

MARK LYSAGHT APPOINTED MODERATOR OF EMMANUEL COMMUNITY

Emmanuel Community is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Lysaght to the role of Moderator, the senior pastoral and administrative leader of Emmanuel Community.

Mark formally takes up the role on Friday 4 September, following the completion of Pat Keady's term as Moderator.

The appointment follows two months of prayer and discernment involving Emmanuel's members, a dedicated discernment team, and the endorsement of Archbishop Shane Mackinlay. We are grateful to our members, partners and supporters of Emmanuel for your prayers and encouragement.



Outgoing Moderator Pat Keady supports the selection of Mark Lysaght for this role:

"I am grateful for Mark Lysaght's generous 'yes' to the Lord at this time, and to God for providing Emmanuel with a good shepherd to lead the community going forward into the future. I have every confidence in Mark as a seasoned leader in the Church with a deep love for Jesus, the Emmanuel Community and our diverse mission. He has my full support and the pledge of my prayers."

Mark is married to Nikki and they have three children Kaiya (21), Xavier (19) and Bella (17). Mark has related with Emmanuel and served with Emmanuel ministries for over 25 years, after first encountering Emmanuel during his years serving with NET Ministries in 1996 & 1997.

Mark is looking forward to stepping into this role he has been called to:

"I am humbled by the trust the Community has placed in me and grateful to accept the call and selection to serve as Moderator. Nikki and I have a deep love for Emmanuel and a strong belief in its mission. I look forward with hope to this next season as, together, we remain attentive to the Holy Spirit, grow in unity and call to live and proclaim the Gospel."

Mark is currently the Executive Director of NET Ministries Australia and New Zealand and will continue in this role while serving as Moderator. He will form a Senior Leadership Team to lead Emmanuel alongside him, with the support of Emmanuel's Community Council.

Mark will be the fifth Moderator in the Community's history, being appointed just after Emmanuel's 50th anniversary in 2025. He follows Pat Keady (2018-2026), Greg Shakhovskoy (2015-2018), Shayne Bennett (2000-2015), and founder Brian Smith (1975-2000).

About Emmanuel Community

Emmanuel is a lay-led Catholic mission community in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It has a strong history of evangelisation, formation, worship and mission in Australia and internationally since its foundation in 1975. Its ministries currently include Ignite Youth, Emmanuel City Mission and Emmanuel Worship, which each have a national presence. Emmanuel Community celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 2025.

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