



**Annual General Meeting 2022**  
**Nominations for Pastoral Ministry Network Management Committee**

**Uta France**

Uta has been a Parish Leader of St John Vianney Parish Morisset, in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, NSW for the past 8 years. Prior to that she was Parish Secretary for 30 years, sometimes paid, mostly voluntary. She is also part of the Diocesan Liturgy Council, Formation Forum, Synod Working Party, Sacramental Team etc.

*"The PMN has been a valuable resource and it is wonderful to share experiences with others in like ministries and share the resources the Network provided."*

**John France**

John has been a Parish Leader of St John Vianney Parish, Morisset, in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, NSW for 8 years. He has also been a member of various parish ministries and is involved in various Councils and Teams of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Recently he has also become a member of the Hunter Community Alliance which is an Ecumenical/Community organisation.

*"The Pastoral Network is a wonderful place to network with likeminded people, share experiences and also the wonderful resources available to help me in my ministry."*

**Carmel Fenton**

Carmel is the Regional Co-ordinator for the Nepean Region with the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta, NSW. In her role she supports the volunteers that teach Special Religious Education in State Schools by way of training, safeguarding, and compliance issues. She is also an Extraordinary Minister of Communion and a Lector for her local parish.

*"My passion for PMN is to encourage lay to feel enabled to play an active role in their parish and Church and feel a valued member of the community."*

## **Carole Gan**

Carole is a researcher at National Church Life Survey Research. She has worked at the Rockhampton QLD, Broken Bay NSW and Parramatta NSW Diocesan offices in Pastoral Planning and Parish Support leadership roles. Carole has majored in Liturgy for her Master of Divinity and is also a canon lawyer.

Involved in various pastoral ministry roles at parish level, Carole is keenly interested in lay leadership and how the Pastoral Ministry can effectively empower and equip the laity, especially women to take on these roles.

## **Lisa Bright**

Lisa is passionate about connecting and accompanying people to live life to the full. She has over 20 years' experience in the Catholic Church and not-for-profit sector linking her values and employment. She is experienced in working in and owning small businesses. Lisa is skilled in project management and facilitation and enjoys great conversation, reading and is enthusiastic about life-long learning.

*"I am passionate about people connecting in ministry, sharing their joys and struggles, in an environment where they are respected, affirmed and encouraged and supported in their work in living God's mission. I am passionate about exploring new ways to live God's mission to live life to the full in all of its aspects."*

## **Richard McMahon**

Richard is an accomplished leader in the Catholic Church and journeys with communities in envisioning, engaging and empowering approaches. He offers over 25 years' experience from Catholic Church, not-for-profit and corporate sectors and is a passionate advocate for community engagement. Richard is skilled in planning for mission, facilitation and change management.

*"One of my great joys is connecting with fellow travellers in the Church in Oceania, who are experiencing the joys and struggles of ministering in the complex mission field of today's world. Our Pastoral Ministry Network has long offered a safe and vibrant community, where lay and ordained from diverse backgrounds rub shoulders, share wisdom and continue to be nurtured in their own ministry. I believe it offers a unique and enriching environment to nurture us so that we may be faithful stewards of God's grace to those with whom we minister."*

### **Carolyn Tumminello**

Carolyn lives in Sawtell and is a member of Sawtell Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Lismore, NSW. She is also the Pastoral Associate for her parish over the last four years. Prior to that she has taught and held leadership positions in the parish primary school. She is married and has three adult children.

*“The pastoral ministry network has provided me with connections to other people and resources working in and with parishes. Living in a regional area has often made it difficult to take advantage of learning and networking opportunities. I think the PMN goal to support parishes and groups across Oceania is an important one.”*

### **Deacon Sami Desho**

Sami Desho is a Deacon of the Chaldean Catholic Church. He has been engaged with the Pastoral Ministry Network for the past 3 years.

### **Amy Armstrong**

Amy Armstrong is currently the Pastoral Ministry Coordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Dunedin, New Zealand and a trained Spiritual Director. She is also married to Paul and the mother of Anton and finds refreshment in music and nature.

### **Stephen Reid**

Stephen has been a researcher with the ACBC National Centre for Pastoral Research since 2007, during which time he has worked concurrently as a researcher with the Christian Research Association. He has qualifications in theology and applied social research. Stephen is a Doctor of Ministry Candidate at Alphacrucis College, investigating the effectiveness of sports chaplaincy in Australia, and is an Honorary Research Fellow with Sports Chaplaincy Australia.

### **Fr Michael Alcock**

Fr Michael was appointed as Administrator of Mary Help of Christians Parish Sawtell, in the Diocese of Lismore NSW in July 2015. He was ordained a priest in 2001 and has served in the parishes of St Carthage's Cathedral, St Agnes' Port Macquarie and Nambucca Valley. He loves spending time at the beach and getting away in the camper whenever he can with his dog, Zippy.