

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE TERRITORIAL ASSEMBLIES OF *REGNUM CHRISTI***

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This document regulates the composition of the territorial assemblies of *Regnum Christi* and the territorial assemblies of the consecrated branches, which will discuss the draft of the general statute in 2017. The part concerning the consecrated branches has been approved by the supreme moderator of each branch, with the consent of their Council, while the part relating to *Regnum Christi* as a whole, including lay members, has been approved by the director general of the *Regnum Christi* with the consent of the general committee. The regulations for the procedures of the territorial assemblies and related documents for the general Assembly will be coming soon.

### **CHAPTER 1: GENERAL ASPECTS**

#### **Article 1: Nature and purpose of the territorial Assembly of *Regnum Christi***

**1** §1 The purpose of the Assembly is to analyze the draft of the general statute of the *Regnum Christi* in the territory and choose delegates for the lay members who will participate in the general Assembly.

§2 The Assembly will have two distinct parts. The first part will be joint to all consecrated branches and lay members. The second part will involve the consecrated branches separately, according to proper law<sup>[1]</sup>

**2** §1 The territorial Assembly functions consultatively.

§2 The territorial Assembly will provide an opinion on the draft, according to the rules laid down in the Regulations of Procedure. Each Assembly will send its recommendations on the draft statute to the joint general Assembly and to the general Chapter or general Assembly of each branch in the designated timeframe.

#### **Article 2: Date, place and duration**

**3** § 1 The joint territorial Assembly will be held at the time and place established by each territorial director of *Regnum Christi*, with the consent of his Committee, between September 1 and November 30, 2017.

§2 The duration of the joint territorial Assembly should be at least four full days, extendable according to the opinion of the territorial Director of *Regnum Christi*, with the consent of his Committee.

§3 The territorial Director shall appoint a person to oversee the organization of the territorial Assembly, with the consent of his Committee. This person will work in coordination with the directors of the different branches regarding the electoral process for participants.

§4 Once the election of delegates is completed, the territorial Director of *Regnum Christi* will formally announce the Assembly to the territory and shall communicate the list of participants. This announcement must be at least two months before the start of the joint territorial Assembly.

§5 Each territorial director defines how the Assembly will be financed, by means of fees or subsidization, with the consent of his Committee.

**4** §1 The territorial assemblies of the consecrated branches will be held after the joint territorial Assembly, in dates and places established by their respective territorial directors, with the consent of their Council, between September 1 and November 30, 2017.

§2 The duration of the territorial assemblies of the consecrated branches shall be at least three days, extendable according to the opinion of the respective territorial director with the consent of their Council.

§3 The Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi* will not have territorial Assemblies by branch, but reflections by communities, before the general Assembly.

## CHAPTER II: THE JOINT TERRITORIAL ASSEMBLY

### Article 3: Composition of the joint territorial Assembly

**5** The *ex officio* delegates in the joint territorial Assembly are:

1° the territorial Director of *Regnum Christi*, who is also the President of the Assembly;

2° the members of the *Regnum Christi* territorial Committee;

3° the territorial Directors of the consecrated branches that are residing in the territory; in the case of lay consecrated men, the territorial Responsible can send a delegate on their behalf.

4° the Secretary of the territorial Committee of *Regnum Christi*;

5° the territorial administrator of *Regnum Christi*.

**6** The number of delegates elected for the joint territorial Assembly will be greater than the number of *ex officio* participants:

§1 In the territories with less than 200 consecrated members (central Europe and Western, Italy, Spain, Venezuela, Brazil and Chile), for every *ex officio* delegate, 2.5 others will be chosen by vote, so that the sum of *ex officio* delegates is 28% (i.e. 4/14) of the delegates.

§2 In the territories with more than 200 consecrated members (North America, Mexico and Monterrey), for every *ex officio* delegate, 3.3 others will be chosen by vote, so that the sum of *ex officio* delegates is 23% (i.e., 3/13) of the delegates.

**7** §1 Of the total number of delegates, including those *ex officio* and those elected, 45% will be lay *Regnum Christi* members, and 55% will be consecrated members<sup>[2]</sup>.

