

## Future of AMI – ANNEX A

### Working Group 1 - BGen Fr Patrick Dolan

#### General

Focus on Vatican interaction, possible UN,  
Direct assistance to members via social media

#### Communication

\*“Rebrand” image in approaches to Vatican, Military Bishops.

\*Use “Lay to Lay” invitations to other military associations and communicate AMI ethos via pocket card summaries.

\*More emphasis on the range of social media available including an AMI “App”

\*Communication with and prayer for others groups including greetings on notable occasions

\*Independent international Christian advocacy

\*Encourage a prophetic ministry amongst the Military Bishops (who may have no MIL experience)

\*Plan for young military involvement in events

\*AMI banner at Lourdes

#### Vatican Focus

\*Visit the Vatican NGO coordinator discuss expectations and challenges

\* Visit appropriate Vatican officials (especially lay directors) with a view to involvement in the 2017 Rome General Assembly

\*Liaise with the Italian Military Ordinariate

\*Invite Bishops to promulgate AMI publicity

#### Staffing/Funding/Activities

\*Engage paid staff, possibly from retired Catholic military for fund raising, communication and admin.

### Working Group 2 – Prof Fred van Iersel

#### General

Formalize working strategy, improving internal and external communications, and set goals.

#### Communication

\*Internal - use of modern communications systems is necessary to continue work and debate within AMI, between conferences.

\* Externally, by a media package to make AMI and its role wider known in the Vatican, Ordinariate, Bishopric and Military sphere.

#### Vatican Focus

\*AMI should only work directly with the Vatican and not directly with other international organisations to avoid conflicts of interests.

\*Advise the Vatican in the capacity of a politically impartial “Subject Matter Expert”.

\*Engaging with relevant Vatican registered NGOs to develop a network of Christian military organizations.

\*Consider developing the capacity to act as a conduit for Catholic moral and ethical education, in the military environment

\*Providing resources, sharing best practices and giving Catholics within the military practical support.

\*Take a greater and more prominent role in the annual military pilgrimage to Lourdes.

#### Staffing/Funding/Activities

\*Appoint a Media and Communications Officer

\*Designated national representatives

\*Consider format change for General Assembly

\*Seek further sources of funding - delegated to an AMI Finance Officer.

### Working Group 3 - Cdr Brian Parker

#### General

An analysis of NGOs worldwide indicated that AMI is, essentially, an **International Empowerment** organisation that has recently stepped up from a private international association of the faithful onto the public stage as an NGO.

#### Communication

\*Review the AMI purposes with a view to relevance and feasibility. .

\* Explore the establishment of AMI network via visits and briefing with Military Ordinariates and/or Unions.

\* Create a broad directory of people and expertise. \* Increase the general visibility of AMI at all levels.

\* Make a wide range of information available for national organisations.

#### Vatican Focus

When reviewing the purposes, due regard needs to be given to Vatican II and AMI’s founding documents.

#### Staffing/Funding/Activities

\* Increase staffing levels commensurate with expanding activities.

\*Appoint each senior AMI national delegate as the formal head and representative of AMI within his/her own country with qualified authority.

\* Consider regional groupings of countries.

\* Provide multi-lingual strategic guidance/papers.

\*Adopt a modified AMCF model of conferences.

\*Prioritise long term plans tackling them in a logical order and maintain capabilities throughout change period.

\*Answer the question from a soldier when he asks, “What must I do to join AMI?”