

**MONTHLY MEMO**  
**June 2022**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE INAUGURAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
OF EMERGING FUTURES COLLABORATIVE LIMITED**

Anne Lane pbvm, chair of the Board of EFCL, is pleased to announce that the Member Representatives of EFCL have approved the appointment of Brad Hannagan as the Chief Executive Officer of EFCL.

“The Board determined some time ago that the rapid growth of the organisation meant this position needed to be filled sooner than originally planned. We have been very aware that Sharon Price has needed to give much more time to the organisation than was in her contract.

The Board engaged Anthony Sparta from Reach Human Resources to conduct the search for us. We were delighted with the number of applicants. The Board Task Force consisting of Des Powell, Stancea Vichie mss, Sue Fabian and myself, decided to interview three candidates, first by zoom and then in person. Lyn Stabler rsj assisted with one of the interviews. We also facilitated a zoom meeting with key staff.

To us, Brad brings the skill and personality that will see him being able to work well with the current team and religious institutes and be a leader for the future development of EFCL.

Brad is currently Chief Executive Officer of Lifeline Macarthur and Western Sydney, has held other CEO and CFO positions in corporate and not for profit organizations and was educated by the Sisters of St Joseph and the De La Salle Brothers, at Macquarie University and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He will begin working with EFCL on July 28 with a day with the Transition Team and myself. He will then be present on July 29 to meet with the Board in our first in person meeting since the Board was established in July 2021.

Thank you all for your continued support for EFCL. The number of religious institutes continuing to seek the services of EFCL testifies to the importance of the vision you were courageous enough to support.”

The EFCL Team looks forward to the arrival of Brad and the opportunity to continue to develop EFCL as a ministry of religious institutes in Australia.

Late last week I had the opportunity to present by Zoom at the Resource Center for Religious Institutes event *Fidelity to the Journey: Opportunities and Resources* which was held in person in Chicago. The gathering listened to presentations on *Essential Elements of Transition, Care of Members, Canonical Governance and Global Perspective on Institutes in Transition*. Although it is always a joy to be able to share with other religious the way in which we are approaching providing assistance to religious institutes in transition, it was particularly useful on this occasion

to hear the presentation of Bonnie MacLellan csj, canon lawyer, Superior General of her Canadian institute and facilitator of a group of institutes in western Canada looking to the future. As a result of the “meeting” Bonnie and I have arranged to Zoom to continue discussions about how we can work together, particularly in approaching CICALSAL in 2023. It was really encouraging to connect with someone else viewing the future of canonical governance in much the same way as EFCL.

Also last week the new *Occasional Papers* booklet (Summer 2022) from LCWR was delivered digitally. In this time when we are all considering beginnings and endings, this edition has many interesting papers by various religious.

**Original Beauty and the Power of Love** *what can be unleashed if we capture our original desires*

**Our Original Love: A Wellspring of Hope in a Time of Uncertainty** *recalling God’s fidelity in love*

**Returning to Our Original Love: The Grace of Vulnerability** *encourages leaders to embrace vulnerability*

**Drawing Upon the Loves that Drew Me** *shares how calling on the power of love led her through a process of difficult decision-making*

**Reclaiming Our Best Selves** *explores how we might move through inertia to dream of a relevant future*

**Elderhood: A Time to Become Our Charism** *explores the invitation to elders to become their charism*

**The Megacontribution of Prayer to the World** *posits that the future of the planet depends upon our recognition of the essential role of the metaphysical realm*

**Leading Religious Life Today from a Stance of Love** *shares the joys and challenges of intentionally leading from a place of love*

**Enchanted, Disenchanted, and Staying the Course** *reflects on a lifetime of striving to be faithful*

**Love: The Very Essence and Purpose of Religious Life** *reflects on how to recapture the energy to be love.*

If you have interest in getting a digital copy, please email me at [sharon.price@efcl.org.au](mailto:sharon.price@efcl.org.au) and I will point you in the right direction.

A reminder that we **recorded** the May 26 Zoom event on Canonical Governance and Community Coordination. Now it can be found on the Resources page of our website [www.emergingfuturescollaborative.org.au](http://www.emergingfuturescollaborative.org.au) Go to the website, then Resources, then Videos and it is the third video down: *EFCL Information Session on Canonical Governance and Community Coordination - 26th May, 2022* You can click underneath the video to view a PDF document of the slides in the presentation. We do plan to have at least one more Zoom event this year and if you have any suggestions about aspects of EFCL that you would like to hear about, please email me at [sharon.price@efcl.org.au](mailto:sharon.price@efcl.org.au)

At the recent Board meeting, Judy Lawson led the directors and staff in a reflection on a paragraph from the latest book by Laurie Brink op: *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God. An Emerging Chapter for Religious Life; Science, Theology, and Mission.*

*We should ask “how can our charism be put to the service of all of creation?” And with that answer we should measure our ministerial activities.....Perhaps the demographics and institutional diminishment are simply reminders that ministry in an emerging universe must be collaborative. The integrity of all creation surely reminds us that we are most effective when we are most connected. Thus, when we consider where the mission of God, our congregational charisms, and the needs of our common home intersect, we find our answer to the question, “Why, how and what is ours to do?” in an emerging universe.*

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