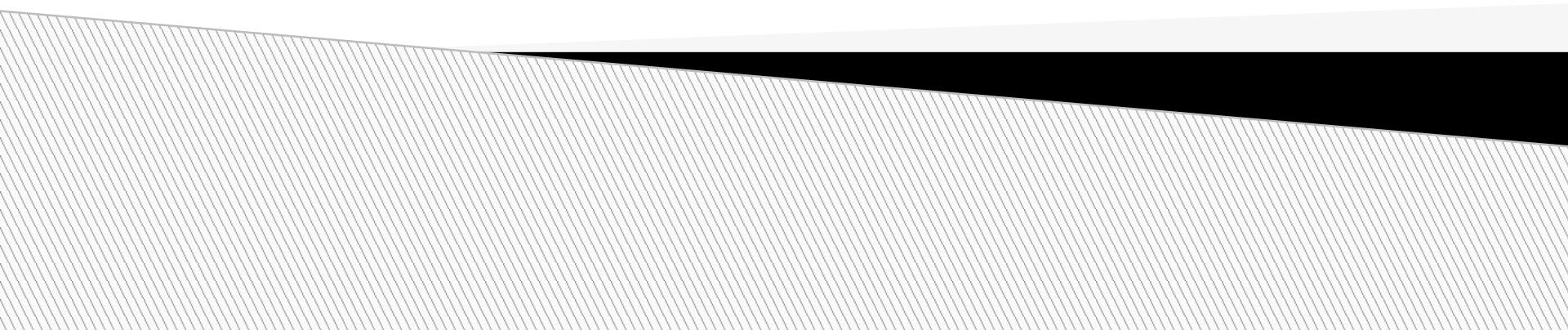


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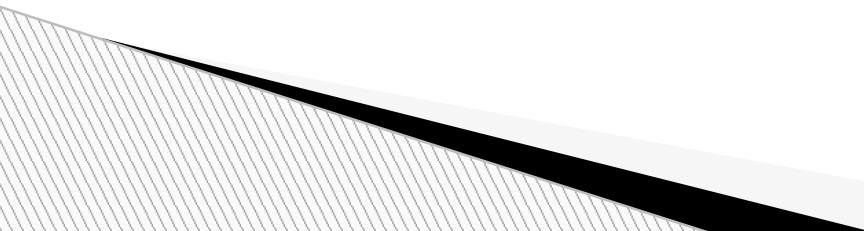
We are members living in local fraternities

We are members of a worldwide order

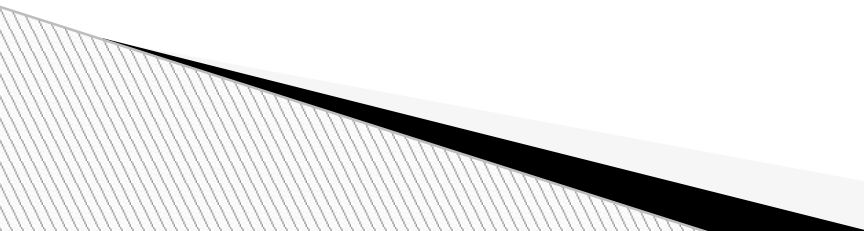
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# The Secular Franciscan Order

- ▶ As members of the OFS in local fraternities, we join together with other local fraternities world wide to form the International OFS Fraternity
  
  - ▶ Do you see yourself as a member of an International fraternity?
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# Each National fraternity is unique

