

North American Conference of Associates and Religious Frequently Asked Questions Membership (2019)

What is the NEW Community Membership Fee Structure?

Community Membership fees are based on a sliding scale that is the **total number of Vowed Members and Associates in the Community**. Community is defined as congregation/province/region/governing unit or monastery. An Associate Community operating independently of a canonical governing unit also qualifies for *Community Membership* status.

Total number of Vowed and Associates	Number of Listed Memberships (Included in the fee)	Previous fee in USD	New Fee Effective 2019 in USD
125 or less	5	\$150	\$165
126 – 249	8	\$250	\$275
250 – 499	12	\$350	\$385
500 – or more	15	\$450	\$495

What does Listed Member Mean?

A Listed Member is anyone in your Community that YOU choose to designate. Listed Members have full membership access and benefits. Suggestions include your associate leadership team, your community leadership team, your communication director, formation leader, and justice and peace coordinator – anyone you wish to keep informed of trends, information, and resources regarding the Associate Movement in North America and who desires to support the efforts of NACAR and the Associate-Religious Movement. Members **must have an email address** in order to receive communications.

What does Primary Contact Mean?

The primary contact is the first person NACAR will contact regarding membership benefits, renewal or other issues. Each Community must designate a primary contact. The primary contact is a Listed Member and must have an email address in order to receive communications. The primary contact will have access to a secure database to update your Community contact and listed member information.

What are the benefits of a Community Membership in NACAR?

Most importantly, it provides you with the opportunity to be part of the larger Associate-Religious Movement across North America and to give witness to this important work of the Holy Spirit in our world today. In addition, the benefits include:

1. Discounted Individual Membership for any Vowed Member or Associate in your Community beyond your designated Listed Members.
2. Discounted fees for workshops, retreats, and conferences for all Listed Members.
3. Discounted VLCFF tuition for ALL Vowed Members and Associates in your Community.
4. Access to *Creative Conversations* for all Listed Members.
5. Access to a secure database to update your Community's information including primary contact and Listed Members.
6. Access to the Leadership Manual and other publications at a discounted rate for each Listed Member.
7. Access to Member section of NACAR website and its valuable resources to support leadership of the Associate-Religious Movement.
8. Reception of the monthly e-newsletter from the Board of Directors.
9. Reception of *The Associate* e-magazine to share with your Community.
10. A listing of your Community on our online Membership Directory.
11. A link to your Community's website from the NACAR website.
12. Networking assistance in connecting with regional Associate groups throughout North America.

What is the Benefit for our Associates and Vowed Members to join NACAR at the Community Discounted fee?

The discounted Individual Membership allows more of your Associates and Vowed Members to receive full membership access and benefits. Your Associates and Vowed Members have an opportunity to join NACAR at a discounted fee of \$25.00 per year. This fee provides them with direct access to all NACAR benefits. It is wonderful way to encourage shared leadership and leadership development. This discounted fee is only available to Associates and Religious of NACAR Community members.

Does NACAR offer an Individual Membership fee for individuals who are not NACAR Community members?

Yes, Individual Membership is available at an annual fee of \$75.00. Individual membership is designed for someone who has a desire to keep informed of trends, information, and resources regarding the Associate-Religious Movement in North America and a desire to support the efforts of NACAR and the Associate-Religious Movement. Individual Members **must have an email address** in order to receive communications. Benefits include:

1. Discounted fees for workshops, retreats, and conferences for the Individual Member.
2. Discounted VLCFF tuition for the Individual Member.
3. Access to *Creative Conversations* for the Individual Member.
4. Access to a secure database to update the individuals' contact information.
5. Access to the Leadership Manual and other publications at a discounted rate for the Individual Member.
6. Access to Member section of NACAR website.
7. Reception of the monthly e-newsletter from the Board of Directors.
8. Reception of *The Associate* e-magazine.