

Education and Sponsorship Protocol



Applicable to

All ministries of Mercy Partners.

Protocol Overview

Leadership of a Catholic ministry is an invitation to become a partner in mission. Mercy Partners is committed to the formation of leaders (board directors, executive and key staff) within its ministries in mission, Catholic identity, governance and personal spirituality.

The purpose of this protocol is to give an overview of how Mercy Partners will support its ministries to actively pursue their formation education and development goals and responsibilities.

Protocol Details

Mercy Partners Formation Program

Mercy Partners provides opportunities to their ministries in the form of formation programs, services and resources including programs and resources developed and delivered by the Mercy Partners Formation Directorate. The Formation Directorate will work with each ministry to develop a tailored formation program to respond to the needs of the ministry.

The attendance at Mercy Partners formation programs is complimentary to ministries, however we ask that the ministry fund any travel and accommodation expenses incurred with attendance at programs held outside the local area.

External Formation Programs

Mercy Partners also encourages ministry leaders (board directors, executives and key staff) to attend external third-party formation education and development opportunities. Where possible such participation should form part of the ministry's staff professional development and education program and supporting budget. Where funding constraints are experienced by a ministry, Mercy Partners may consider an application to provide a level of support for external programs where a ministry is unable to fund all or part of the cost of attendance.

To apply for education and development support, the Mercy Partners Education and Sponsorship Application Form should be completed and signed by the Ministry's Board Chair or CEO/Principal.

Upon receipt of the Education and Sponsorship application form, it will be submitted to the Board of Mercy Partners for consideration. Once a decision has been made, a formal response will be issued to the ministry.

Related Documents and Information

- Education and Sponsorship Application Form
- Mercy Partners Annual Ministry Planning Guide

Version Control

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