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The leaders of religious institutes, societies of apostolic life, and lay missionary societies in Ireland can become members of AMRI (Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland).

Membership of AMRI, in keeping with what is proposed in canon 708, is directed towards helping each institute/society achieve more fully its individual purpose.

Membership does not in any way prejudice the autonomy, character and proper spirit of each institute/society.

Membership allows the representatives of each institute/society to work together on common matters: e.g. vocations, leadership support, justice and ecology, communications, etc.

Membership also allows each group to participate in initiatives with the Irish Episcopal Conference (IEC), e.g. National board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church, Towards Healing, Towards Peace, Healthcare, Education.

How to join AMRI?

The following information is needed before a request for membership can be presented to the AMRI Executive:

1. a description of the precise canonical status of the group: i.e. a religious institute, a society of apostolic life, of pontifical right or of diocesan right;
2. date and place of foundation, date and place of ecclesiastical approval;
3. what kind of religious: apostolic, contemplative, mixed (apostolic and contemplative), missionary, etc.
4. the immediate major superior of the group that is now in Ireland, with name, address, telephone number and email address;
5. a copy of the constitution;
6. a written request by the immediate major superior.

On the basis of these pieces of information, it will be possible to consider any group for membership.

Attached is a list of the benefits and services that come with membership. You would need to be the major superior or the regional delegate to join.

The current membership subscription is €1000 per congregation plus €75 per individual member. However, cost should not be a barrier to joining and we can work out a reduced rate, if that is an issue.