



CHARIS MALAYSIA National Service of Communion

Statutes

1. Name and Purpose

- a) CHARIS MALAYSIA(CM) or CHARIS MALAYSIA NATIONAL SERVICE of COMMUNION, is the national service organism for all expressions for Catholic Charismatic Renewal (or CCR). It is connected to CHARIS INTERNATIONAL, a body set up by His holiness Pope Francis in 2018. It is a current of grace whose appearance in the Catholic Church in 1967 came as a fruit of the Second Vatican Council. Common to all expressions of Catholic Charismatic Renewal is the experience of the fruits of Pentecost through an outpouring of spiritual gifts called Baptism in the Holy Spirit, involving a personal encounter with Jesus Christ as Saviour, an openness to the Word of God, to exercising the charisms and to evangelisation in faithful service of the Church. CHARIS promotes and strengthens communion among all Charismatic realities, fostering a sense of the national & international family of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.
- b) Recognising Catholic Charismatic Renewal as part of an ecumenical current of grace, CHARIS is an instrument to promote and work for unity in the body of Christ, as expressed in the prayer of Jesus Christ (Jn:17).
- c) As an organism of service, CHARIS exercises no jurisdiction over the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, since all expressions of CCR are directly under the jurisdiction of the local ecclesiastical authorities.
- d) Dioceses which are in close proximity are encouraged to form a regional body (Regional Service of Communion) to collaborate the activities of CCR at a regional level (E.g. Sabah Service of Communion, Sarawak Service of Communion, Peninsular Malaysia Service of Communion).

2. Objectives

a) The four main objectives of CHARIS MALAYSIA are:

1. Promoting Baptism and Life in the Spirit
2. Communion within the Church
3. Ecumenism
4. Service to the Poor

b) The 4 main objectives (2a) are further detailed below :

- i. To help deepen and promote the grace of Baptism in the Holy Spirit throughout the Church;
- ii. To promote the exercise of charisms not only in Catholic Charismatic Renewal but also in the whole Church;
- iii. To encourage the spiritual deepening and holiness of people who live the experience of baptism in the Holy Spirit;
- iv. To encourage commitment to evangelisation, particularly through the new evangelisation and the evangelisation of culture, while respecting religious freedom;
- v. To encourage cooperation between communities born from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, with a view of making the experience of these particular communities available for the good of all;
- vi. To promote the ecumenical dimension of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and foster the commitment to serving the unity of all Christians;
- vii. To identify and promote specific topics that can help deepen the grace of Pentecost;
- viii. To encourage networking and cooperation between realities within the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the areas of formation, evangelisation etc.;
- ix. To promote service of the poor and social action through the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, which may also include supporting other bodies related to the service of the poor and social action at the diocesan level;
- x. To organize training and formation opportunities, according to the needs expressed by the National gathering of leaders of CHARIS MALAYSIA (CM) / NSC.

3. Membership

- a) The CM shall comprise of the Episcopal Adviser appointed by the Catholic Bishops Conference of (CBCM) ,
 - i. one (1) Diocesan Liaison appointed by each of the Bishops of the Dioceses of Malaysia,
 - ii. one (1) representative from each of the Diocese and especially from the Diocesan Service of Communion (DSC – previously known as Diocesan Service Team (DST)) if such a body exist in the diocese. If a DSC does not exist, the Bishop of the diocese may appoint a representative, whom the Bishop feels reflects the expressions of the CCR in his diocese.
 - iii. one (1) representative from each Regional Service of Communion.
 - iv. one (1) representative from the Fellowship of Malaysia Covenant Communities.
 - v. one (1) representative from the Youth.
 - vi. Members of higher and International formations (like the Sub-Committee for Asia-Oceania, etc.) will be ex-officio members of CM.
- b) It is preferable that the DSC members to CM include the Chairperson and/or Secretary. The DSC Coordinator is responsible for the running of the DSC which is in turn authorized by the local Bishop to oversee the growth of the CCR in the Diocese. The Diocesan Liaison serves as a liaison with the Bishop on matters pertaining to the CCR and to act as a Spiritual Director to the CCR in that Diocese.
- c) The offices of Diocesan Liaison and DSC Coordinator must not be held by the same person. A Priest, Religious or Lay-person may serve either as Diocesan Liaison or DSC Coordinator provided he/she can fulfill the functions associated with the office.
- d) CM may co-opt up to three (3) other members experienced in specific services or ministries in the CCR as the need arises.
- e) CM must represent all expressions of the CCR in Malaysia.

4. Qualifications:

- a) Members of CM are to be mature Catholics with experience in the CCR and be capable and committed to serve in the CM.

5. Term of Office:

- a) The term of office for CM members and members of its Executive Committee shall be for three (3) years. Renewable for another term of three (3) years, to a total of six (6) years maximum.
- b) Replacement of these members upon completion of their term of office, resignation or removal from office by their bishops or their representatives is subject to the discernment of the respective DSCs, and to the approval of their respective bishop. (If there is a DSC, the DSC proposes for the Bishop to approve. Where there is no DSC, the Bishop appoints.)
- c) There will be elections for the office bearers at least once every three (3) years by simple majority.

