



FORMATION SESSION 3:

'Going to the Margins' refer: btewk.com.au

MAM Values of Justice and Love

There are many different approaches to formation as well as stages or phases that participants experience while engaged in formation. The overall goal is to assist leaders to be confident and competent in guiding and directing their ministries. A critical element in effective leadership formation for MAM is to realize that it is beyond theory and focused on the lived experience of mission and ministry. It involves information and understanding of content, yet goes beyond this to elicit commitment to lived values... Extract from MAM Leadership Framework.

The relationship between the Foundational Christian story of Jesus, the Mary Aikenhead tradition and the evolving spirit of Mary Aikenhead Ministries, should be consistent in the delivery of all mission formation programs in accordance with our commitment to the preferential option for the poor.

The principles, which guide mission development, are forward-looking and engage in the three levels of story: the Enduring story of God through Jesus, the Expressive story of Mary Aikenhead and the Evolving story of the Spirit alive in the hearts of those engaged in the service through Mary Aikenhead Ministries. Mission formation is an important and ongoing priority in the context of Mary Aikenhead Education Australia; it is central to who we are and what we do. ... Extract from the MAEA Formation Policy

	Program and Focus	Guide Notes
Welcome Setting the Scene: 5 min	Leader: This session intended as invitational, providing the space to be forward-looking and to reflect on the story you/ we are part of. This is a place of trust. Begin with a welcome and scripture finish with a prayer/ reflection. Invite participant to consider: The session begins with scripture, and invites participants to <u>ponder the values of Justice and Love and how, in current contexts, we can be 'going to the margins'?</u> What does 'going to the margins' mean to you and how, if at all, does it connect with 'Justice and Love'	
Scripture:	Resource 1 – Leader or selected participant to read each scripture aloud for the group. Then read/pair/share. Discussion question follows the scripture and should be left until the scripture has been read.	Scripture is from MAM VM&V pgs 6-9 Click here

10 min	<p>And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)</p> <p>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, Jesus said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” (John 13: 12-15)</p> <p>Select one of the scripture pieces and read/pair/share. <i>Reflect upon your chosen scripture as it relates to your current work context. What insights does this scripture uncover for you? How is this so?</i></p>	
5 min	<p>Refer btewk dimension, - ‘Going to the Margins’</p> <p>This dimension speaks of honouring the tradition of Mary Aikenhead and the Sisters of Charity as ‘we are called to be the voice for the unaccepted, to act in small and significant ways to heal, to be attuned to need wherever, whenever, and however it is manifested.’</p> <p><i>‘We are called to ensure that our schools pay appropriate and focussed attention to the signs of the times, to recognise emerging opportunities for growth and renewal and to move purposefully and willingly towards them.’</i></p> <p><i>‘Our challenge is ...to imagine and work to bring new paradigms, new ways of seeing, hearing, doing and being.’</i></p>	
20 minutes	<p><i>Invite participants to read:</i></p> <p>Mary Aikenhead Ministries Plenary Council 2020: How is God Calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal? Click here</p> <p><i>Consider how the values of Justice and Love are given expression in MAM submission to the Plenary Council 2020.</i></p> <p><i>What are the traits/characteristics of this expression of Love and Justice?</i></p>	
Heritage and Story – Informing the present and future... 10 min	<p>For Discussion:</p> <p><i>As a leader within MAM, what does the Trustee submission to the Plenary Council say to me?</i></p> <p><i>Love & Justice – Going to the Margins... Where are the margins I/we are being called to ?</i></p>	
Final Prayer/ Reflection. 5 min	<p><i>Invite participants to ponder their current experience of justice and love, does it take them to the margins? (1-2 minutes)</i></p> <p><i>Resource 2: Concluding Prayer - A continuous thread...</i></p>	

Reference Material:

Bible

Mary Aikenhead Ministries' Vision, Values and Mission

By this Everyone Will Know... refer <https://www.btewk.com.au/>

Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries Plenary Council 2020: How is God Calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?

Resource 1: Scripture

Resource 2: Concluding Prayer – A continuous thread...

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Resource 2:

A continuous thread...

God

You are the beginning

The love that envisions and creates

The love out of which is born beauty and life.

Christ through the Cross

You are the loom

The love on which we build our lives

The love that holds on and never gives in.

Spirit

You are the warp and the weft

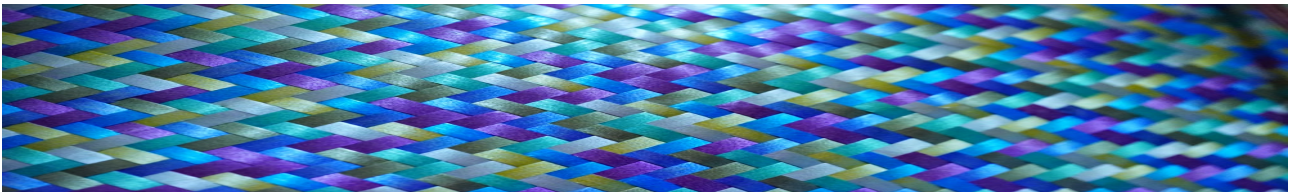
The love that connects from beginning back to beginning and each to the other

The love that shapes and colours and forms.

Ours are the hands and hearts through which you work

Weaving justice and freedom

Weaving hope and life.



Today as we follow the thread that begins with you and leads back to you, may we be inspired and strengthened by the examples of Mary Aikenhead and the Sisters of Charity.

May we be people who always see the dignity and potential in others, enabling them to find ways of weaving their own lives meaningfully, whoever they are, wherever they are.

May we be humble and optimistic in our work, knowing and trusting that this is your work and that you will provide.

May we be steadfast in our search for truth, opportunities and solutions.

And may we find strength in the connections that make us community, in your service, the service of the poor.

Amen