

Purpose

The purpose of this packet is to provide information that a prospective committee member can review, question, and consider as he/she discerns a commitment to join a NACAR committee or subcommittee. We recommend interested individuals contact a board member and ask questions about committee service. Board contact information is located on the NACAR website (<http://nacar.org/howeare/boardofdirectors.html>).

What is NACAR?

The North American Conference of Associates and Religious (NACAR) is an intercongregational membership organization that promotes and supports leadership within the associate movement.

We Believe

- God desires to permeate our culture with the charisms and missions of our various religious congregations.
- God is serious about the future of the associate way of life as a transformative presence in the church and world.
- There is a need for an intercongregational organization that spans geographical boundaries and facilitates intercultural networking and information sharing around significant issues.
- There is a need to give special attention to associate communities whose congregations are coming to completion.

NACAR is committed to ensuring:

- The people of God recognize that associate way of life in its various forms is an authentic call of the Holy Spirit for our world and church.
- The associates-religious movement remains strong and dynamic.

We do this by:

- Promoting leadership within the associate-religious movement through opportunities for ongoing development and leadership training.
- Serving as a catalyst to develop and promote the movement by staying up to date on emerging trends and by sharing resources.
- Seeking opportunities to collaborate with regional partners, and other organizations committed to faith-development and sharing of religious charisms in our world today.
- Offering opportunities to connect, network, and share wisdom with religious congregations of various sizes, charisms, and missions.

Time of Transition

NACAR, as many organizations today, is going through transition. The Board of Director's believes that as good stewards we must proceed with care and due diligence to pursue a plan that will provide the support necessary for the associate way of life to thrive in the future. Perhaps God is calling us to a new way of living out the mission of NACAR. Prospective board and committee members would be joining us in this commitment to explore God's plan for living the mission of NACAR now.

Candidate Selection

Although individuals are often brought to the attention of the board due to a personal knowledge of an individual already active with NACAR, we encourage interested associates and/or religious to apply for a Board Committee.

Committee members should be visionary and global thinkers regarding the associate way of life and the associate-religious relationship; provide knowledge and/or experience to the committee; and have the ability to keep the best interest of the organization as a whole; Committee members must hold an active membership in NACAR as a primary contact, or as a listed member, or as an individual community or non-community member.

Time Commitment

Committee members are appointed to serve two-year term up to three consecutive terms (total of 6 years)

Frequency of Meeting – Committee's meet as necessary to carry out area of responsibility. It is estimated to be at least six times per year.

Structure

Each committee reports to the Board of Directors through a Committee Chairperson who serves on the Board or through a Board Liaison. Committees take direction from Board and strategic plan.

Committee membership includes both Board and non-Board members. All committee work is done in partnership with the Board and other Committee(s) of the Board. The committee does not assume the authority of the Board.

Committee Description and Responsibilities

Communication and Marketing Committee: Creates publications that foster member communication and engagement while coordinating website design and content; Publishes *the Associate* e-magazine and the Annual Report. Promotes NACAR benefits and services and creates awareness of the associate-religious movement.

Membership Services Committee: Designs, develops, implements and evaluates programs, services, and educational opportunities that support associate leadership to better serve local

Responsibilities

NACAR understands that committee members have many personal and professional commitments. The checklist below is not exhaustive but provides an example of a committee member's responsibility. If you have any questions about this checklist, please contact the chairperson of the committee.

Checklist of Personal Commitment

- Maintain active membership in NACAR
- Commitment to a vision of the associate way of life and the growth of associate-religious movement.
- Keep informed of the activities of NACAR and the wider issues that affect its work.
- Prepare for and participate in Committee meetings.
- Participate in Committee work, volunteer for assignments, accept assignments, prepare for committee business, and be responsive to NACAR-related communications.
- Build a professional and collegial working relationship with other committee and board members, organizational staff and volunteers.
- Listen respectfully to all participants during committee meetings and actively engage in meeting topics.
- Express your opinions and perspectives with respect and compassion for differing opinions and perspectives.
- Serve as an ambassador for the organization within and beyond the NACAR community.
- Know the location and maintain access to NACAR documents that pertain to the Committee assignment.
- Access to the Internet and competency with electronic communication.

Application Process

Recruitment: Recruitment occurs on an ongoing basis based on the needs at the time.

Information Gathering: Interested individuals will find additional general information on the NACAR website (www.NACAR.org). Interested individuals are encouraged to contact board members (<http://nacar.org/whoweare/boardofdirectors.html>) and ask questions about board service.

Completion of Application: Complete the application for Committee membership and submit it to the NACAR administrative office. Please feel free to send additional information that will be helpful to the Board in making their decision.

**NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATES & RELIGIOUS
COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Complete the application form below. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Work) _____ (Home) _____
(Cell) _____ (e-mail) _____

Religious Congregation/Affiliation: _____

Canonical Professed Associate Ordained

What is your connection with the Associate movement and/or NACAR?

Which committee sparks your interest?

What previous committee/board experience do you have?

Why would you like to be of service to NACAR?

What if any reservations do you have about participating on a NACAR committee?

Signature

Date

Please email completed form to:
info@nacar.org