§2 To determine how many lay members will participate, the number of lay members participating *ex officio* is subtracted from the number equalling 45% of the total number of all delegates.

§3 To determine how many consecrated members will participate, the number of consecrated members participating *ex officio* (regardless of which consecrated branch they belong to) is subtracted from the number equaling 55% of the total number of all delegates. Remaining seats will be divided proportionally among the consecrated branches, according to the number of members of each branch who meet the criteria of active voice, in accordance with proper law<sup>[3]</sup>.

**8** In the territories in which there is no stable presence of the Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi*, the territorial Director of *Regnum Christi* may invite a lay consecrated man from another territory to participate with voice but without vote, in communication with the general responsible of the Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi*.

**9** The territorial Director of *Regnum Christi* may invite a maximum of three other members of the movement who are not delegates to the territorial Assembly to participate as observers. He will use this faculty when, for example, a significant sector of the territory by age, apostolate or geographical area has not been represented in the election of delegates; when a member should assist the Assembly because of their role, but they were appointed to this role after the electoral process was over (cf. 11, §4); or other suitable reasons.

**10** The director general can send one or more members or collaborators of the general Committee of *Regnum Christi* as observers, to advise the President and/or the secretary in the exercise of their functions.

#### **Item 4: Election of Delegates for the Joint Territorial Assembly**

**11** §1 The election of delegates to the territorial Assembly will be held between May 24 and June 9, 2017.

§2 During the time of the election of delegates, no consecrated member may be assigned to another territory.

§3 If a member is elected as a delegate and changes territory after June 9, they will participate in the territorial Assembly of the territory for which they were elected.

§4 If a member that participates *ex officio* changes their role after June 9, they, and not the person who replaced them in the role, will participate in the territorial Assembly. If a member *ex officio* waives their participation in the assembly or cannot participate, their position is left vacant.

§5 No one can legally vote for themselves. It is prohibited to try to procure the promise of votes for oneself or for others, either directly or indirectly (cf. 626 *Can* ).

##### *4.1. The Election of Lay Members*

**12** §1 Those who were elected as delegates, and participated in the territorial renewal Convention of stage I (2016) will have active voice and passive voice in electing the lay members who will participate in the territorial Assembly.

§2 The lay members that attend *ex officio*, as members of the territorial Committee, have no active voice or passive voice in the electoral process.

**13** Voting will be done by means of an electronic system which those responsible for the practical organization of each Assembly will announce to those who participate in the vote.

**14** § 1 In the case of a tie in the number of votes, the delegate who has been incorporated in the Movement the longest shall be elected, and in the case of that being equal, the older delegate will be elected.

§2 In the event of an elected delegate's sickness or inability to participate, the person with the next highest number of votes will be invited as a substitute delegate.

#### 4.2. *The Election of the Legionaries of Christ*

**15** §1 All religious in the territory who have made perpetual vows will have active voice in the election of delegates. All priests in the territory will also have passive voice.

§2 Legionaries who attend the joint territorial Assembly or the general Assembly *ex officio* do not have active voice or passive voice in the electoral process.

§3 Legionaries who are in living «*extra domum*» have active and passive voice within their own electoral college. Exclaustrated priests have no active or passive voice.

**16** §1 Each territory will have two electoral colleges, one for superiors and another for all other members<sup>[4]</sup>.

§2. The electoral college's superiors will elect a number of delegates corresponding to 10% of the total of superiors of the territory. At least one delegate must be elected.

§3 Priests, and the religious brothers with perpetual vows who are not yet priests, elect the number of delegates established for each territory (cf. 7 §3)- minus the number of the electoral college for superiors (16 §2)- from among the priests that are not rectors or superiors or participate *ex officio*. In addition, in some territories, they must elect delegates who will only participate in the Assembly of the Legion, as is laid down in number 39 of this regulation<sup>[5]</sup>.

**17** The territorial Director of the Legion of Christ will announce the list of priests of the territory participating in the joint territorial Assembly *ex officio*, and those who have passive voice in each electoral college, before May 24. He will send each religious with active voice a ballot for the vote, according to their electoral college.

