



AMPJP Strategic Direction

2023-2025



Mission

In fostering the ministry of canonical governance, the Association of Ministerial PJPs, 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.

AMPJP acknowledges the Traditional Custodians who have, for thousands of years, walked upon and cared for the lands upon which we live, work and pray.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



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

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

How we are

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

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

The Association seeks pathways in to build mutual respect and 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.

This strategy document will guide the Association's work up to 30 June 2025.

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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
- Facilitate collaboration in the recruitment and formation of people for 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

- Collaborate with ACBC and CRA in providing leadership in common and complementary areas
- Proactively work with Authorities and agencies within and beyond the Church to build capacity and effective responses to the needs of this time
- Continue to work with other Church Authorities and agencies to enable/enhance achievement 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 Member organisations are:

Calvary Ministries Ltd, est. 2009 (Hospitals, retirement and aged care and community care in ACT, NT, SA, Vic, NSW, Tas);

Catholic Healthcare, est. 1994 (aged care, retirement living, community care and healthcare services in NSW, QLD);

Dominican Education Australia Ltd, est. 2016 (Schools in SA, Vic and NSW);

Edmund Rice Education Australia, est. 2013 (Schools, flexible/early learning centres in WA, NT, SA, Vic, NSW, Tas, QLD);

Good Samaritan Education, est. 2011 (Schools in NSW, Vic and QLD);

Kildare Ministries, est. 2013 (Schools and community works in QLD, SA, NSW, Vic)

Mary Aikenhead Ministries, est. 2009 (Hospitals, health, research, aged care, schools and community care in NSW, QLD, Vic);

MercyCare, est. 2001 (aged care, family, community, health and disability services in WA);

Mercy Ministry Companions, est. 2021 (Schools, hospitals, health services, aged care, family and community services in QLD, NT, NSW, WA, SA, ACT and Vic);

Mercy Partners, est. 2009 (Schools, hospitals, health services, research, aged care and community services in QLD);

Sophia Education Ministries, est. 2017 (Schools in QLD, NSW and Vic)

St John of God Australia Ltd, est. 2004 (Hospitals, social outreach, advocacy, disability services in WA, Vic, NSW)

