



## **Somos CEAMA - We are CEAMA**

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### **First Presential Assembly of the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon to be held in Manaus, Brazil**

From August 8 to 11, 2023, the First Ordinary Presential Assembly of the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon - CEAMA will be held at the Maromba Retreat House of the Archdiocese of Manaus.

The event will gather about 70 participants from the 9 countries of the Amazon Biome: Antilles (Guyana, Suriname, and French Guyana), Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela.

In the tradition of the Catholic Church there have been Conferences of Bishops, however, CEAMA is the only Ecclesial Conference of the Universal Church for a region, whose Assembly will include bishops, lay people, representatives of native peoples, deacons, religious and priests.

The objective of this meeting is to strengthen the identity of this Ecclesial and representative organism, the sense of belonging with the motto "We are CEAMA", to define the lines of pastoral action and to build joint strategies to visualize its Ecclesial horizon.

#### **What is the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon - CEAMA?**

CEAMA is the fruit of the Amazon Synod, which was held in October 2019, and from which emerged "Dear Amazonia", Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis with its four dreams for the Catholic Church in the Amazon: social, cultural, ecological, and ecclesial.

It was officially founded on June 29, 2020, and is currently a representative organism of the Church in the Amazon with legal, canonical, and public status.

Its objective is to help delineate the Amazonian face of the Church and promote new paths for the evangelizing mission, incorporating the proposal of integral ecology.

One of the challenges as a unique Ecclesial Conference in the Universal Church is to walk in synodality, that is, to walk together as people of God based on the encounter and active listening in the light of the Holy Spirit.

#### **The participants**

The CEAMA Assembly will be constituted, according to its Statute, by the members of the Presidency, the Executive Secretariat, the Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions of the Amazonian territory which, together with the 7 Episcopal Conferences, each appointed five delegates.

The four founding organizations of CEAMA will also be present: the Latin American Episcopal Council - CELAM, the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network - REPAM, the Latin





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American Confederation of Religious Men and Women - CLAR and Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean.

In addition, there will also be representatives of the Thematic Nuclei that emerged from the Amazon Synod: Amazon Rite, Intercultural Education, Formation of Ministries in the Amazon Church, Women and New Ministries, Inculturation and Intercultural Dialogue and the Amazon University Program - PUAM.

Additionally, there will be representatives from specialized Vatican agencies, expert advisors and other special guests linked to the Church and the Amazon.

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