**18** § 1 The superior of each community will establish the day when voting for delegates will be held. All of those who are present in the community to which they are assigned on the established election day, or are for just cause in another community of the same territory, have the right to vote. If a religious is found circumstantially in a different territory than the one to which he belongs, he will vote for the priests of his own territory according to the list and ballot he has received from his own territorial directorate. He will send his vote in double envelopes to his own territorial directorate.

§2 The religious who are in «*extra domum*» may vote by being present in any community on the election day, or by following the procedure specified in the previous number to the religious who are in a different territory than their own.

**19** Each religious with active voice writes on their ballot the names of as many Legionaries with passive voice as there are delegates to be chosen in their electoral college. They must write the full names on the ballot, in accordance with the list of members with passive voice. One can also write fewer names, if desired.

**20** The superior of community collects the ballots of the voters and counts them to check that they match the number of voters. Keeping them in an envelope sealed in the presence of the voters, he writes: "Election of delegates made in community X for the territorial Assembly of the *Regnum Christi*". He will send this to the territorial director of the Legion of Christ before June 9.

**21** Once all the ballots from all communities have been received, the count is done, presided over by the Territorial Director or his delegate, in the presence of at least 2 priests who are the vote counters and the territorial secretary of the Legion of Christ. The secretary makes the official record. After the count is finished, the ballots are destroyed.

**22** §1 The priests who received the most votes are elected as delegates, in accordance with the numbers assigned to each electoral college. In the case of tie it is resolved by electing the person with the longest time since perpetual profession of vows. If they professed the same day, the priest who is oldest is elected.

§2 If someone does not accept their election, or cannot attend because of a strong reason, the following in the list of the most votes received is the alternate.

#### *4.3 The Election of the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi*

**23** § 1 For the election of the consecrated women of Regnum Christi, the consecrated women assigned to the territory who have made final vows will have active voice and passive voice.

§2 The consecrated women who attend the territorial Assembly or the general Assembly *ex officio* do not have active voice or passive voice in the electoral process.

§3 The consecrated women living «*extra domum*» have active and passive voice.

**24** The territorial Director of the consecrated women will give members the list of the consecrated women of the territory who are *ex officio* delegates and those who enjoy passive voice before May 24. She will send every consecrated woman with active voice a ballot for voting.

**25** §1 The director of each community will establish the day when voting for delegates will be held. All of those who are present in the community to which they are assigned on the established election day, or are for just cause in another community of the same territory, have the right to vote. If a consecrated woman is found circumstantially in a different territory than the one to which she belongs, she will vote for the consecrated women of her own territory according to the list and ballot she has received from her own territorial directorate. She will send her vote in a double envelope to her own territorial directorate.

§2 The consecrated women who are in «*extra domum*» may vote by being present in any community on the election day, or by following the procedure specified in the previous number to the consecrated women who are in a different territory than their own.

**26** Each consecrated woman with active voice writes on their ballot the names of as many consecrated women with passive voice as there are delegates to be chosen in their territory. They must write the full names on the ballot, in accordance with the list of members with passive voice. One can also write fewer names, if desired.

**27** The director of the community collects the ballots of the voters and counts them to check that they match the number of voters. Keeping them in an envelope sealed in the presence of the voters, she writes: "Election of delegates made in community X for the territorial Assembly of the *Regnum Christi*". She will send this to the territorial director of the Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi* immediately.

**28** Once all the ballots from all communities have been received, the count is done, presided over by the territorial director or her delegate, in the presence of at least 2 consecrated women who are the vote counters, and the territorial secretary. The secretary makes the official record. After the count is finished, the ballots are destroyed.

**29** §1 The consecrated women who received the most votes are elected as delegates, in accordance with the numbers assigned to each territory. In the case of a tie, it is resolved by electing the person with the longest time since their final vows. If they renewed on the same day, the consecrated woman who is oldest is elected.

§2 If someone does not accept their election, or cannot attend because of a strong reason, the following in the list of the most votes received is the alternate.

**30** The territorial director of the Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi* communicates the list of delegates elected to the consecrated women of the territory and the territorial Director of *Regnum Christi*.

