

**Frequently Asked Questions
about Supporting Membership of NACAR
North American Conference of Associates and Religious**

What is NACAR?

The North American Conference of Associates and Religious is a membership organization that acts as a catalyst to serve, empower and promote the Associate-Religious relationship.

What is the purpose of NACAR?

In the early 1970's, God's Spirit began moving lay men and women to find ways to embrace and live the charisms of many religious communities in Canada and the United States of America. Groups of like-minded people, commonly known as associates, began forming, and the increase in their numbers was quite rapid. A new movement was born, one based on the mystery of call and response to the particular charism of each community's founder or foundress.

By the 1980's, leaders of many associate groups reached out to associate groups of other religious communities, both to share how the Spirit was moving with them, and to begin addressing mutual concerns. Eventually, the need to have an even wider forum developed and thus, the North American Conference of Associates and Religious (NACAR) was created. **NACAR has continued to grow and remains the only professional organization to support and serve associates and vowed members as associates proclaim their call to live the charism of their religious congregations.**

What does it mean to be a Supporting Organization of NACAR?

Supporting Membership in NACAR is available to organizations and groups who are also working to support and/or advance the Associate-Religious movement. Supporting members might include but are not limited to regional associate and religious groups such as the Atlantic Religious Congregation Associate Network (ARCAN), Midwest Kindred Spirits, LCWR, Communicators for Women Religious, and other faith based non-profit organizations.

Supporting Organizations name one contact. The Contact must have an email address in order to receive communications. The Contact must register on the NACAR website to access the member sections.

What are the Benefits of Becoming a Supporting Organization of NACAR?

The primary benefit of becoming a Supporting Member is the opportunity to be part of the Associate-Religious movement across North America and to join with others to support the continued advancement of this movement, which gives witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our world today. Additional benefits include:

1. Opportunity to be part of the larger Associate-Religious movement across North America.
2. Opportunity to give witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our world today.
3. Opportunity to support the advancement of the Associate-Religious movement.
4. Opportunity to directly receive information on trends and resources regarding the Associate movement.
5. Participation in NACAR workshops/events at a discounted rate for one representative.
6. Opportunity to display literature at NACAR workshops/events.
7. Access to Members section of NACAR website.
8. Reception of the monthly e-newsletter from the Board of Directors.
9. Reception of *The Associate* e-magazine.
10. Regional networking opportunities.
11. Regional Associate-Religious organizations receive a page on the NACAR website free of charge.
12. Available resources regarding issues, concerns and trends in Associate-Religious relationship.
13. Access to a forum to address issues that impact associate-religious life (not to be used for the promotion of a business or service).
14. A link to the Organization/groups website from the NACAR website
15. Listing in annual report.

How Do I Become a Supporting Organization of NACAR?

The Supporting Member fee is \$200 annually, January 1 to December 31. Supporting Members name one person to serve as primary contact for NACAR.

To become a Supporting Member go to <https://nacarinc.wildapricot.org> Click on Join Us and follow the prompts. If you need assistance, contact info@nacar.org

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How do I access the Member Only section of the website?

Go to www.nacar.org Click on Register in the upper right corner and follow the prompts. If you need assistance, contact webadmin@nacar.org

We look forward to being part of the Associate-Religious movement with you!