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NEWS ABOUT THE NEW STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL.

Some of you might have heard the news already: Pope Francis has decided the international Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) will get a new recognition and new statutes next years.

As you might know, the *International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services* (ICCRS) exists to serve the CCR all over the world in its various dimensions. Next to ICCRS there is another international organisation *Catholic Fraternity of Charismatic Communities and Fellowships* (CF) that has papal recognition – besides further networks and ministries that do have a kind of international service to the CCR.

Pope Francis decided to bring all those services in and for the CCR into ONE SERVICE – so that the international CCR will be a much wider expression of unity. A new "umbrella" will be created that will have space for all (prayergroups, communities, networks, ministries, schools of evangelisation etc.).

Michelle Moran (former president of ICCRS) and Pino Scafuro (Vice-President of the Catholic Fraternity) have been entrusted by Pope Francis with the task to work on statutes for this new service to the worldwide CCR. This work now has been finished and the new statutes have been made public. You can find them also as 0440uk on www.stucom.nl.

What does this all mean to us?

The new service to the CCR will start at Pentecost 2019 and will be called CHARIS (Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service). We will get an "International Service of Communion", a team of leaders representing the continental level as well as some international communities and networks. The "International Service of Communion" in a way will be similar to the "ICCRS-council", but wider as it will not only have continental representatives. On continental level we will get "Continental Services of Communion" that will have representatives of regions, communities and networks on continental level.

On national level we are asked to change our "National Service Committees" into "National Services of Communion": As it will be on the international and continental level, "National Services of Communion" shall be a sign of lived unity within the CCR and therefore have representatives / members coming from regions, prayergroups, communities and ministries.

Leaders of "National Services of Communion" and representatives of international networks and ministries are invited to a General Assembly that is electing a General Moderator (chairperson) for the CCR on world level.

CHARIS will provide an international office in the Vatican.

The CCR from next year on will not be a "private association of faithful" any more, but a "public juridical personality according canons 116-123 of the Code of Canon Law".

ICCRS and the Catholic Fraternity?

The tasks and the service of ICCRS and the CF (including the international office) will be continued by CHARIS. In that way ICCRS and the CF will cease as organisations, but not as service to the CCR.

As you can see we are in a very interesting time of change. We encourage you all to study the new statutes and explanations about CHARIS – and to keep the transformation in your prayers!

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Statutes CHARIS: <u>0440uk</u> on www.stucom.nl History of preparation of this statutes: <u>0438uk</u>

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