# The ministry of governance

Corporate challenges in the context of Church ministry



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#### "Mission" - L. mitto, mittere, misi, missum

- To send or dispatch (eg a legate or ambassador)
- To let go or release (eg a slave)

#### "Ministry" - L. ministro, ministrare

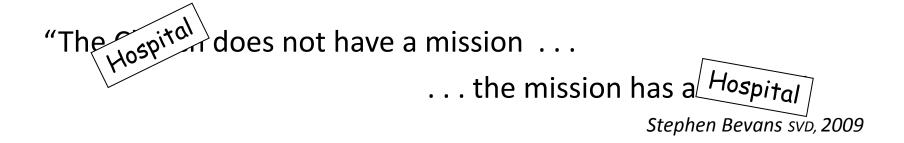
- To serve, to wait upon (as at table)
- To attend to, to take care of (a person's needs)
- To govern, to direct a service of guiding

#### Jesus

- 'sent by the Father' (Jn 17:18; 16:28)
- 'to do the will of him who sent me' (Jn 6:38; 4:34)
- which is to 'give life to the full' (Jn 10:10)
- by **teaching**, by **healing**, by his **presence**, . . . (Lk 9-10)
- gives his mission to the Church (Jn 13:2-15; 20:21; . . .)

The Church continues the mission of Christ by teaching, by healing, by its presence to those in need

#### The mission always belongs to Christ



We are the Body of Christ most effectively when we the Church continue his mission

## On the mission of governance

- Governance of Catholic ministries is a mission a 'being sent'
- It is entrusted to us by others by Christ, by the founding congregations, by the Church, . . .
- We exercise governance on behalf of others in the Church

## On the mission of governance

- The first acts of ministry / service are to accept
  - o responsibility for others,
  - liability on behalf of others, and
  - accountability to others

## On the ministry of governance

Risk

Strategy

Performance

Compliance

Accountability

Resourcing

Culture

# On the ministry of governance

	Civil Law	Canon Law	Corporate	Internal	Ecclesial
Risk					
Strategy					
Performance					
Compliance					
Accountability					
Resourcing					
Culture					

# On the ministry of governance

	Ecclesial Context
Risk	What is at stake for the local Catholic community, bishop
Strategy	Opportunities for collaborative ministry
Performance	Does the governance structure serve the ministry?
Compliance	Running the business is part of the mission
Accountability	Include the Catholic community, bishop in discernment
Resourcing	Choose and form the right people
Culture	Set the highest standards possible

## "To govern with the heart and mind of Christ"

Nurture a service ethos

Care about the person

Reflective practice and prayer

Govern for today and for tomorrow

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