

Ministry Governance Unit
**A Guide for Boards, CEOs, Principals, Leadership teams and others involved in
the ministry of governance, to accompany the recording of
Session 1 “Lay Leadership in the Church”**

This Resource Guide is provided to assist Board Chairs, Directors, sub-committee members, Advisory Councils, CEOs, Principals and Leadership teams who undertake these important roles in the governance and leadership of ministries within ISMAPNG, its co-sponsored ministries and other church groups who may find it helpful. The resources can be used by small groups (e.g. a gathering of Board members or a meeting of ministry Leadership teams) or as a self-paced governance formation opportunity for lay women and men in ministry governance and leadership roles, or people considering them for the future.

 [Vimeo recording of the seminar](#)


The recording of Session 1 can be considered in four parts:

- **Part 1:** Introduction from Sr Eveline Crotty RSM
- **Part 2:** Susan Pascoe AM (from 12:20)
- **Part 3:** Dr Ursula Stephens (from 30:37)
- **Part 4:** Francis Sullivan AO (from 55:57)

Resources provided for the seminar participants and included in this Resource package are:

 [Ppt slides from Susan Pascoe AM](#)

Using Part 1: Introduction from Sr Eveline Crotty RSM (from 1:15)

-  As you view Sr Eveline’s Introduction and welcome, note any points which are significant for you in your ministry. Share with others if you are viewing this in a small group.

Using the Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer (from 7:00)

You may wish to use or adapt the Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer for your Board or Leadership team meeting, formation session or personal prayer and reflection. (approx. 10 mins)

Using Part 2: Susan Pascoe AM (from 12:20)

View the presentation made by Susan Pascoe AM and the ppt slides provided (the slides are also in the video). In summary, the topics addressed are:

- Governance in Catholic organisations and the “Light from the Southern Cross” Report
- Collaboration within church for the sake of mission

Consider the 2 questions posed below and share your responses with others if you can:

1. Which points or issues stood out for you?
2. What might be important considerations for you in your ministry?

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Using Part 3: Dr Ursula Stephens (from 30:37)

View the presentation by Dr Ursula Stephens. In summary, the topics addressed are:

- Response of Catholic organisations to a ‘post-COVID’ Australia
- Safeguarding and the new national office, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited

Consider the 2 questions posed below and share your responses with others if you can:

1. What is your response to the ‘good news’ re the involvement of Catholic agencies in emergencies?
2. What insights from the presentation can be applied in your ministry context?

Using Part 4: Francis Sullivan AO (from 55:57)

View the presentation by Francis Sullivan AO. In summary, the topics addressed are:

- Ethics in health care and the role of the laity
- Forming Catholic leaders for the ministry of governance

Consider the 2 questions posed below and share your responses with others if you can:

1. In what ways might the comments about the need for church agencies to collaborate more with each other be applicable in your ministry context?
2. Are ministries ready and able to relook at some of their structures and previous modes of operating so we can ‘move beyond identity politics’?

Concluding remarks

The Ministry Governance Unit hopes this Resource Guide is helpful and would appreciate any feedback you can provide which would make the resource even more effective.

If you would value further assistance with the ongoing governance formation of ministry Boards, subcommittees, CEOs, Principals, Leadership teams or Advisory Councils you are most welcome to contact me at annette.schneider@ismapng.org.au

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