#### *4.4 The Election of Lay Consecrated Men of Regnum Christi*

**31** § 1 For the election of the Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi*, lay consecrated men who belong to the territory and have made their final vows will have active voice and passive voice.

§2 the lay consecrated men that attend the territorial Assembly or the general Assembly *ex officio* do not have active voice or passive voice in the electoral process.

**32** The territorial responsible for the lay consecrated men will give the list of the consecrated men of the territory who are *ex officio* delegates and those who have passive voice to all members by May 24. He will send every lay consecrated man with active voice a ballot for voting.

**33** The responsible of each community will establish the day when voting for delegates will be held. All of those who are present in the community to which they are assigned on the established election day, or are for just cause in another community of the same territory, have the right to vote. If a lay consecrated man is found circumstantially in a different territory than the one to which he belongs, he will vote for the lay consecrated men of his own territory according to the list and ballot he has received from his own territorial responsible. He will send his vote in a double envelope to his own territorial directorate.

**34** Each lay consecrated man with active voice writes on their ballot the names of as many lay consecrated men with passive voice as there are delegates to be chosen in their territory. They must write the full names on the ballot, in accordance with the list of members with passive voice. One can also write fewer names, if desired.

**35** The responsible of the community collects the ballots of the voters and counts them to check that they match the number of voters. Keeping them in an envelope sealed in the presence of the voters, he writes: "Election of delegates made in community X for the territorial Assembly of the *Regnum Christi*". He will send this to the territorial director of the Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi* before June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**36** Once all the ballots from all communities have been received, the count is done, presided over by the territorial responsible of the Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi* or his delegate, in the presence of at least 2 vote counters, and the territorial secretary. The secretary makes the official record. After the count is finished, the ballots are destroyed.

**37** §1 The lay consecrated men who received the most votes are elected as delegates, in accordance with the numbers assigned to each territory. In the case of a tie, it is resolved by electing the person with the longest time since their solemn renewal. If they renewed on the same day, the lay consecrated man who is oldest is elected.

§2 The territorial responsible for the Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi* will ask each of the elected lay consecrated men if he accepts his election. If someone does not accept their election, or cannot attend because of a strong reason, the following in the list of the most votes received is the alternate.

**38** The territorial responsible for the lay consecrated men of *Regnum Christi* communicates the list of delegates elected to the lay consecrated men of the territory and the territorial Director of *Regnum Christi*.

## CHAPTER III THE TERRITORIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CONSECRATED BRANCHES

### Article 5 Composition of the Territorial Assemblies of the Consecrated Branches

#### *5.1. Territorial Assemblies of the Legion of Christ*

**39** §1 The territorial Assembly of the Legion of Christ is chaired by the Territorial Director of the Legion of Christ.

§2 The delegates in the territorial Assembly of the Legion of Christ will be those participating in the joint territorial Assembly, with the following modifications:

1° The territorial Secretary and territorial Prefect of studies participate *ex officio* in the territorial Assembly of the Legion<sup>[6]</sup>, if they have not been elected to the joint Assembly.

2 ° The priests elected from among the directors, instructors and superiors of the territory are counted as *ex officio* delegates for the territorial Assembly of the Legion<sup>[7]</sup>, while they are counted as elected delegates in the joint territorial Assembly.

3 ° To ensure that in the Assembly of the Legion the number of priests who are elected as delegates is greater than the number of those who participate *ex officio*, some territories may need to increase the number of elected delegates, so that at least two more elected delegates participate than the number of those who are *ex officio*<sup>[8]</sup>. Of the delegates elected to the Assembly of the Legion, those who receive the most votes will also attend the joint territorial Assembly, according to the number of spaces available for this assembly.

§3 The Territorial Director will formally announce the celebration of the Assembly and communicate the list of elected delegates at least two months before the start of the Assembly.

**40** The territorial Director of the Legion of Christ, with the consent of his Council, may invite a maximum of three legionaries of the territory who are not delegates to participate as observers, without voice or vote, for the reasons outlined in the No. 9 of this regulation.