6. Pledge:

- a) Members of the CM shall pledge themselves in evangelical obedience to their respective bishops.
- b) In placing themselves under the guidance and authority of the Church hierarchy, members of the CM endeavour to see that the CCR in Malaysia works closely and fully with the total pastoral thrust specified in each particular diocese.

7. Executive Body:

- a) The overall function of the CM shall be carried out by an Executive Committee comprising the Coordinator, Asst Coordinator, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- b) For practical purposes, the Treasurer shall be from the Diocese of where the CM office is located.
- c) The Coordinator, Asst Coordinator and Secretary shall attend to the day-to-day running of CM and the Treasurer shall keep its accounts.

8. Secretariat:

- a) To achieve its goals, CM could set up a CM Office. The CM Office shall be located at any place as the CM deems convenient
- b) The CM Office shall maintain contact with the CCR at diocesan, national and international levels.

9. Funds:

- a) To implement its programmes, CM shall set up a fund under the name CHARIS MALAYSIA to which the DSCs/diocese shall contribute generously.
- b) Each DSC shall contribute to the CM a minimum of ten (10%) percent of what it receives annually.
- c) For CM sponsored events organized by a DSC, the net earnings will be divided in the proportion of ninety percent (90%) for the CM and ten percent (10%) for the DSC.
- d) An account under the name of CHARIS MALAYSIA shall be opened by CM, authorised by the Episcopal Advisor. The signatories of this account shall be:
 - a. The Episcopal Advisor alone, or
 - b. The Diocesan Liaison of the diocese in which the CM Office is located and the second rep from the diocese. (refer to Art 7 (b))

10. Meetings:

- a) The CM shall meet at least once a year. The Executive body will meet at least once a year or according to its needs. Whenever a member is absent, there would be no substitute.

11. Commitment:

- a) In order to carry out the Lord's work entrusted to the CM, its members are required to attend all meetings punctually and to lift each other up in prayer.

12. Diocesan Service of Communion (DSC)

- a) Each Diocese is encouraged to have a body known as the Diocesan Service of Communion (DSC) which is constituted once every three (3) years among the leaders / core team members of the prayer groups / Fellowship of Malaysia Covenant Communities / other expressions of the CCR.
- b) In the Malaysian realities, there are various languages spoken. As such, Diocesan teams are formed for each language group and then the Diocesan teams meet together and choose a common Diocesan Service of Communion, ensuring that each language group is represented in the DSC.
- c) The DSC will decide on the common programs for the diocese.
- d) The Prayer Group Core Team Elections should be completed before the formation of the DSC.
- e) The Bishop will appoint a Diocese Liaison for the DSC. The Diocese Liaison may be a priest, religious or a lay person whom the Bishop feels qualified to hold the position. The Diocese Liaison will also act as the spiritual animator for the DSC.
- f) The DSC is expected to meet on a regular basis to pray, share and review the activities and programmes conducted and to plan for future programmes.
- g) The DSC is responsible for strengthening and growth of the prayer groups / Fellowship of Malaysia Covenant Communities and other expressions of the CCR and hence, visits should be made to the groups by members of the DSC at least once a year.
- h) Members of the all higher formations like the Regional Service of Communion (RSC), National Service of Communion (NSC) and International formations (like the sub-committee for Asia-Oceania and CHARIS) will be ex-officio members of the DSC).
- i) Members chosen to the DSC and higher bodies should have a minimum of two (2) years of association with the CCR / Charismatic Realities and should have had the experience of Baptism in the Holy Spirit in a Life in the Spirit Seminar or a similar programme.

13. Regional Service of Communion (RSC)

- a) Regional Service of Communion are formed among states or Dioceses in close proximity for better coordination of CCR activities.
- b) A Regional Service of Communion is formed by election from among the representatives of the Diocesan Service of Communion and the Diocesan Liaisons appointed by the Bishops under the guidance of a member / team from the NSC and the tenure will be for three (3) years per term, to a maximum of 2 terms.
- c) The Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia may be requested to appoint an advisor to the regional teams. The advisor is the spiritual animator for the RSC.
- d) The RSC, in collaboration with the NSC/CM will be responsible for the growth and consolidation of the CCR and its' activities in all the Diocese under its' purview.
- e) The RSC will meet at least once in every 6 months or as required.
- f) Members of the NSC and International bodies like the Sub-Committee for Asia-Oceania and CHARIS from that region will be ex-officio members of the RSC.

These statutes dated 10th August, 2020, have been duly approved by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia on the 13th August, 2020. Any amendments shall require the consent of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia (CBCM).



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Coordinator of CHARIS MALAYSIA



Rt Rev Dato' Sebastian Francis
Episcopal Advisor to CHARIS MALAYSIA
Inaugural Meeting for CHARIS MALAYSIA.

On the 10th of August, 2020, the following representatives attended the inaugural meeting for CHARIS Malaysia. The attendees were:

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