



AMPJP Strategic Direction

2020-2023



Mission

In fostering the ministry of canonical governance, the Association of Ministerial PJs, as an umbrella body, supports its Members to flourish individually and together in communion with the Catholic Church.

Vision

Our vision is for flourishing, vibrant Catholic ministries governed by well-formed members, continuing Jesus' mission in Australia and beyond in the 21st century.

Values

Inclusive, relational, collaborative and prophetic.

Voice of the AMPJP

Who we are

The Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (AMPJP) enables Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (MPJPs) in their role of Church governance to:

- › Collaborate on common issues and
- › Communicate and cooperate with the wider Church.

Ministerial PJs sponsor ministries including education, health, aged care, community and social services.

Canonical Stewards are called through Baptism and chosen to lead Ministerial PJs, embracing the principles of co-responsibility, subsidiarity, collegiality, and service.

How we are

Open in the Spirit, the leadership of Canonical Stewards is shaped by prayerful discernment, mutuality and collaboration.

The establishment of Ministerial PJs to sponsor ministries, witnesses to the renewal of the Church in today's world.

The Association seeks pathways in exercising co-responsibility in ecclesial governance.



Context

Public Juridic Person (PJP) is the term given to a Church entity that sponsors ministries on behalf, and in the name, of the Catholic Church. Ministerial PJPs (MPJP) are one of the few PJPs where the canonical stewards can be lay people (others require that a person be a vowed Religious or an ordained cleric). In Australia, most MPJPs were formed to continue the works previously under the sponsorship of Religious Institutes.

The Association of Ministerial PJPs (AMPJP) brings together the MPJPs of some of Australia's major Catholic health, aged and community care, and educational organisations. This umbrella body allows the canonical stewards of these MPJPs to interact formally with Bishops, Church agencies and, importantly, with one another.

The ministries of Ministerial PJPs often choose to belong to the peak Catholic body for their sector (e.g. Catholic Health Australia – for health and aged care; Catholic Social Services Australia – for welfare services and National/ State Catholic Education Commission – for schools). These bodies typically: advocate member views/interests with government/other bodies; support members build their

service capacity and assist members advance their Catholic identity. AMPJP aims to work collaboratively with other peak Catholic bodies where there is a shared role.

AMPJP has the unique roles of developing/supporting MPJP canonical stewards and of representing MPJPs collectively.

At least every three years, the AMPJP articulates a broad strategic direction to guide its decision making and operations. This strategic direction is faithful to the charitable objects set out in the AMPJP Constitution and to the AMPJP's mission, vision, values and voice.

The first AMPJP strategy document was intended to cover the period 2018-2021. That initial strategy document provided numerous detailed activities related to the establishment phase of the AMPJP. Over 2019, the AMPJP developed a sharper focus to its identity and mission. Therefore, the first strategy document was concluded one year earlier than expected. The new strategy document will conclude on 30 June 2023. It will assist the AMPJP as it matures in its self-understanding and becomes even more effective in fulfilling its mission.

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Priority one



Collaboration for excellence in MPJP governance

MPJPs working together to benefit each other and the MPJP sector.

Strategies

- Articulate a common understanding of the diversity of MPJP Governance
- Enhance excellence in MPJP governance
- Demonstrate excellence in governance within AMPJP

Priority two



Communion with the rest of the Church

Coordination and communication between AMPJP and the rest of the Church

Strategies

- Consult with ACBC and CRA about articulating their relationship(s) with AMPJP
- Seek and respond to opportunities to work collaboratively with other Church Authorities and agencies
- Continually inform other Church Authorities and agencies of AMPJP's priorities and activities

AMPJP Objects

The charitable objects in the AMPJP Constitution are:

- a. offering a contemporary, encouraging example of Christ's mission at work in the world – "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10)
- b. actively enabling the co-responsibility of laity and clergy for the life of the Church and its ministries
- c. facilitating collegial interaction between canonical stewards of the member PJPs
- d. providing the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia, their respective members and other Catholic entities with a point of liaison with member PJPs and their canonical stewards
- e. supporting canonical stewards in their ministry of governance by -
 - i. fostering the capability of current and future canonical stewards, including through facilitating formation activities and qualifications to support canonical stewards and their staff
 - ii. facilitating access to canonical governance and related advice
 - iii. communicating to the member PJPs relevant matters of significance
- f. promoting and proclaiming Catholic identity as an integral part of the PJPs ministries.

The AMPJP's member Ministerial PJPs are:

St John of God Australia Limited (Hospitals, health care, community and disability services in WA, Vic, NSW);

MercyCare (aged care, family, community, health and disability services in WA);

Mercy Partners (Education, hospitals, aged care and community services in QLD);

Edmund Rice Education Australia (Schools and youth programs in WA, NT, SA, Vic, NSW, Tas, ACT, QLD);

Dominican Education Australia (Schools and learning centres in SA, Vic and NSW);

Catholic Healthcare (health care, aged care, community care, retirement living in NSW, QLD and Vic);

Calvary Ministries (Hospitals, health care, aged care and community care in NT, SA, Vic, NSW, ACT and Tas);

Mary Aitkenhead Ministries (Hospitals, health services, aged care, schools and social services in NSW, QLD, Vic);

Good Samaritan Education (Schools in QLD, NSW and Vic);

Kildare Ministries (Schools and community works in QLD, SA, NSW and Vic); and

Sophia Education Ministries (Schools in QLD, NSW and Vic).

