

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Honor Moody, RDA Examples Editor
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ReligionsWG/2023/2, Proposal to revise Term of rank or honour or office

The RDA Examples Editor thanks the Places Working Group for their work and this proposal.

Recommendation 1: Revise the definition of [term of rank or honour or office](#) to be applicable to all religions

Approve.

Recommendation 2: Remove the existing instructions for [Popes](#) and [Bishops, etc.](#), etc. from base RDA to Community Resources.

Approve.

Recommendation 3: Revise the instructions for [Other persons of religious vocation](#) to be applicable for all persons rather than those who do not have a term of ecclesiastical rank and to allow for recording multiple terms as multiple instances of this element.

Approve in principle. However, there should be a condition that makes explicit that the person is of a religious vocation, and the option should be a condition option. I also support the Technical Team Working Group's proposal that there be three condition options to represent the language preference in recording the term of rank, office, address (not included in this response).

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Condition

A person is of a religious vocation.

Condition option

Record a term of rank, office, or address in a language in which the term was conferred, in a language used in a country in which the person resides, or in a language preferred by the creator of the metadata.