

# National LEAD Conference Format Change

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The National LEAD Conference (formerly known as National Council) is an annual event conducted by the national Royal Rangers office to provide information and support to organizational leaders all across the country. Although the format has varied somewhat from year to year, this event has come to serve three primary purposes:

1. **Inform** – provide the latest program updates, training, resources, news, etc.
2. **Connect** – provide opportunities for leaders to connect with others in their district as well as those from other districts, to share ideas, and build friendships
3. **Renew** – provide a time of personal & spiritual renewal for our leaders

These purposes continue to determine the direction of LEAD. As we also continue to strive to be flexible and nimble to meet the needs of our ministry and leaders, we see value in focusing smaller in order to grow larger. It is therefore proposed that this event be moved to a bi-annual schedule (every other year) and be replaced in the off years by regional conferences supported by the national office. Benefits of making this change would include:

- Greater connection and participation from leaders in each region as they meet every other year
- Allow for strategizing for most effective ministry in each geographical area
- Venue to develop younger leaders through participation and invitation
- Provide a cost savings to districts on travel as regional conferences would be closer
- Participation in AG KidMin conferences every other year if desired
- Opportunity for District Directors to join with rest of their AG district team at the AG Leadership Conference (AGLC) during non-LEAD years

## **PARTICIPATION IN AGLC**

In years where regional conferences are being conducted, all District Directors and Executive Committee members would be invited to attend the AG Leadership Conference (AGLC) in Branson, MO in Jan/Feb to participate in general sessions relating to all district ministries, as well as special sessions for District RR Directors. This arrangement would provide the following benefits:

1. Enable District RR Directors to participate in AGLC with all the other ministry leaders from his district, and be involved in team discussions/collaborations while there
2. Provides an opportunity for District Directors to meet together as a group, share ideas, and receive more specialized support for their role.
3. Would provide a noted presence at this event where currently RR is the only church ministry not represented.

## **REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

Each region would be asked to conduct a conference on the alternating years of LEAD. This conference would serve the role of LEAD within their region. The national office would provide special support, which could take the form of pre-recorded video content, live video conferencing, presentation materials (PPTs and notes), direct participation by a national office representative, or some combination of these. Content may include:

- Devotional Messages, Worship, & Prayer
- National Updates – programs, training, FCF, RRA, etc.
- National Event Info – Camporama & Rendezvous
- Functional Breakaways – training, FCF, communications, outreach, RRA, etc.

- District Breakaways – opportunity for district teams to meet & discuss content being presented
- Workshops
- Ladies Activities
- Special leadership or ministry content provided by national office

### TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Year	Event & Location	Other Significant Events	Meetings & Content
<b>2020</b>	LEAD Dayton, OH	AG Kidmin Conference National Camporama	Exec Committee Meeting Action Team Meetings
<b>2021</b>	LEAD Tulsa, OK	AG Gen Council	Exec Committee Meeting Action Team Meetings
<b>2022</b>	AGLC Branson, MO Regional Conferences <sup>1</sup>	AG Kidmin Conference National Rendezvous	Exec Committee at AGLC District Directors at AGLC
<b>2023</b>	LEAD Tulsa, OK	AG Gen Council	Exec Committee Meeting Action Team Meetings
<b>2024</b>	AGLC Branson, MO Regional Conferences	AG Kidmin Conference National Camporama	Exec Committee at AGLC District Directors at AGLC
<b>2025</b>	LEAD (location TBD)	AG Gen Council	Exec Committee Meeting Action Team Meetings

<sup>1</sup> LEAD would not take place in the years where a major national event is planned (Camporama & Rendezvous). DD & EC would attend AGLC. All other staff would be encouraged to attend regional conferences.