



AMPJP is an umbrella organisation that brings MPJPs together enabling them to interact and collaborate with the wider Church community.

AMPJP Information sheet

Ministerial PJs established the Association of Ministerial PJs Ltd (AMPJP) in May 2016 as their umbrella organisation to foster the ministry of Ministerial PJP governance and to facilitate members' collaboration on common issues and communion with the wider Church.

AMPJP's foundation members were:

1. Calvary Ministries,
2. Catholic Healthcare,
3. Dominican Education Australia,
4. Edmund Rice Education Australia,
5. Good Samaritan Education,
6. Kildare Ministries,
7. Mary Aikenhead Ministries,
8. Mercy Partners, and
9. St John of God Australia Ltd.

Two other MPJPs have since joined:

10. MercyCare (joined Oct 2017) and
11. Sophia Education Ministries (joined July 2019).

AMPJP was initially served by Mr Pat Bugden as interim Executive Officer (until Oct 2017). Since November 2017 Mr Lawrie Hallinan has held the role of Executive Officer on a part-time basis.

As a new organisation AMPJP has grown in its understanding of its unique identity and role:

- › articulating and later refining its Vision and Mission Statements;
- › developing its [website](#), adding a library of papers on MPJPs, information on Religious Institute and MPJP schools and providing regular posts with relevant news and events;
- › adopting a Strategic Plan 2018-2021 and then refining it with a Strategic Direction 2020-2023;
- › developing its Decision-making and Discernment Framework and the AMPJP Responsibility Matrix in May 2020; and
- › providing a publicly available monthly e-newsletter (2018-ongoing).

The AMPJP's priorities are:

1. Collaboration for excellence in MPJP governance: MPJPs working together to benefit each other and the MPJP sector; and
2. Communion with the rest of the Church: coordination and communication between AMPJP and others in the Church.

Our Mission

In fostering the ministry of canonical governance, the AMPJP, supports its members, as an umbrella organisation, to flourish individually and together in communion with the Catholic Church. AMPJP facilitates Ministerial PJs collaboration on common issues and communion with the wider Church.

Our Vision

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

Our Values

Inclusive, relational, collaborative and prophetic.



AMPJP and other Catholic bodies

- › AMPJP Council Chair participated in meetings of the TJHC supervisory committee (2016-2017)
- › AMPJP has a Delegate to the Plenary Council (2020-present)
- › AMPJP provided a nominee to the National Catholic Education Commission (2020-present)
- › AMPJP provided a nominee who participated in the IAG (2018-2020)
- › AMPJP provided a nominee who participated in the ACBC-CRA Steering Committee established to develop a response to the Kinmond Report into professional standards provision in the Church in Australia (2019-2020)
- › AMPJP engaged in extensive consultation to establish the Committee of Religious Institute and Ministerial Public Juridic Persons School Authorities Australia (CORMSAA) in July 2020
- › AMPJP contributed to the consultation which developed the ACSL Constitution
- › AMPJP became a Member of ACSL in December 2020 and agreed to support funding
- › AMPJP EO participates in meetings of the Plenary Council Local Coordinators (2018-present)
- › AMPJP held four regional meetings (Bris, Melb, Syd, Perth) to develop a submission to the Plenary Council. This submission was sent in 2018. Two further submissions were sent in 2019.
- › AMPJP contributed to meetings which developed a whole-of-Church annual progress report to the National Office of Child Safety in 2019
- › AMPJP contributed to discussions regarding the National Response Protocol in 2020
- › AMPJP facilitated MPJP involvement in the ACBC/CRA consultations regarding safeguarding structures and abuse response protocols in 2020
- › AMPJP Council Chair has engaged with ACBC and CRA Presidents
- › AMPJP EO has regular contact with: ACBC, CRA, CHA, CSSA, NCEC, and NATSICC
- › AMPJP meetings were addressed by CPSL, National Committee for Professional Standards and ACU
- › AMPJP has advertised events/courses for: Plenary Council, ACBC, CRA, CHA, CSSA; BBI-TAITE; ACU; University of Divinity; University of Notre Dame
- › AMPJP has provided information for the Directory of the Catholic Church in Australia, the Church Administration Handbook and the Governance Review Report "The Light From the Southern Cross"

AMPJP and its member MPJPs

- › each year AMPJP usually has at least three teleconference meetings and two face-to-face meetings of all Member Representatives (2016-2019)
- › during COVID-19 - AMPJP had eight videoconference Council meetings (2020-2021)
- › AMPJP collates an annual gender equity survey of MPJP Canonical Stewards and the Boards that they appoint (2018-ongoing)
- › AMPJP developed the document "*PJP Governance Principles, Foundations & Applications*" (May 2018)
- › AMPJP has agreed to assist a Religious Institute seeking suitable person for their MPJP Members Council (2020-ongoing)
- › AMPJP facilitated MPJP consultation and discernment which led to a decision on membership of ACSL
- › AMPJP contributed funds on behalf of its members towards ACSL operational costs (2021-ongoing)
- › AMPJP provides a weekly email of information and resources to MPJPs (2017-ongoing)

AMPJP and the Canonical Stewards/Trustees of MPJPs

- › AMPJP organises Canonical Stewards Forums:
 - 2016, Nth Sydney. 59 participants - foundational issues for AMPJP
 - 2017, Melb. 48 participants - information from other MPJPs, discuss hopes/priorities for AMPJP and input on CPSL
 - 2018, Melb. 39 participants - unique role of MPJP and AMPJP priorities
 - 2019, Manly. 41 participants - formation, communion theology and canonical boundaries)
 - 2020 - Due to COVID-19 - replaced full day Forum with 5 one-hour videoconference sessions with 48 participants exploring COVID-19 and ethics, the role of Member and Trustee in a MPJP
- › AMPJP published draft "*AMPJP Formation Framework for Canonical Stewards*" (Oct 2020)
- › AMPJP regularly circulates papers on MPJP issues and other relevant information (2017-ongoing)