



ASSOCIATION OF
LEADERS OF MISSIONARIES
& RELIGIOUS OF IRELAND

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Strategic
Plan
2018-2021

Introduction

In pursuit of living Gospel values with human and planetary flourishing, the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI) represents and promotes active collaboration between Religious Institutes, Societies of Apostolic Life and Lay Missionary Organisations.

It seeks to respond to existing and emerging realities both in Ireland and overseas by supporting and energising the life and ministries of its members and of the wider church with a renewed sense of hope and relevance.

By sharing the message and meaning of the Gospel, AMRI seeks to develop and promote religious, apostolic and missionary life as a vibrant, prophetic, organic and integral feature of the life of the Church.

Vision

To live the joy of
the Gospel.

Mission

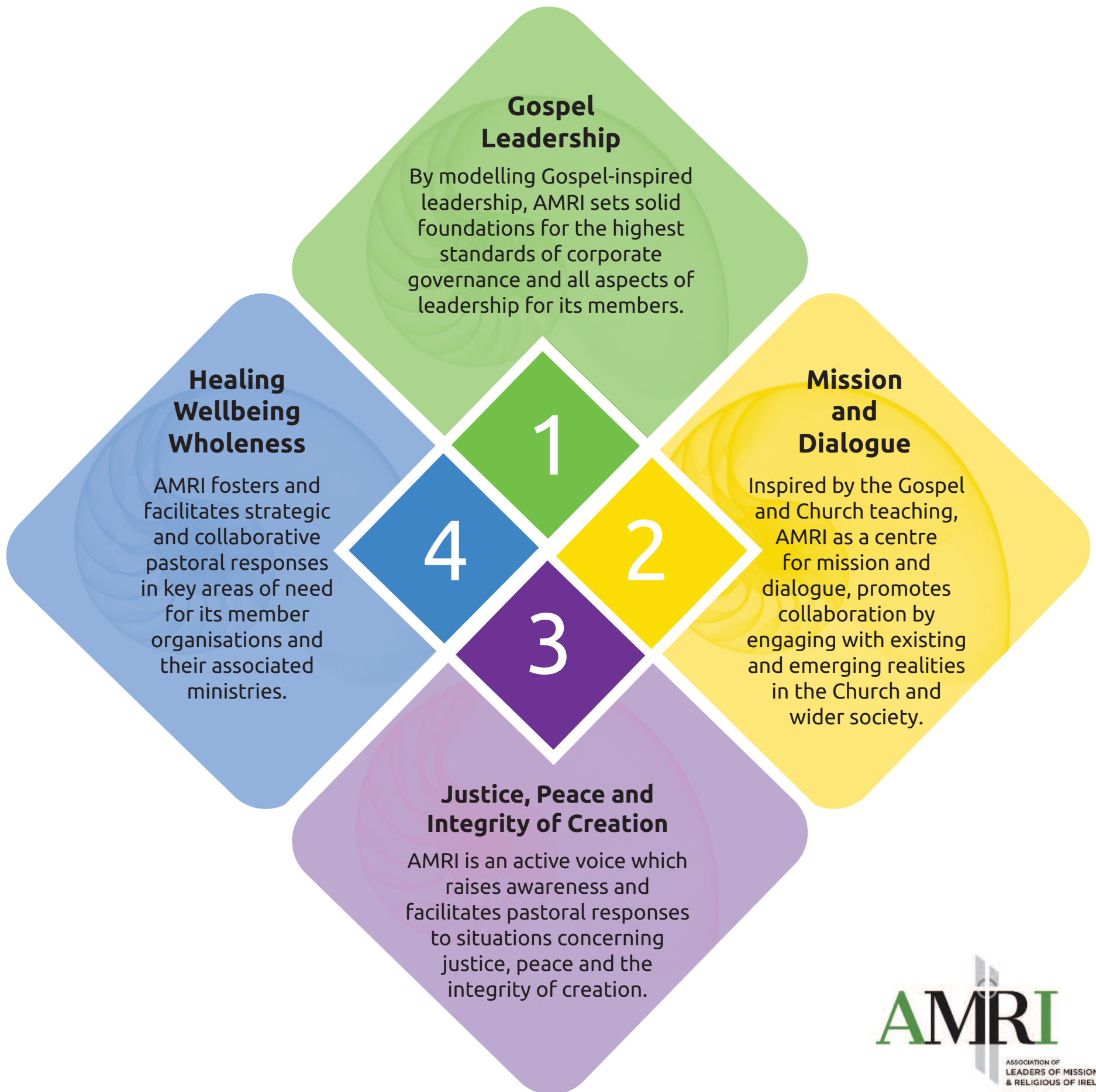
The Association of
Leaders of Missionaries and
Religious of Ireland (AMRI)
inspires, impels, supports and
facilitates its members to be missionary,
prophetic and charismatic in the
following of Jesus.

It seeks to respond with courage
and confidence to existing
and emerging realities
both in Ireland
and overseas.

Values

- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Collaboration
- ◆ Justice
- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Hope
- ◆ Respect

Strategic Goals



Gospel Leadership

AMRI is committed to achieving and demonstrating the highest standards of leadership in corporate governance through leading by example and laying solid foundations for management and oversight by:

- ◆ Advocating ethical and responsible decision making
- ◆ Promoting integrity of financial reporting
- ◆ Ensuring the highest standards of professional conduct for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
- ◆ Supporting the Leadership development of its members through programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to emerging issues of the time
- ◆ Facilitating conversations and consultative processes on collaboration for mission and community
- ◆ Promoting the development of vocations to religious life and lay ministry in the mission of the Church at home and abroad
- ◆ Encouraging historical research and archiving among its members.

