

Thy Kingdom Come!
**REGNUM CHRISTI
MOVEMENT**

Regnum Christi Framework for Collaboration Territorial and Local Committees

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Regnum Christi Local Committee?**
As you may recall, in 2014 the territory established the RC Territorial Committee as a means to help the territorial director govern the apostolic mission in the territory. This committee has members from all branches: Legionaries, consecrated and lay members. The RC Local Committee is a similar endeavor. It brings together members from all the branches present in the locality to collaborate in moving forward the mission in the locality.
- 2. Some say this new governance model is the same old thing. What makes this model different?**
Many aspects of this governance model are not new. It seeks, as always, to coordinate the apostolic efforts at the locality. The two main differences are: 1) this new model seeks to unite, not just simply coordinate, the apostolic efforts within the locality toward a common goal, nurturing communion among all members, and 2) the governing authority is an all-branch local committee, rather than just one individual.
- 3. Others say that the territory is pushing down its responsibility to the locality. Is this true?**
The work in the locality is best managed by those people who live and work in the locality. The territory is in no position to micro-manage the wonderful work being done in all the localities across the territory. The territory has the important responsibility to set out the overall strategic direction for the territory, promote fidelity to the charism and assigning its resources to best achieve this strategy. It is through teamwork between the territory and the locality that the Regnum Christi mission will be advanced.
- 4. I feel like we are always making changes, and this can be disruptive to the locality. Will this model be the final model?**
The health of the locality comes first. We are asking the locality leaders to determine how best to proceed. We are confident this is the right path and when the Regnum Christi Renewal is completed we will have a definitive governance structure set out. In the meantime, we believe the structure we have set up best promotes healthy communion, collaboration, mutual trust, accountability and subsidiarity between all branches and at all levels of Regnum Christi within the territory.
- 5. The RC Local Committee seems like it's just another name for what we called the Executive Committee. What's different?**
Those localities that had a functioning executive committee will find a transition to this model to be pretty simple since you already have a structure set up. What is new is the concrete stipulation of members, term limits, authority and specific responsibilities.

- 6. What responsibility and authority does the RC Local Committee have?**
The RC Local Committee is charged with directing the common apostolic mission within the locality. It does so by promoting communion and collaboration across the locality, between the work of the sections, apostolates and RC institutions, toward a common evangelizing mission. While each section and apostolate will have its own goals, the work of the committee is to bring the RC family together such that common mission is best served. The committee has the authority to approve and monitor the individual section and apostolate programs and budgets within the context of the locality program and budget that is authorized by the territorial director.
- 7. What role does the LCA now play in the locality?**
First, the title has changed to more accurately describe the role. The title is now RC Local Director. The RC Local Director chairs the RC Local Committee and acts on behalf of the committee to ensure decisions are implemented and agreements are lived up to. Thus, he or she directs the common areas of the Movement. The RC Local Director is the point of reference for coordinating the different sections and entities within the locality, and is also the point of communication between the territory and the locality.
- 8. What authority does the RC Local Director have?**
The RC Local Director only has the authority as delegated to him or her by the RC Local Committee. The proposal is that the committee delegate authority to him or her to drive the implementation of the apostolic and financial strategy for the entire locality. Once the committee has agreed upon certain policies, procedures or other decisions, the RC Local Director is empowered to make sure everyone abides by them and stays consistent with them.
- 9. Is this something that just affects the adults RC sections? Or are those working with youth also involved?**
Everyone should come to the table. That's why we made the both the adult and youth section leaders ex officio members. It's also why we asked that the local Legionary and consecrated superiors be ex officio members. Everyone has to be in the conversation.
- 10. What decisions does the territorial director still make?**
Working with the RC Territorial Committee, the territorial director of the Legionaries of Christ and Regnum Christi approves the following: changes to any key appointments within the locality (e.g. membership on the RC Local Committee, section directors, and apostolate directors), the annual apostolic plan and financial budget for the locality, and any major financial decisions.
- 11. What are the first steps we need to take in our locality to implement the framework?**
Start with a plan. The priority is to bring the RC leaders and branches together in a meaningful way to help coordinate the apostolic and financial strategy for the locality. We recommend the RC Local Director meets with the leadership in your locality and shares the Framework with them. Together, they can prepare a plan to put together the various pieces over time, including: defining the committee structure (sub-committees per city reporting to a locality committee, or a single committee for the whole locality, a finance sub-committee, a fundraising committee, etc.); identifying committee membership and meetings; setting the locality apostolic and financial strategy; consolidating the annual locality plan and budget; setting the locality calendar; hosting locality events; offering locality common services (e.g. communication, list management,

etc.) The scope and depth of your plan will depend entirely on the make-up and geographic span of your locality.

12. What if my locality does not have the lay people available to form the RC Local Committee

The Framework presents the ideal situation in a mature RC locality where there is a need to coordinate the apostolic and financial strategy across the locality. If your locality does not have the lay people available to sit on this committee, it likely does not have a need for this coordinating function. In some cases, you may need to work alone to build up Regnum Christi in the area. As soon as practical, it would be good to include one or two lay people in your efforts to develop the apostolic strategy.

13. What specific expectations does the territory have regarding the implementation of the framework in my locality?

The territory is soliciting your full support to implement the Framework to the most appropriate level in your locality. We ask that you keep us informed of your progress and let us know what is working and what is not working (at a minimum once every six months via the Locality Semester Report). This framework is intended to achieve effective collaboration between the territory and the locality. Regular two-way communication is essential if we are to achieve this collaboration.

14. Where does the RC Local Director go if he or she needs advice on how to implement the framework?

A Locality Support Team, comprised of members of the RC Territorial Committee and staff at the territorial offices, has been established and is to be the direct link between the RC Local Director and the RC Territorial Committee. Your contact will be one of Donna Garrett, Glory Darbellay or Mike Williams. Their job is to be the liaison between you and the various resources available from the territory (best practices from other localities, fundraising and administration training and support, territorial planning and budgeting calendar, etc.) Overtime, they will work to make available other tools that will serve to support your committee and the locality. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the team members directly.

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