



**MONTHLY MEMO**  
October 2021

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR ZOOM EVENT ON  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 8 FROM 11.30AM-1.00PM.**

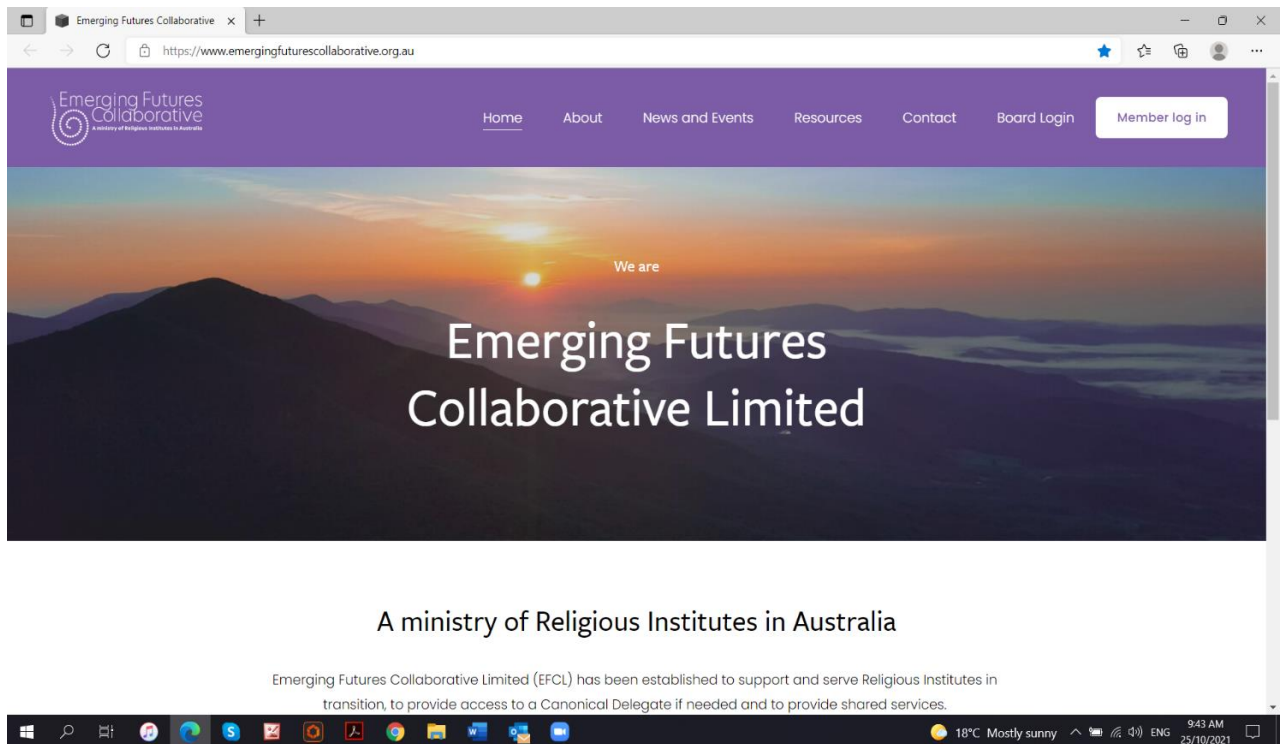
**Register before November 4**

150 congregational members are already registered and we promise you an interesting 90 minutes with the leaders of our first three service partners -**Gabrielle Morgan pbvm from Presentation Sisters Tasmania, Stancea Vichie mss from Missionary Sisters of Service (Victoria) and Timothy Graham oh from the Brothers of St John of God (NSW)**. They will share with you their reasons for coming to EFCL and their experience in working with the Emerging Futures Collaborative to secure the future of their congregational members. They will provide some input and then be available to address questions which are sought from you in advance: we already have some insightful questions ready for answering.

The reason we seek the questions in advance is due to the large number of attendees: we have bought some extra Zoom capacity for the event but it doesn't allow for interaction. So if you have a question, just email it to me. Our leaders will be happy to address all questions. While these *Monthly Memos* provide some information, there is nothing like hearing directly from our service partners as a way to stay in the loop about what is happening at EFCL.

We have chosen the time slot to allow for congregational members from all states to participate and not be disadvantaged by different time zones across the country. Everyone is welcome: leaders and teams, congregational members! We'd love to see you online! So, if you are interested in participating in the Zoom event on Monday November 8 please email me at [sharon.price@efcl.org.au](mailto:sharon.price@efcl.org.au) I will use your email address to send you an invitation to the Zoom meeting which will run from **11.30am-1.00pm** (NSW, ACT, Victoria and Tasmania), **10.30am-12.00pm** in Queensland, **11.00am- 12.30pm** in South Australia and **8.30am-10.00am** in Western Australia. If you have a question that you would like answered during the session, please send that to me as well.

**Website news!** Emerging Future's website was up and operational by Wednesday October 6, and we are really happy with the feedback. In the About/Our People section, there are short video interviews with all the Board directors -a good way to learn a little about those guiding the future of EFCL. [www.emergingfuturescollaborative.org.au](http://www.emergingfuturescollaborative.org.au) Please check it out and we'd love to hear from you about any aspects of the website. There's a screenshot of the opening page of the website on the next page.



October has brought EFCL a sizeable donation from a Sister of Charity, who received a bequest to distribute. Emerging Futures is very grateful for this and any donations, to further the ministry of EFCL with religious institutes.

In Board news, the first meeting of 2022 in late February has been cast as a workshop day preceded by an evening dinner to be held at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney. This will be the first in-person gathering for the Board and with directors from three states we hope the borders open and stay open! The Board plans to address two major issues: staffing and staff succession planning for EFCL and emerging issues in canonical governance.

On this latter issue, we have been fortunate to have a couple of Zoom meetings recently with canon lawyers from religious institutes in America, to gain insights into the way the role of canonical delegate is being addressed in the States and more specifically, how it is being addressed in the light of *Cor Orans*, the implementing instruction on women's contemplative life from the Vatican. There is always much to learn on this journey.

One fairly recent development is the growth in the number of engagements of the EFCL team members with the **members** of congregations with whom we are engaged. Typically we begin our work with a leadership team, but more and more now, we are attending congregational days or assemblies and working with the whole of the membership -on Zoom so far! We experience these gatherings as very enriching opportunities. But after two years of Covid restrictions, we look forward in 2022 to attending **in person** the service partner gatherings across the country in all states, metro and regional locations, to meet and work with all the congregational members.

We hope to "see" you on November 8!

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