



General Curia

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## Policy on a Member Working in the Territory of another CPPS Unit [but not in the apostolate of that unit]

### Background

The need for this policy has arisen because of a distinction between two different situations;

- 1) A member working in the apostolate of another unit, and
- 2) a member working within the geographical territory of another unit, but not as part of the apostolate of that unit.

The first situation is guided by the *Policy on the Rights and Responsibilities of a Member from One Unit Who Live and Work in Another Unit of the Congregation*.

This policy addresses the second situation.

A goal of this policy is to encourage mutual dialogue between the various units and to foster collaboration within our international, multicultural Congregation. We recognize the many possible positive reasons that could motivate one unit to expand their ministry into the territory of another unit and we seek to encourage that missionary impetus. At the same time, that missionary thrust must be mindful of the impact that starting that new ministry has on the receiving unit. This is particularly true in light of both civil and canonical concerns.

While the members who are working in the receiving unit will continue to exercise their rights and responsibilities in the sending unit, we must always be mindful that we are all brothers united in the bond of charity. In keeping with the long tradition of offering heartfelt and warm hospitality (C12), we seek to encourage the development and participation of all CPPS members in the community life of the Congregation.

We reviewed S45, which is not specific to this issue, but concerns the starting of a foundation or mission within the territory of another unit. According to that statute the **consent** of the respective Provincial Director is required to do so. We want this policy to be consistent with that past practice.

In this policy, the definition of a receiving unit's territory is to be the entire national boundaries of the countries where that unit has official apostolates. For those units which have apostolates within the same national boundaries, the territory of those units is defined by those units.

Clarification and interpretation of the policy is reserved to the Moderator General until the doubtful matter can be brought to the MMS.

## **Policy**

A member, who is working within the territory of another unit, but not in the apostolate of that unit, is to be received as a brother and should be invited to participate in the activities of the community life of the receiving unit; unless prohibited by the statutes of the receiving unit.

Individual units must follow their own Statutes in regard to starting a new ministry, in addition to the requirements of this policy.

S 45 requires that for the beginning of a mission or delegation within the territory of another unit (always safeguarding the norms established in the Provincial and Vicariate Statutes and the *Criteria for Founding a Mission/Delegation and Erecting a Vicariate or Province*) that the consent of the respective Provincial Director is given. In the same spirit of mutual respect and collaboration, for the beginning of a ministry in the territory of another unit or for the assignment of a member to work in the territory of another unit, there is **mutual agreement** of the two unit superiors, acting with the consent of their councils. This agreement needs to be in writing and needs to address all the concerns of both units/major superiors. If the conditions of the agreement are not fulfilled or a change in the situation requires the agreement to be terminated, the member is recalled to his own unit.

- If the unit involved is a Mission, then the Director of a Mission also needs the consent of the Major Superior (who has the consent of his Council) of their sponsoring unit. It is advisable that a Vicariate Director consult with his Provincial Director, although as a Major Superior he does not require the consent of the Provincial.

Because the Moderator General and his Council have responsibility to oversee the expansion of the congregation, the General Curia is to be informed at the beginning of the dialogue between the units. Also, the General Curia would be available to facilitate or assist the two units to arrive at an agreement.

**This Policy was approved as a binding policy of the Congregation on September 17, 2012 by the Meeting of Major Superiors. It is now a part of the Normative Texts of the Congregation.**