

# Operational Guidelines



**ROYAL RANGERS**  
**— INTERNATIONAL —**

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**OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**  
**FOR ROYAL RANGERS INTERNATIONAL**

**NAME & PURPOSE**

The name of this ministry will be “Royal Rangers International” (RRI). RRI exists for the purpose of partnering with national Royal Rangers leaders, missionaries and church leaders from around the world to strengthen Royal Rangers in each region, to coordinate the worldwide expansion of the ministry, and to protect the integrity of the trademark and the ministry’s global identity.

**GOALS**

The mission of Royal Rangers is to evangelize, equip and empower children and youth for Jesus Christ. The specific goals of RRI are to:

SECTION 2.1: Protect the Royal Rangers trademark (owned by the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc.) and intellectual property around the world, to guard its doctrinal foundations, and to insure mature leadership is established and maintained in each region.

SECTION 2.2: Promote the Royal Rangers ministry to create understanding and favor among missionaries, national church leaders and local congregations.

SECTION 2.3: Assist and/or advise national churches in the development and maintenance of evangelistic and discipleship curriculum for Royal Rangers in their local congregations.

SECTION 2.4: Assist and/or advise in providing and/or coordinating high quality training for Royal Rangers leaders.

SECTION 2.5 Assist and/or advise in networking with existing Christian campgrounds, or securing and developing new ones, to establish strategically located Royal Rangers training and discipleship sites in each region of the world.

SECTION 2.6 Promote fellowship and mutual accountability among national Royal Rangers leaders around the world.

SECTION 2.7: Educate, mobilize, and guide qualified leaders from the various regions of the world to strengthen Royal Rangers, and to coordinate the worldwide expansion of the ministry.

SECTION 2.8 Provide *Cooperative Values and Practices* for national churches. This document is designed to under gird the integrity and quality of the Royal Rangers ministry around the world, and to promote unity and cooperation.

### **PREROGATIVES OF THE COUNCIL**

SECTION 3.1: To arrange for its meetings and programs, and to direct its affairs in accordance with these *Operational Guidelines for RRI*.

SECTION 3.2: To establish and maintain such committees and regional boundaries as may be deemed necessary to accomplish its goals.

### **MEMBERS AND DUTIES OF THE RRI COUNCIL**

SECTION 4.1: The Council may consist of the following members: The Director of RRI, who will chair all official meetings of the Council; the Director of the Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM), or his designate; the Regional Royal Rangers Coordinators and the National Royal Rangers Director, USA, representing each of the geographic regions; and other non-voting persons whom the Director may appoint.

SECTION 4.2: The duties and authority of the RRI Council: 1) Provide international and regional leadership with a servant attitude; 2) Maintain the *RRI Global Curriculum*; 3) Maintain the *RRI Training Guides*; 4) Coordinate international promotions; 5) Coordinate the worldwide production and distribution of goods, services and information; 6) Coordinate the worldwide expansion of Royal Rangers by mobilizing qualified leaders; 7) Coordinate inter-regional and global events; 8) Promote worldwide fellowship and cooperation; 9) Budget Council funds; 10) Identify international campgrounds; and, 11) Maintain the *RRI Cooperative Values and Practices*.

SECTION 4.3: Each region of the world will be represented on the RRI Council and its leader will be called Regional Coordinator. These members will be selected in one of the following ways: 1) *Appointment*: The RRI Director may appoint someone in consultation with National Directors within the region and other leaders, as necessary; 2) *Election*: National Royal Rangers Directors within a region may elect their own Coordinator. Prior to elections, the region must appoint a nominating committee of three to

five members to review the qualifications of the nominees to insure that the names presented to the body for a vote meet all qualifications for service according to Section 4.7. Election is viewed as the preferred manner of selecting the Regional Coordinator. The RRI Director, in consultation with the Council, the National Directors within the region, and other leaders, as necessary, will decide when the region is prepared to begin electing their Regional Coordinator. Until such time, the Director will appoint the Regional Coordinator. A region's ability to elect its own Coordinator is directly tied to its ability to fund the position from among the member nations. Regional RRI Coordinators, whether appointed or elected, will normally serve a term of three (3) years, and may serve successive terms if reappointed or reelected. The Director of RRI, the National Director USA, and the Director of AGWM (or his designate) serve on the Council by virtue of position.

