identity

As we look back on 2022, we acknowledge four significant events on the journey of Mercy Ministry Companions towards reimagining its mission and identity:

- ✚ March 25 – the Covid-delayed commissioning of the Trustee Directors by the Institute Leader and Councillors at St Michael’s Church in Stanmore, NSW
- ✚ September 24 – the first anniversary of the Decree from Rome formally establishing MMC as a ministerial PJP within the Australian Church
- ✚ October 27/28 – our first MMC Annual Conference where we explored the theme *‘Companions: Stronger together’*
- ✚ December 3 – the first anniversary of MMC assuming formal responsibility for the governance of the Community Services, Education and Health and Aged Care ministries of ISMAPNG.

Visits to ministries, conversations with Boards and Senior Leaders, ongoing formation offerings, our first MMC Conference and many other interactions with ministry colleagues have helped us begin weaving the tapestry of MMC’s mission and identity. We have inherited a rich tradition, begun our unique journey and will continue to imagine our future as we travel together!

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus during these four weeks of Advent, we are invited to take some time to give thanks for what has been and to anticipate with hope what is to come as we continue the mission of Jesus in our time and place. Literally or symbolically, you are invited to light a candle each week during Advent to acknowledge someone who gives you hope, who is helping you to enliven the purpose and values of your ministry. May the message of hope during Advent bear fruit in many blessings over the Christmas season for you and those who are special to you.



MMC Website

We are pleased to announce that the MMC website is now live. You can view the website here:

www.mercyministrycompanions.org.au

Mercy Ministry Companions Conference - 'Companions: Stronger together'

The first MMC Conference took place on October 27 and 28, with 100 participants gathering at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. On Day 1, the Keynote Address was given by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv. It was followed by responses from 3 panel members, one of whom was Eveline Crotty RSM. The video can be viewed [here](#), and a Resource Guide for using the material with groups is available on the MMC website: <https://www.mercyministrycompanions.org.au/news-resources/formation/>

MMC Office closure over Christmas and New Year

The Mercy Ministry Companions office will be closed for a short period over Christmas. Our last day is Thursday 22 December and will reopen on Monday 9 January 2023.

General ministry questions and property issues requiring the involvement of the Owner (McAuley Property Limited)

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MMC Newsletter

From 2023, we are looking to move our newsletter update to the Mail Chimp email platform. This will give us a better-looking newsletter that is easier to produce, and that gives us better insights into how our readers interact with the newsletter.

Mail Chimp has very robust anti-spam provisions, so we cannot simply bulk-add the 250 current newsletter recipients. Could you please (right now, whilst it is top of mind) click on the link below and let Mail Chimp know you would like to keep receiving the newsletter new year?

<http://eepurl.com/h9mkbT>