



MERCY MINISTRY COMPANIONS AND MINISTRY JOINT ENGAGEMENT

COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS

CHAIRS

The MMC Chair and Ministry Board Chairs meet together twice a year. The MMC Chair also meets with each of the ministry Board Chairs to discuss matters as they arise.

CEOs

Ministry CEOs have been asked to come together to explore collaboration opportunities across the ministries.

COMPANY SECRETARIES

The Company Secretaries of each of the ministry boards gather with the MMC staff twice a year to discuss common issues and share updates on governance matters relevant to each of the ministry boards.

MISSION COORDINATORS NETWORK

This community of practice involves Mission Coordinators from each of the ministries. The network contributes to enhancing MMC's identity and mission and provides opportunities for cross-ministry sharing and collaboration.

MINISTRY PROPERTY GROUP

Delegates from each ministry property team meet with the MMC property manager to share insights into master planning and capital works programs and to improve collaboration and administration of property matters for which MMC has canonical oversight.

PEAK BODIES

MMC is a member of the following peak bodies:

- Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (AMPJP) – the umbrella body that allows the canonical stewards of MPJPs to interact formally with one another, the Bishops and Church agencies.
- Mercy Alliance – a collaborative alliance of the four Mercy PJPs from Australia and New Zealand. Two Trustee Directors of MMC are members of this committee.
- Catholic Health Australia (CHA)
- Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA)
- Catholic Religious Institute & Ministerial Public Juridic Person Victorian Schools Ltd (CRMV)

SUBCOMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Each year, the MMC governance committee holds a joint meeting with each of the ministry governance committees to discuss succession planning and appointments, board reviews and other common issues.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

An operational, cross-ministry working party assists in the planning of the MMC Conference. Membership of the committee is renewed each year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Trustee Directors attend special events and celebrations at ministry sites when they are able to accept invitations.

STRATEGY UPDATES

Each year, the Chair and CEO of each ministry provide an update on strategy to the Trustee Directors.

MMC FORMATION PROGRAMS

TRUSTEE AND MINISTRY BOARD JOINT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

MMC Trustee Directors and each Ministry Board meet annually for a formation opportunity on a topic relevant to both groups.

BOARD DIRECTOR INDUCTION PROGRAM

Each year, Ministry Board Directors, Company Secretaries, CEOs and Trustee Directors are invited to attend the MMC induction program which provides an introduction to MMC, its role as a MPJP, and the relationship between MMC and the ministries.

MERCY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AND DUBLIN PILGRIMAGE

This program is for Trustee Directors, Ministry Board Directors, CEOs, Principals and senior ministry leaders. The three-module program is an immersion into the life and times of Catherine McAuley and includes reflection on leadership in the light of the founding story. Invitations are also extended to participants from the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea, Whanau Mercy Ministry and MercyCare.

MMC CONFERENCES



The MMC conference has occurred annually since 2022, with 100 attendees including Trustee Directors, Ministry Board Directors and Senior Leaders, Mission Coordinators and invited guests. The conference explores a theme through keynote speakers and ministry-led workshops. Guests include participants from other mercy ministries.

MIDDLE LEADERS' PROGRAM

This program provides an opportunity for middle leaders in MMC's ministries to engage in ongoing formation within a cross-ministry context.



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MMC FORMATION RESOURCES

MMC WELCOME PACK

This resource provides those new to MMC ministries with an overview of MMC as a MPJP within the Church; MMC's Mission, Vision and Values; its ministries and commitment to building a safe culture for all.

ORIENTATION TO MERCY MODULES

This eight module self-paced program is designed for staff new to MMC and ministries with a mercy heritage. It introduces the story of Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy; explores the Works of Mercy as foundations for Mercy ministry; and explores core 'Mercy values' and the wider Mercy family.

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES RESOURCES

The vision, mission and values of MMC were articulated through a collaborative process starting at the first MMC Conference in 2022. Leaflets, slides, scripture texts and video clips are all available on the MMC website to explore these statements and values.

MMC TIMELINE

MMC has produced a timeline of the history of MMC and its ministries. This document is updated annually.

ONGOING FORMATION FOR MISSION RESOURCES

Ministry Board Chairs and Directors can access materials on a range of topics via Resource Guides. Each topic has sub-sections which can be used for meeting preparation, within a Board meeting or for individual professional development.

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

MMC's monthly Connections Newsletter shares information about recent and upcoming events, and highlights ministry programs and initiatives.

LENDING LIBRARY

The MMC office has a lending library of various resources on Catherine McAuley, the Sisters of Mercy, the Works of Mercy and material related to some of the MMC ministries.

FORMATION WEBINARS

MMC shares responsibility for the twice-yearly Mercy Alliance ongoing formation seminars and offers other webinars as appropriate on specific themes.

QUICK GUIDE TO MERCY RESOURCES

This resource guide provides a list of programs, online resources and books that are available for use.