

There could be several reasons a person is not receiving congregation-wide announcements via the TRCoC distribution list(s). Consider these possibilities:

1. The person has not signed up as member at the TRCoC web site. I try to add new “members” to the congregation-wide distribution list.
2. I could have missed a new “member” sign-up. Not too long ago, the folks that run the computers which actually provide the hardware for the TRCoC web site changed the way new member requests are handled. I do not see them as easily as I once did.
3. A “member’s” email address may have become obsolete. If the person changed his/her email address without letting me know then likely the email address in the distribution list(s) is also obsolete. When I send out an announcement & it hits a dead email address, I have no choice but to drop the address altogether.

There is no restriction on who can be part of the distribution list(s). A person does not first have to have become a “member” at the TRCoC web site. However, I need a first & last name & a valid email address to add a person to any distribution list.

Right now we have 3 distribution lists:

- 1) A general list for congregation-wide announcements. This list is for general information that essentially is likely to be of interest to the whole congregation. Generally, I do not forward a lot of the stuff that finds its way around the Internet like neat thoughts or pictures or political views or some such. One reason for that is because I want to maintain the perspective that the note I am sending around has some measure of importance so I just do not want to forward various kinds of junk mail using any of the lists.
- 2) A geek list is for PC-Internet related technical issues that arise from time to time. The list is not restricted but to get on it, one has to overtly ask to be on it. The reason for that is the some folks just simply do care for technical stuff.
- 3) A text mail list. This list is for sending text messages via cell phone. Generally, I use this list only for something *really* important. For example, during the spring of '08 I would have used it to send announcements about congregational meetings & other news relative to the tornado we had. At such times, a PC-based email could be unsuitable. Similarly, this list is not restricted either but one has to overtly ask to be on it since the recipient will pay for cell phone text messages.

There are several ways to be added to the general list.

1. Go to the TRCoC web page at:
 - a. TRCOC.org
 - b. Click **Contact Us** & fill in & submit the form. The form will find its way to my email inbox & I'll add you if you have included your first & last names & your email address. **OR**
 - c. Click **Members Connect**, then click **Login** followed by clicking **Become a Member**. Then complete the form with information you are comfortable with providing. Note, though, first & last names & a valid email address are the minimum required information you need to provide.

2. Send me an email directly at: joewillie2002@cox.net However, I will still have to have a first & last name & a valid email address.
3. Contact me face to face or call me.
4. Contact someone who already is on the distribution list & ask them to forward a request to me.

To get onto both the geek list & the text mail list, you need to overtly ask me through some means to be on either one or both. I never assume anyone wants to be on either list.

A distribution list member can always remove him/herself from any/all list(s) whenever the person no longer wants to be part of it.