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Cover -Rosemary Hufker SSND and
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Below - Region 6 Workshop attendees

MISSION STATEMENT

The Religious Formation Conference,
rooted in the Gospel,
called by God's prophetic Spirit,
and responsive to the signs of our times,
supports and serves
the ministry of lifelong formation
in religious congregations
of women and men.
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VISION STATEMENT

The
Religious Formation Conference
creates and supports
environments of transformational learning
for women and men religious
in the United States, Canada and beyond.

Our actions are shaped by
the Gospel mandate,
our vowed life,
a contemplative presence,
solidarity with those who are powerless,
voiceless, and oppressed,
an evolving cosmic consciousness,
our inter-cultural context,
and a discerning life

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**RELIGIOUS
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**Membership
2009**

National RFC Regions

Region 1 – Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut

Region 2 – New York, New Jersey

Region 3 – Eastern Pennsylvania

Region 4 – Western Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, North Carolina

Region 5 – Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Region 6 – Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee

Region 7 – Michigan, Indiana

Region 8 – Illinois

Region 9 – Wisconsin, Iowa

Region 10 – Eastern Missouri

Region 11 – Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming

Region 12 – New Mexico, Texas

Region 13 – Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Missouri

Region 14 N – Northern California, Nevada, Utah

Region 14 S – Southern California, Hawaii, Arizona, Guam

Region 15 – Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska

RFC members from Canada and other countries attend events in the region of their choice.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CONFERENCE

The national **Religious Formation Conference**, originating in the 1950's as the Sister Formation Conference, is a national organization rooted in the Gospel and called by God's prophetic Spirit. The Conference is committed to the transformative process of this same Spirit and, responsive to the signs of the times, supports and serves the ministry of lifelong formation in religious congregations of women and men. The Conference does this in a spirit of hope, collaboration and mutuality.

RFC benefits religious institutes in the US, and beyond, by creating programs and experiences that support **those in the ministry of incorporation/lifelong formation**, and for **leaders** with lifelong formation/incorporation responsibilities, and for the **members of congregations** engaged in their own lifelong formation - through

- **Electronic newsletter**, sent four times a year, to the primary and secondary representatives of member institutes/units.
- A four-volume set of **Resource Manuals** for the reference of initial and ongoing formation ministers.
- Publishing bilingual **Congress Proceedings** as resource material for members.
- Online **Membership Directory**, with regional and national RFC contacts, as well as contact information for allied organizations in the US and abroad.
- **Member Discounts** for program fees, audio-visual resources, publications, workshops for all members of the institute/unit.
- One copy of **RFC History** when published, sent to each member institute.
- Annual **Summer Forums**: "We are the Change" for updating in the theology of religious life.

- Annual **Orientation to Formation Program** for leaders and directors with resource material. **ForMission**, a two-year, 4-session program for initial formation directors.
- Annual **Life Commitment Program** for those making their final commitment in religious life.
- A biennial **National Congress** for all members of religious congregations
- **National Workshops** in non-Congress years in the regions
- An **RFC Discussion Group** (listserv) where initial and lifelong formation ministers can pose questions and share information by email.
- A **website** with public information accessible to all persons in a member religious institute and a password-protected private side with more detailed information for representatives of member congregations.
- **Consultation** services
- **Articles** and **audio-visual resources** for lifelong formation



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