

**A Guide for Boards, CEOs, Principals, Leadership teams and others involved in the ministry of governance, to accompany the recording of Session 4
“Engagement with the Trustee Directors of Mercy Ministry Companions”**

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 4 can be considered in four parts:

- **Part 1:** Introduction from Caroline Ryan RSM, followed by Opening Prayer and Reflection
- **Part 2:** Prof Gabrielle McMullen AM (from 06:52)
- **Part 3:** Carmel Ross (from 22:05)
- **Part 4:** Des Powell AM (from 40:10)

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

-  [Statement of Mission Purpose](#)
-  [Gabrielle McMullen PowerPoint presentation](#)
-  [Carmel Ross PowerPoint presentation](#)
-  [Des Powell PowerPoint presentation](#)

Additional resources also provided in response to discussion during the seminar

Using Part 1:

The Introduction, Prayer and Reflection question invite us into the emerging ministry governance and leadership space for ISMAPNG and its ministries. The Prayer and Reflection question may be adapted as needed for your ministry context.

-  View the Introduction by Caroline Ryan RSM and take some time for prayer and reflection on the focus question provided.
-  Share your response to the reflection question if you are able to do so.

Using Part 2:

Prof Gabrielle McMullen focuses on the **Statement of Mission Purpose** articulated by the Future Governance Working Party (FGWP) for the new MPJP, Mercy Ministry Companions.

-  Read the **Statement of Mission Purpose** in preparation for the presentation.
-  View the video recording, with the ppt slides embedded in it. The ppt slides are also provided.
-  Note that there will be an opportunity to share insights on the focus question later in the Session but you may wish to jot down any ideas which come to mind as you watch the video.

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Using Part 3:

Carmel Ross focuses on Formation and its key role within MMC, especially the ongoing formation of Trustee Directors and others involved in ministry governance. Carmel addresses the following points:

- a) Who are we? Where are we going?
- b) Formation – what do we mean?
- c) Who are we becoming?
- d) We are not starting with a blank page...
- e) Scope of Formation
- f) As the Trustee Directors get underway...
- g) Governance formation within Mercy Ministry Companions
- h) Formation within Mercy Ministry Companions
- i) ‘One mercy mission – wan marimari misin’

Carmel concludes by posing a question for reflection and sharing.

-  View Carmel’s presentation, noting that the ppt slides are embedded in the video.
-  Take some time to reflect on the questions posed by Gabrielle and Carmel:
 1. Reflecting on Pope Francis’ insights in relation to mercy, how is mercy manifest in your ministry?
 2. From your experience of ongoing formation in mercy, what kinds of experiences have been most beneficial for you?
-  Take the opportunity to share your insights with others if you are able to do so.

Using Part 4

Des Powell focuses on the aspirations of the Trustee Directors for the next 5 years, drawing on some initial conversations during the first combined gathering of the ILT and the Trustee Directors in May 2021. Des addresses the following points:

- a) Aspirations for the next 5 years
- b) Pope Francis to the Pontifical Council for Laity in 2016
- c) Aspirations as an evolving journey
- d) Our hopes during 2022
- e) Our hopes during 2023
- f) Our hopes during 2024
- g) Our hopes during 2025
- h) Three questions are posed for reflection and sharing.

-  View the presentation from Des and the ppt slides, noting the slides are embedded in the video.
-  Take time to consider these 3 questions posed for reflection and sharing:

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1. What thoughts have these aspirations raised in your mind?
2. What more would you like to understand?
3. Is this a reasonable starting agenda?

 View the feedback from the Breakout Room conversations and share your insights with others if you are able to do so.

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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