### 5.2 Territorial Assemblies of the Consecrated Women of the *Regnum Christi*

**41** §1 The territorial of the Consagradas of the *Regnum Christi* Assembly is presided over by the territorial director of the Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi*.

§2 The delegates in the territorial Assembly of the Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi* will be the same as those who participate in the joint Assembly.

§3 The territorial secretary of the Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi* also participates, *ex officio*, if she was not elected to the joint Assembly.

§4 The territorial Director will formally announce the celebration of the Assembly and communicate the list of elected delegates at least two months before the start of the Assembly.

**42** The territorial Director of the Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi* with the consent of her Council, may invite a maximum of two consecrated women of the territory who are not delegates to participate as observers, without voice or vote, for the reasons outlined in the No. 9 of this regulation.

### 5.3 The Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi*

**43** §1 The Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi* will not hold their own territorial assemblies, but will have reflections by community instead.

§2 All members of the community can participate.

## Article 6 The Assembly for Delegations from Rome and the Holy Land

**44** §1 An assembly will be held in Rome for the legionaries of Christ who are members of the delegations from Rome and the Holy land. Religious who are not priests will participate with voice but without vote, in the assembly.

§2 This territorial Assembly will not have a part that is joint with the other branches of the movement. However, the consecrated women and lay consecrated men living in the directorates of their general moderators who do not participate *ex officio* in the general Assembly will be invited to participate in some sessions.

§3 The consecrated women who are members of the community of the general directorate will be added to the Assembly of the territory of central and Western Europe, electing a delegate from among the members of the community that do not go to the general Assembly *ex officio*.

§4 The consecrated women who are members of the community of the Holy Land will participate in the territorial Assembly of Italy.

**45** §1 The provisions of this Regulation regarding dates, the election of delegates, the announcement and the organization of the territorial assemblies apply to the Assembly of the delegations, unless otherwise indicated.

§2 The Delegate of the Director general of the Legion of Christ for the works in Rome has the faculties afforded by this regulation to the territorial Directors, except where otherwise indicated.

**46** § 1 All religious of the communities who are in each electoral college have active and passive voice in their electoral college, with the exception of those noted in paragraph 2.

§2 The legionaries that attend the Assembly of the delegation and the general Assembly *ex officio* have no active voice or passive voice in the electoral process.

§3 The religious who are in «*extra domum*» have active and passive voice within their own electoral college. Exclaustrated religious or priests have no active or passive voice.

**47** The *ex officio* delegates in Assembly of the delegation are:

1° the delegate to the general Director of the Legion of Christ for the houses of Rome;

2° the rectors and superiors of communities in Rome and the Holy Land;

3° the Secretary of the delegation;

4° the administrator of the delegation.

**48** The elected delegates in the Assembly of the delegation are:

§1 thirteen priests chosen in the following way:

1° the priests residing in the communities of the general directorate-general will elect five priests;

2° the priests of the community of professors will elect four priests;

3° the priests of the communities of philosophy and theology will elect two priests;

4° the priests of the international Pontifical College *Maria Mater Ecclesiae* will elect a priest;

5° the priests of the communities of the Holy Land will elect a priest;

§2 religious community of theology will elect four religious from among themselves.

§3 the religious community of philosophy will choose three religious from among themselves.

§4 the religious of the community of brothers of the directorate general will elect two religious from among themselves.

