

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

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Subject: Formal response to RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1, Proposal to Revise Name of Corporate Body

The RDA Examples Editor thanks the Religions Working Group for their work and this proposal, which support efforts to make instructions about religious resources and agents more general and internationally applicable in the base RDA text.

**Recommendation 1:** Remove the instructions on church councils from **Ancient and international bodies**.

Approve. The existing example for Council of Nicea under the first condition option makes is clear that “religious bodies” include church councils.

**Recommendation 2:** Remove the instructions on **Autocephalous patriarchates, archdioceses, etc.**

Approve.

**Recommendation 3:** Revise the definition of **Local places of worship** to be applicable to all religions.

Approve, with suggested revision. The condition retains the word “local,” but the word has been removed from the heading and elsewhere in the proposed text. Inconsistency in the text may cause confusion.

**Recommendation 4:** Add an option to **Religious orders and societies** to cover various cases in non-Christian religions.

Reject. I am not sure how the proposed condition option addresses non-Christian religions. The condition for preferred name of corporate body that covers conventional names ([84.78.34.67](#)) does not include a condition option for recording the official name when a corporate body has both an official and conventional name. While this does not preclude adding such a condition option for religious orders and societies, I would prefer consistency among the condition options unless there is a compelling reason to deviate.