



**MONTHLY MEMO**  
**October 2022**

As part of our international networking, EFCL recently collaborated with LCWR in a one-hour webinar, *Multi-Congregational/Charism PJP's -- Learning from Australia*.

LCWR notes: *The webinar is a panel discussion with some Australians who have been in the forefront of creating a variety of sponsorship models for more than 25 years. Their recent efforts have included inter-congregational and inter-charism sponsorship models of ministerial public juridic persons (MPJPs). The Association of MPJPs was established several years ago and continues to learn and re-create ways in which ministries founded by religious institutes can remain viable and vibrant expressions of the Gospel as well as the mission and charism of the founding religious institutes. In the discussion, the panellists share why and how the Australian religious moved in this direction.*

We are very grateful to Linda Ferrington rsc, Dr. Gabrielle McMullen AM and Paul Oakley cfc for their generosity in joining in the process to develop and present at the webinar.

I mentioned in the September edition, that EFCL had held its first Annual General Meeting at Mary MacKillop Place at North Sydney on September 21. The Member Representatives Catherine Brabender rndm (Chair), Dr Gabrielle McMullen AM (Deputy Chair), Paul Conn cfc, Laureen Dixon rsc, Gail Reneker sm, Louise Reeves rsj, Nola Vanderfeen pbvm and Monica Whelan lcm joined Board Directors Anne Lane pbvm (Chair), Des Powell AM (Deputy Chair), Suzanne Fabian, Robert Fitzgerald AM, Maree Marsh csb, Clare Nolan rsc, Lyn Stabler rsj and Stancea Vichie mss, two members of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of the Board -Ruth Durick osu and Grant Alley- and EFCL staff on the occasion.

Due to Covid restrictions the past couple of years, the Member Representatives and the Board Directors had not been able to meet in person, so this was a long-anticipated opportunity for the two groups supporting EFCL to engage. Linda Ferrington rsc opened the AGM with a reflection based in Michael Morwood's words: *We pray, mindful of all that has brought us together, of the Spirit at work in our lives and of what may be possible if we allow the Spirit to work freely in each of us.* Each of the Members, Directors and staff then had an opportunity to introduce themselves, give a précis of their background and how they came to be part of EFCL. Following some conversation about the background and establishment of EFCL, the staff gave a presentation on the rapid development of the company since it began in July 2021, Anne Lane pbvm presented the Annual Report from the Board, the Financial Statements from the auditors VJ Ryan were considered and

Gabrielle McMullen AM informed the meeting about the Australian Religious Archives initiative located in Melbourne. Plans were made for the 2023 AGM in October and for the Member Representatives and Board Directors to meet for a formation opportunity in February 2023. The gathering then moved to drinks and dinner in the private dining room of MMP and continued the chance to get to know each other.

I think EFCL is extremely fortunate to have the Company Members, the Member Representatives and the Board Directors that we have: religious institutes and individuals who believe in, support and progress the development of EFCL as a very viable option for religious institutes in transition and coming to completion.

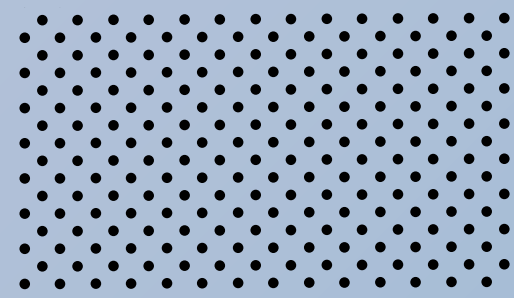
Linda Ferrington rsc, Rosemary Young (Shared Services Manager) and Brad Hannagan (CEO) travelled to Melbourne on 20/21 October to meet in person with our Melbourne-based Service Partners and EFCL staff. It was an extremely productive two days with meetings held with the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the Missionary Sisters of Service along with associated EFCL staff. For Rosemary and Brad particularly, it was extremely valuable to meet in person having recently joined EFCL. The visit focussed primarily on continued relationship building and fine-tuning areas of service delivery. Consistent feedback from our Service Partners was the feeling of relief knowing EFCL were there to assist with the Business needs of the congregation and the Health and Wellbeing needs of their sisters. The feedback from our staff was of the joy and satisfaction in assisting the sisters in the congregations. We look forward to meeting more and more of our Service Partners in person in due course.

October saw the beginning of Safeguarding Training for all EFCL staff, both staff employed by EFCL and working in religious institutes and members of the EFC team. Sheree Limbrick, EFCL's Safeguarding Officer, is conducting the training via Zoom and it will run over three sessions in October, November and February. As new staff join EFCL, they will be inducted into the training and annual Safeguarding training will be an on-going feature of EFCL.

We have a couple of important dates planned for 2023: on **Monday May 8** we will be offering an in-person gathering in Melbourne for our current service partners and inviting leadership teams from religious institutes who may like to learn more about EFCL from staff and those current service partners to join us. We will be offering a Sydney event on **Monday May 15**. If you are interested I encourage you to pop the date in your next year calendar now. We'll provide more information next month and in February 2023.

We are looking forward to our Zoom event on Wednesday November 9 from 11am-12.30pm in Sydney. We already have 200+ individuals registered and quite a few of those individuals have noted they will be "watching with friends". It's not too late to register by emailing me: [sharon.price@efcl.org.au](mailto:sharon.price@efcl.org.au) Elizabeth Dowling rsm, theologian, will be opening the event by talking about EFCL's growing understanding of our theological underpinnings and then EFCL staff will give an update on developments during 2022. We often say that we are making the path by walking it, and we have learned so much from the 18 service partner congregations with which we work. You can find the Zoom event invitation on the next page.

Sharon Price rsm  
Transition Manager  
October 29, 2022



# EFCL ZOOM EVENT

JOIN US FOR AN EFCL UPDATE  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9



This Zoom meeting will provide an opportunity to get an in-person update about EFCL's growth and development in 2022. Elizabeth Dowling rsm, theologian, has been working with us since 2017 to assist us to articulate our mission and theological underpinnings. Liz will be part of the Zoom event to reflect on our deepening awareness of our mission and ministry. We will also be explaining our emerging key concepts that have surfaced as we work with our service partner congregations and the changing landscape at DICLSAL in Rome, which has implications for the appointment of canonical delegates and consultants.

## EVERYONE WELCOME

11.00AM-12.30PM TAS/VIC/NSW

10.00AM-11.30AM QLD

10.30AM-12.00PM SA

8.00AM-9.30AM WA

1.00PM-2.30PM NZ

To register for the Zoom event,

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with November 9 in the subject line