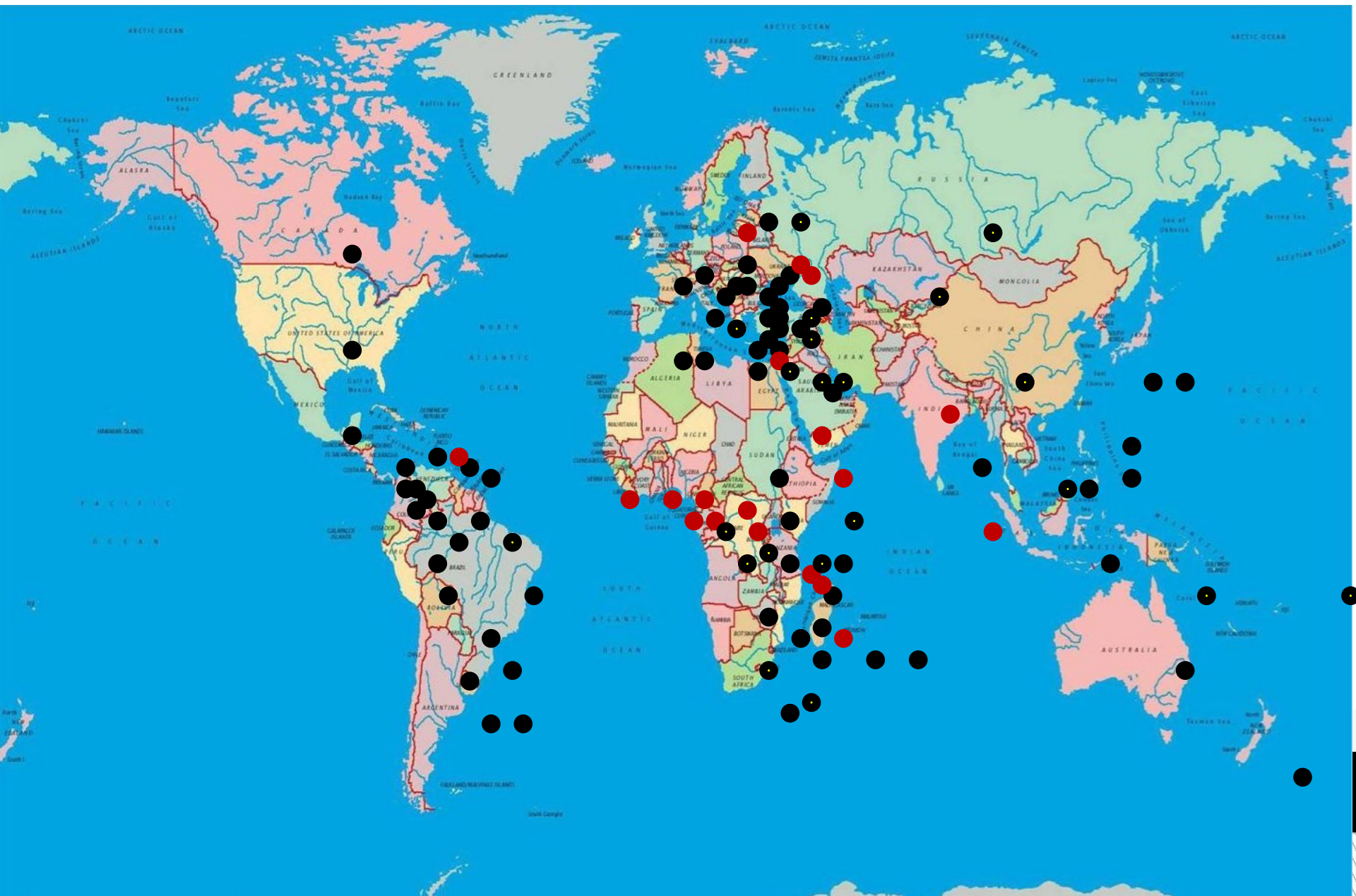
- ▶ Some don't have regions – only local and National because they are small in area
  - ▶ In Canada, we are the largest established fraternity geographically. ( Presence in Russia)
  - ▶ We also communicate in two languages
  - ▶ We have 13 regions: 3 English- speaking and 9 French speaking. OLOTA is the largest region in area.
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# International Fraternity

So, what is the International Fraternity?

The International Fraternity is the union of all Catholic Secular Franciscan Fraternities in the world (**corresponds to the Secular Franciscan Order in its entirety**)

International Fraternity is guided by International Council and International Presidency







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# Role of the International Councillor

- ▶ Each National Fraternity elects an International Councillor to serve on the International Council.
- ▶ This individual also is part of the National Council.
- ▶ The International Council is the highest governing body of the OFS”(GC 70.3) which guides and animates the International fraternity (GC 69.2)
- ▶ The International Council meets every six years for a General Elective Chapter and at least once in between elective chapters for a General Chapter. A new Presidency is elected at the General Elective Chapter to serve a term of six years.

# Role of the International Councillor

## International Councillor Responsibilities:

- Promote awareness that the National Fraternity is part of a larger reality: the International Fraternity
- Maintain contacts between the Presidency and the National Council. Ensure timely responses to Presidency requests
- - active member of the National Council
- Prepares for the General Chapter

# Role of the International Councillor

International Councillor Responsibilities (cont'd):

Attends the General Chapter and speaks- "in the name of the National Fraternity that they represent, and to present what has been entrusted to them by decision of their respective National Council. ( Int'l Statutes. Art. 7b).

Follows up by reporting on the General Chapter to the National fraternity and fostering implementation of decisions taken

# Isn't it great to be a Franciscan?

- ▶ We are also part of a world wide Franciscan family
  - ▶ Who are our other brothers and sisters?
  - ▶ The brothers of the First Order – OFMS, CAPS, Conventuals, and the TORS
  - ▶ Our sisters - The Poor Clares
  - ▶ The congregations
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