## Annex 1: Composition of the Joint Territorial Assembly

	MEX	MTY	NA	ES	IT	EUR	VEN	BR	CHI
<i>Ex Officio</i> LC in joint assembly	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	7	7
<i>Ex Officio</i> CRC in joint assembly	6	5	5	4	4	3	4	3	3
<i>Ex Officio</i> LCRC in joint assembly	3	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Ex Officio</i> LRC in joint assembly	2	2	2	2	2	0	3	2	2
Total <i>Ex Officio</i> in joint assembly	18	16	15	15	14	9	13	12	14
Total elected to joint assembly	60	53	50	38	35	23	33	30	35
Total in joint assembly	78	69	65	53	49	32	46	42	49
Total LRC in joint assembly	35	31	29	24	22	14	20	19	22
Total Consecrated (all branches) in joint assembly	43	38	36	29	27	17	25	23	27
Elected LRC in joint assembly	33	29	27	22	20	14	17	17	20
Elected Consecrated (all branches) in joint assembly	27	24	23	16	15	8	15	13	15
Total LC in territory	220	165	152	54	41	60	46	59	44
Total CRC in territory	116	73	89	51	33	37	26	26	34
Total LCRC in territory	28	6	3	5	2	1	0	0	7
Total Consecrated (all branches) in territory	364	244	244	110	76	98	72	85	85
Elected LC in joint assembly	16	16	14	8	8	5	10	9	8
Elected CRC in joint assembly	9	7	8	7	6	3	5	4	6
Elected LCRC in joint assembly	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

	MEX	MTY	NA	ES	IT	EUR	VEN	BR	CHI
Total LC in joint assembly	23	23	21	15	14	11	16	16	15
Total CRC in joint assembly	15	12	13	11	10	6	9	7	9
Total LCRC in joint assembly	5	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	3
Total LRC in joint assembly	35	31	29	24	22	14	20	19	22

Note:

Where it says "consecrated" this table refers to the three consecrated branches: The Legion of Christ (LC), The Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi* (CRC) and the Lay Consecrated Men of *Regnum Christi* (LCRC). LRC are lay people who are not consecrated in *Regnum Christi*.

## Annex 2: Composition of the Territorial Assembly of the Legion of Christ

	MEX	MTY	NA	ES	IT	EUR	VEN	BR	CHI
Number of LC to be elected to joint assembly	16	16	14	8	8	5	10	9	8
Number of superiors in territory	22	21	21	7	6	11	6	7	5
Number of superiors to be elected to LC Assembly	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Ex Officio</i> LC in joint assembly	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	7	7
<i>Ex Officio</i> LC in LC assembly	11	10	10	9	8	9	8	9	9
Territorial Secretary and Prefect of Study	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Elected LC going to Joint and LC assemblies	14	14	12	7	7	4	9	8	7
Elected LC going to LC assembly only	0	0	0	4	2	7	1	2	3
Total elected LC	14	14	12	11	10	11	10	11	11
Total LC in LC assembly	25	24	22	19	17	20	17	19	19

## Glossary of Terms:

**Proper Law:** The proper law of a religious institute is divided between the fundamental code or the constitution which contains the constitutive law of the institute and the other norms that are collected in the statutes or directory of the institute. Both of these collections of norms are governed by the Code of Canon Law.

**Active Voice:** the ability to vote according to canon law

**Passive Voice:** the ability to be a candidate according to canon law

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<sup>[1]</sup>CLC 134-135, 94 ECRC, 64 ELCRC

<sup>[2]</sup>Tables with the composition of each territorial joint Assembly at the date of the publication of this regulation can be found in annex 1.

<sup>[3]</sup>This criterion is only prescribed for the legionaries of Christ. According to CLC 135, it is established that only the religious with perpetual vows have active voice. In the case of the consecrated women and lay consecrated men, there is criterion prescribed in their proper law. Although the number 9 of the «regulation of the territorial Assembly for the revision of the statutes of the Consecrated Women of *Regnum Christi*, 2013», establishes that all consecrated women of the territory have active voice, the decision was made to standardize the criteria with the legionaries of Christ, defining that the consecrated women and lay consecrated men who have made their final vows will have active voice. This will allow a common basis to be able to distribute numbers of delegates among the three consecrated branches.

<sup>[4]</sup>CLC 135.

<sup>[5]</sup>In annex 2, see the table with the composition of each territorial Assembly of the Legion, at the date of publication of this regulation. The definitive point of reference will be the list released by the territorial Director according to number 17.

<sup>[6]</sup>The Secretary and Prefect of studies, according to the number 15§2 have passive voice for the election of delegates to the joint territorial Assembly.

<sup>[7]</sup>Cf. 135§1, 6 ° CLC

<sup>[8]</sup>Cf. CLC 135,2. The number of allocated delegates at the date of publication of this regulation can be found in annex 2.