

Official FEC Statutes

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Member Community

An FEC Member Community meets and actively lives out all seven of the FEC membership criteria, including being fully income-sharing and providing for all the basic needs of its community's members. Member Communities have been through a Community in Dialogue phase and demonstrated long-term stability, alignment, and engagement with the FEC. Member Communities pay dues, participate in calls and assemblies, and work together with other Member Communities to oversee and carry out the operations of the FEC. Member Communities are also eligible for participation in PEACH (the FEC's large medical expense fund) and have equal access to the programs and resources of the FEC.

Community in Dialogue (CID)

An FEC Community in Dialogue (CID) is a community that's actively working toward full membership in the FEC, but isn't there yet. Communities in Dialogue embody many core FEC values and practices—like income-sharing and equal access to decision-making—but may still be developing aspects of structure, scale, or stability. Communities in Dialogue participate in FEC calls and assemblies, contribute to projects in the FEC, and may engage in LEX (Labor Exchange) or some other inter-community travel. This status is both a trial period and a collaborative support phase—the goal is to help the community become an FEC Member Community. To become a Member Community, a community must be a CID for at least one year.

Friend of the FEC

A Friend of the FEC is a community that supports the FEC's mission and is closely connected with the FEC network, but may not meet the FEC membership criteria or be interested in pursuing membership in the FEC. The only expectation for such communities is that they have an active relationship with at least one FEC member community. Ideally, they also participate in at least one FEC conference call per year. Friends of the FEC communities may benefit from being part of the FEC network and can be eligible for limited participation in programs such as online discussions, workshops, and labor exchange travel—depending on financial and other circumstances.