SECTION 4.4: The Director of RRI will be an AGWM missionary in good standing and appointed by the Executive Committee (EC) of AGWM, and serves at their discretion. The Director will lead the Council in pursuit of RRI goals worldwide. By virtue of his position, the Director of RRI will serve as a member of the national USA Royal Rangers staff. The Director of RRI will be a member of the National Royal Rangers Council, USA, and will preside over the Royal Rangers USA Missions Committee, and will serve as a resource member of the National Royal Rangers USA Executive Committee. The Director of RRI will be responsible for causing to be maintained an accurate record of the minutes of all official meetings and will arrange for copies to be sent to all members of the Council within 45 days of the meeting.

SECTION 4.5: The Regional RRI Coordinators will form and chair Regional Committees to provide oversight and direction in the pursuit of regional goals. Regional Committee positions will be created by and members will be nominated by the Regional Coordinator; the region must decide if these positions are filled by appointment by the Regional Coordinator, or if they are elected positions by the National Directors within the region. By virtue of their position, the Director of RRI and the Regional Coordinator (or his

designate) are voting ex-officio members of all Regional Committees and regional sub-committees.

SECTION 4.6: The Regional RRI Coordinators will also be encouraged to form two or more Royal Rangers Regional Roundtables (the name may vary from region to region) composed of the top national Royal Rangers leaders from participating nations. Regional Roundtables are not intended to be legislative bodies, but are designed rather for fellowship, for exchange of ideas, and for cooperative planning. The Regional RRI Coordinators are expected to produce and distribute minutes/reports of all Committee meetings and Roundtables to all members, and to the Director of RRI, within 45 days of meetings.

SECTION 4.7: The general qualifications for service on the RRI Council or on Regional Committees are the following: 1) The individual must have the *support* of his/her church leaders giving faith to the individuals spiritual maturity and aptness for the position. All members of the Council will be members in good standing of a Pentecostal church; 2) The individual must have the *time & heart* to devote to the position, and feel called to facilitate the ministry of the national leaders within the region and/or around the world; 3) The individual must be *interested* in advancing Royal Rangers around the world with a cooperative spirit according to the practices and principles of RRI and as an integral member of the Council or Committee on which he or she serves; and, 4) The individual must have the *ability* to fulfill the obligations of the position and work as a team member.

SECTION 4.8: All members of the RRI Council have a voice. Those with voice and vote are: 1) The Director of RRI, 2) the National Royal Rangers Director, USA, 3) the Director of AGWM (or his designate), 4) and the Regional Coordinators.

SECTION 4.9: Council or Committee members may be disqualified from service for: 1) Unscriptural conduct; 2) Doctrinal departure from the statements of faith; 3) Incompetence in office.

#### **MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES**

SECTION 5.1: The RRI Council will meet annually, or more frequently as needed. The Director will specify the time and place.

SECTION 5.2: The Regional Committees will meet annually, or more frequently as needed. The Regional Coordinator will specify the time and place.

SECTION 5.3: Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Director or by written request of a majority of the Council members, upon due notice, whenever the need will arise.

SECTION 5.4: Members present at Council meetings or Regional Committee meetings will constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5.5: Regional Roundtables (or whatever name the region gives them) will meet at regular intervals at the discretion of the Regional RRI Coordinator in consultation with participating nations.

### **FINANCES**

Royal Rangers International will be financed through voluntary contributions from individuals, churches, civic organizations, corporations, ministries, and foundations interested in its mission as well as through required membership dues of \$100 per year, or 0.5% of their gross annual income (whichever is greater) from the national Royal Rangers ministry in a nation. Funds generated from affiliated members will go to the RRI Council for trademark protection. No one will be empowered to obligate RRI financially without specific authorization.

### **UPDATES TO THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

Updates to the *Operational Guidelines for Royal Rangers International* may be offered at any regular or special meeting of the Council, providing that due notice of the proposed changes has been presented to the Director of RRI 45 days in advance of the meeting so that he can notify all members of the Council in writing 30 days prior to any duly called meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of all members present and ratification by the EC of AGWM will be necessary for adoption.