A Guide to using the Pathway Photo Prompts



Each set contains 24 pathway photos, selected to prompt reflection, journalling, conversation and deeper sharing. The photos are not subject to copyright

The Pathway Photo Prompts can be used for personal reflection or small-group activities and incorporated into ministry Induction, Orientation and ongoing formation. They may also support Ethos and Culture, Faith and Mission, Mercy Formation and other formative experiences.

The following activities support engagement with **Journeying Together: Formation Pathways within Mercy Ministry Companions**, launched at the 2026 MMC Conference. Page references below relate to *Journeying Together.*

REFLECTING ON OUR PERSONAL ONGOING FORMATION, OUR OWN MERCY JOURNEY

Look through the photos and select one that speaks to your Mercy journey or formation pathway so far. Consider why you chose it and what it evokes for you. You may wish to jot down your reflections before sharing with others.

SHAPING FORMATION PATHWAYS (PP. 8-9)

Read pp. 8–9 and consider what connects with your own experience. Which photos reflect significant moments in your Mercy journey: winding paths, dead ends, bridgebuilding, new perspectives or emerging horizons?

The quote from Health Progress on p. 9 may also prompt reflection on people who have supported, challenged or mentored you along the way.

TAPPING INTO THE RICHNESS AND DEPTH OF OUR FORMATION (P. 13)

Read p. 13, particularly the reference to God's spirit as a 'disrupter'.

Choose a photo that represents an uncomfortable challenge you or your ministry has faced. Who provided support and encouragement during this part of the journey? If you were to insert people into the photo, who would be the people who provided mutual support and encouragement during this uncomfortable part of the journey?

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY TOGETHER (P. 21)

Reflect on p. 21 and choose photos that represent the stepping stones your ministry has taken, or still needs to take, as you continue the journey together.

ADDING TO THE SUGGESTIONS IN THE GUIDE

We would love to hear from you about ways you have used the Pathway Photo Prompts for personal reflection or ongoing formation activities in your ministry. Please email details of the activity to:
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