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

AMRI is an active voice which raises awareness and facilitates pastoral responses to situations concerning justice, peace and the Integrity of creation.

Together with NGOs and Civil Society, nationally in the first instance and internationally thereafter, AMRI in seeking to proclaim and live the Gospel prophetically, will:

- ◆ Work collaboratively on emerging Social Justice issues, in ministering and responding to the marginalised in society
- ◆ Be a gatherer and a unifying voice in advocating especially for refugees and migrants, homeless, the trafficked and exploited people
- ◆ Foster a vision of hope and a meaningful reality that reflects the interface between the sciences, humanities and faith
- ◆ Work collectively to promote care for our fragile earth, our 'common home.'



Mission and Dialogue

Inspired by the Gospel and by Church teaching, AMRI as a centre for mission and dialogue will:

- ◆ Engage with existing and emerging realities in the Church and wider society
- ◆ Be open and receptive to evolving understandings of mission at home and abroad
- ◆ Encourage leaders in their ongoing commitment to nurture active ministry in diverse situations
- ◆ Foster mission and dialogue with the Irish Episcopal Conference (IEC), relevant Church bodies and associated agencies
- ◆ Collaboratively facilitate the faith formation of leaders within Catholic linked educational settings/groupings and establishments with a particular emphasis on service, theological reflection and ethical analysis
- ◆ Advocate and facilitate among its members a culture conducive to listening, reflecting, collaborating and responding for the common good
- ◆ Extend the hand of friendship and communion through its promotion of inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue.

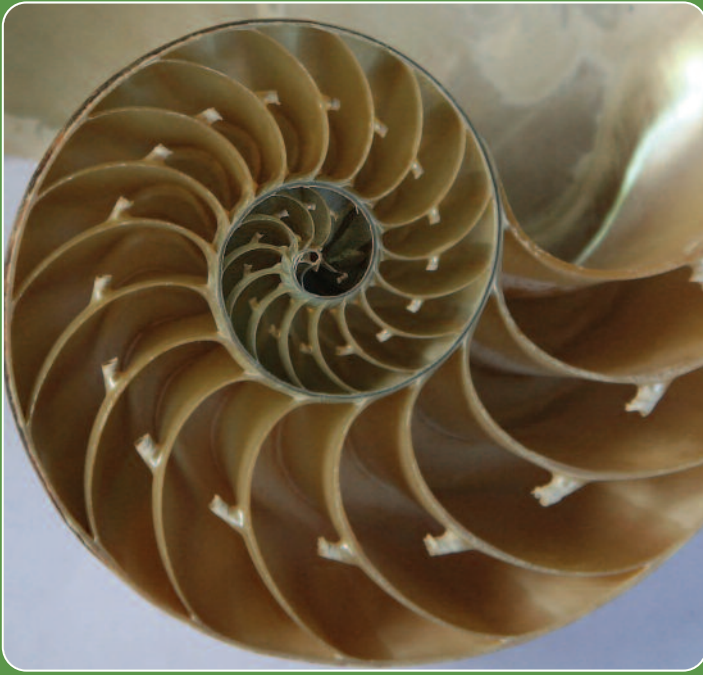
Healing Wellbeing Wholeness

AMRI fosters and facilitates strategic and collaborative pastoral responses in key areas of need for its member organisations and their associated ministries.

Through collaboration, partnerships and co-sponsorships, AMRI will:

- ◆ Enable the members to keep vigil with current and emerging areas of need in healing, wellbeing and wholeness, through observation of best practice, shared information and policy implementation
- ◆ Offer information on accompaniment, companionship, co-sponsorship, retreats and spiritual wellbeing
- ◆ Encourage and support its leaders in ongoing processes of reconciliation, healing and acknowledgment of failures to fully live the Gospel
- ◆ Be a voice prioritising a health and wellbeing approach towards all, with particular reference to returned missionaries, care for the carers, and those of advancing years
- ◆ Explore and facilitate shared systems of inter-congregational care for ageing members
- ◆ Promote a culture of celebration of the past and inspire hope for the future.

NAUTILUS



The Nautilus is one of the oldest living animals on the earth, with a history going back over 500 million years. It is known as “the beautiful survivor.” While continuing to live in the waters around The Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Australia this fish-like animal is known for its intriguing shell shape that is said to reflect *The Golden Ratio* where in a sequence of numbers, each number is the sum of the previous two. The spiral shape is aesthetically pleasing and has inspired artists, architects and designers.

The nautilus is born from an egg and takes 15-20 years to reach maturity. As its body grows and increases in size it secretes shell material and grows a new cavity, and the little creature propels itself forward leaving its old space behind, sealing it well. In order to sustain buoyancy a soft interconnecting tissue is left behind and gas passes from one cavity to the next.

Studies show that these deep-sea creatures are capable of complex behaviours and decision-making tasks and have complex navigational capabilities. While constantly threatened with extinction they have survived dangerous worlds and have adapted their lifestyle from shallow to deep water in order to thrive. Those who study them say they will survive into the future because they know how to survive. (Nautilus: Beautiful Survivor 500 million years of evolutionary history by Wolfgang Grulke). Grulke says they are currently “enjoying a new era of diversification.”

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