

Ministry Governance Unit
**A Guide for Boards, sub-committees, CEOs, Principals, Leadership teams,
Advisory Councils and others involved in the ministry of governance, to
accompany the recording of Session 2**

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 2 can be considered in five parts:

- **Part 1:** Introduction from Eveline Crotty RSM, prayer and reflection
- **Part 2:** Margaret Bounader reflection on Session 1 (from 11:49)
- **Part 3:** Caroline Ryan RSM “It’s Time” (from 20:00)
- **Part 4:** Questions and group feedback (from 47:05)
- **Part 5:** Margaret Bounader reflection and summary (from 58:45)


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

 [Session 2 Reflection Sheet](#)


 [“It’s Time” Caroline Ryan RSM](#)

Using Part 1:

The Introduction from Sr Eveline, followed by the Prayer and Reflection, sets the scene for consideration of this ‘next step’ in the involvement of lay women and men in the governance of ministries. You may wish to adapt the Prayer and Reflection for your personal reflection or for your Board or Leadership team meeting.

 View the video clips and share your thoughts about the question posed for reflection.

Using Part 2:



 View the re-cap provided by Margaret Bounader, inaugural Chair of Mercy Ministry Companions. Margaret provides a summary of the key insights from Session 1 of the Governance Forum. This is particularly useful for those who have not been able to view the video of Session 1.

Using Part 3:

Caroline Ryan rsm provides the context for the decision made by the Institute Leadership Team to appoint lay leaders as Trustee Directors for the new MPJP, Mercy Ministry Companions. Caroline



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draws on key documents which focus on the role of lay women and men as leaders within Church entities and the importance of their ongoing formation.

-  View the video recording of Caroline Ryan's presentation and read the text of "It's time".
-  Using the Session 2 Reflection sheet as a guide, take time to consider the three extracts provided (one from John Henry Newman in 1851; one from Pope John Paul 11 in 1988; one from Pope Francis in 2016) and ponder the 3 questions posed for Reflection and Sharing:
 1. What encourages you?
 2. What challenges you?
 3. What invites you to strengthen your life of faith and service?

Using Part 4:

This segment contains the responses from the Breakout Rooms to the 3 Reflection questions posed for discussion by Caroline Ryan rsm.

-  View the responses and note any points which strike a chord with your experience.
-  Share your insights from your own reflection on these 3 questions with others if you are able to do so.

Using Part 5:

Margaret Bounader shares with participants the key issues she has noted from the sharing in Part 4. Margaret then concludes the Session with some comments to take us forward as the development of Mercy Ministry Companions continues.

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 formation of Board Chairs, Deputy Chairs, Board sub-committee Chairs or Advisory Council Chairs you are most welcome to contact me at annette.schneider@ismapng.org.au

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