



Sharon Price – Lyn Korte call to discuss collaboration models

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Catholic Religious Australia is a leadership organization for 145 religious groups across Australia (similar to LCWR for women religious in the United States).

They are focused on governance and canonical leadership as a priority but also providing shared services and programs. The goal is to enable local provincial leadership from the collaborative. Right now, fewer than 20 are signed up to participate in this collaboration on leadership.

CRA submitted a plan to Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, (CICLSAL) in the end of February 2020. Proposal was for the conference leadership of Catholic Religious Australia Men and Women to act as commissary—not a person specifically but the conference. The conference has a strategy for commissaries beneath that. CICLSAL closed in March so any response is still pending.

Within 20 years, there will be no eligible leadership and the future of the conference will be completely lay personnel. So with no movement from CICLSAL, the CRA is moving to plan B. In the meantime, CRA is focusing on services. CRA focused on 5 specific groups and currently working with 2 groups. They are in progress of writing a congregational will for a commissary, in the midst of planning services in hopes to have them available by end of 2021.

Identified needs are aged care plus the softer side, financial services, health care not for aged care, and life of congregation and the life of people inside it. Ministries have been set up as public juridic persons—hospitals and schools are managed by PJP.

CRA worked together with Mary Hughes from LCWR, Pat Cormack from WRC, and Carol Zinn to develop this model.

Looking at funding models going forward. So far have received sufficient donations to fund initial work. They received \$1 million in 6 weeks after requesting \$50,000. Now setting up as a user pays model. Not charging the current two groups yet other than paying for consultant who facilitates meetings. The plan is once finance systems are in place, will begin charging.

Sharon works 3 days a week and 2 days someone else works.