

Thy Kingdom Come!

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DISCERNMENT GUIDE FOR THE TERRITORIAL CONVENTION

The following is an explanation of each moment of the Territorial Convention and what it entails. At the end of this document, you will find a proposal for the program which may vary according to each territory and its needs.

Exposition of the reality of the territory

In this first moment we want to "see" together, "the situation of the *world, of the Church and of the Regnum Christi Federation in the territory, and how we are responding in creative fidelity to our own spirit and mission*" (cf. SRCF, n. 6.1).

To this end, the following will be presented:

- A report by the Territorial Directive College (cf. Format for the TDC report to the Territorial Convention).
- A report of the federated institutions in relation to the promotion and participation in the common mission.
- The scan of the territory (cf. Format for the scan of the territory), which includes:
 - Information gathered during the local phase (responses to the discernment guides for the eight areas of evangelization)
 - Implementation of the Federation (Excel tool)
 - Information from the responses to the discussion guide on "Identity of the Lay Regnum Christi Member"

The information presented aims to help identify and validate those essential issues that the Convention proposes to address from the method "see, judge and act", to discern God's invitations and our possible responses as apostles of the Kingdom.

Proposal, choice of topics and configuration of teams

Before the Territorial Convention, a commission helping to prepare the convention ("Group T") proposes a list of topics to be dealt with to the Territorial Directive College, **based on the scan of the territory and the reports** (it is recommended that there be between 2 and 4 topics). The Committee for the preparation of the General Convention will assist the territory by working on the proposal of topics and presenting it for approval by the Territorial Directive College.

- 1 The themes do not necessarily have to coincide with the eight areas of evangelization reviewed during the local phase.
- 2 They can be transversal themes that touch more than one field of evangelization or that start from other realities reflected in the scans of the localities or territorial reports and that are of particular importance.
- 3 Reflection on the identity of the laity must be one of the themes to be discerned.

The Territorial Convention must validate the proposal presented by the Territorial Directive College, adjust it (adding or removing topics) or make a new one.

After the Territorial Convention has chosen the topics to be addressed, the small groups are configured and the topics are assigned. All delegates must participate in both task forces and

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plenaries.

Prior to the Convention, Group T proposes the following to the Territorial Directive College:

- 1 Whether it is convenient to configure the small groups in advance to ensure the variety of vocations, ages, localities and then assign the topics voted for at the beginning of the Territorial Convention.
- 2 Whether it is convenient that the small groups be configured by interest during the Convention itself, depending on the topics voted for.

See/ Judge

Once the topics and small groups have been defined, it is recommended to have two sessions to "see and judge" the reality of the assigned topic. To facilitate these sessions, the following questions are to be answered.

See: what we see, as Regnum Christi in the territory, related to this topic:

- 1 What is the current reality in relation to this topic?
- 2 What are the root causes of this reality?
- 3 What are the consequences of this reality?

Judging: how do we situate ourselves before this topic as a territory:

- 1 What are the challenges that we find in the territory?
- 2 To what extent and in what way do we see Regnum Christi responding to this reality in this territory?
- 3 What does this tell us as Regnum Christi in the territory? What calls do we perceive?

In these sessions the following elements are important:

- 1 The work of the small group moderator, who ensures that the dynamic of "seeing" and "judging" is lived within each small group.
- 2 The work of the small group secretary who collects the reflections shared and formulates a clear synthesis to present in the plenary sessions with all the participants of the Territorial Convention.

Sharing/ bringing together / round of conclusions

After the thematic sessions by small groups, there is a plenary session to share the synthesis of each group's work.

After the presentation, there is a time of prayerful silence and conclusions are collected (those ideas that resonate most strongly) helped by the following questions:

- 1 Is there resonance with what has been presented?
- 2 Is there anything "extra" which should be removed?
- 3 Is there something missing which should be added?
- 4 Is there anything you would propose differently?

Discernment of "actions" (by small groups and in plenary)

Once the conclusions from the "seeing and judging" phase have been collected, we will move on to a discernment of "actions".

It is best that actions be worked in a transversal way that integrates the different themes rather than in an isolated way by individual themes.

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To discern actions, it is recommended that there first be a time by small groups to answer the following questions:

- Based on what we have seen and judged:
 - How do we want to respond in this territory?
 - What do we see as guidelines for apostolic priorities for the territory in the following years?
 - What concrete initiatives are emerging?
 - Ideas for better functioning of the structures and organization of the Regnum Christi Federation at the service of the mission and community.
 - What do we want to propose at an international level?
 - Guidelines for apostolic priorities
 - Ideas for better functioning of the structures of the Regnum Christi Federation at the service of the mission and community

Each small group's conclusions are presented in the plenary session to then discern together what actions God may be inviting us to share with the Territorial Directive College as enlightenment and recommendation.

Once chosen, a session will be dedicated for small groups to work on formulating suggestions, based on the following questions:

- In view of what has been presented; How can we collaborate with God in His work of making His Kingdom present?
 - How do we visualize this action?
 - How do we feel called to live it?
 - What would we need to be able to apply it?

After the work in small groups, there is a plenary session to present a synthesis of the "seeing" and "judging" sessions and to validate the actions.

Finally, there is a concluding plenary session where we seek to collect the fruits of discernment during the days of the Territorial Convention.

Program proposal

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Block 1	INTRODUCTION (1 hr)	SEE, JUDGE (2hrs)	DISCERNMENT OF ACTIONS In plenary (1.5 hrs)
Block 2	"SEEING" GENERAL SESSION (2hrs)	PRESENTATION OF THEMES (1.5 hrs)	WORK IN SMALL GROUPS: ACTIONS (1.5 hrs)
Block 3	DISCERNMENT OF THEMES TO ADDRESS (1hr)	Personal time Round of conclusions on the "seeing" and "judging" of the topics (1.5 hrs)	Present SYNTHESIS OF SEEING AND JUDGING AND VALIDATE ACTIONS (2hrs)
Block 4	SEE, JUDGE (2hrs)	DISCERNMENT OF ACTIONS By small groups (1.5 hrs)	CONCLUSIONS (1 hr)

*N.B. It is recommended that the voting of lay delegates for the General Convention be held outside the sessions scheduled above.