

## Policy Change on Membership beginning in 2014

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At the October 2013 meeting of the RCRI Board of Directors, the Board approved a change in the policy of membership in RCRI.

Beginning with membership year 2014, only religious institutes, societies of apostolic life and related religious organizations are eligible for membership and services from RCRI. The reason for the change is that RCRI is an organization with a mission of serving leadership and finance personnel in institutes, societies and certain related religious organizations.

We wish to continue to work collaboratively with individuals and service providers who provide professional services to institutes, societies and related religious organizations. If an institute, a society or a related religious organization requests that an individual or a service provider contact RCRI, the staff at RCRI will work with the individual or the service provider. The individual or service provider will need to provide the staff with the membership number of the institute, the society or the related religious organization which asked the provider to contact RCRI.

Because of this policy change, the Directory of Members and Service Providers will no longer be printed. Nor will a mailing list of members be available to service providers. In 2014, we plan to make available a Directory of Members in the password protected section of our newly re-designed RCRI website.

What has not changed is that each member institute, society or related religious organization may list two persons as contacts on the registration form when renewals begin. Preferably one contact person should be in leadership and the other in finance. This ensures that persons in both offices receive the notices and other materials sent out by RCRI. The category of "additional members" also will be continued. Those eligible to be additional members are persons in leadership or finance for an institute, a society or related religious organization.

In addition, RCRI will continue to have exhibitors at the national conference. In late Spring or early Summer, we will send out a notice to invited exhibitors regarding the national conference and also solicit from them ideas for workshop presentations for the conference.

We, the Board and Staff of RCRI, wish to thank individuals and service providers who have been members. We look forward to working with you in the future as you serve particular institutes, societies and related religious organizations.