

Reasonable Faith Chapters FAQ

Where can I find the chapter closest to me?

Our chapters directory and map: <https://www.reasonablefaith.org/chapters/directory/>

Can I start a chapter anywhere in the world?

Yes. Currently, most of our chapters are in the US, but we also have chapters in South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

Is there an age restriction for becoming a chapter director?

No. Anyone who can complete the certification process may become a chapter director.

What if I'm Catholic (Orthodox, etc.)?

Anyone who is able to affirm Reasonable Faith's [theological distinctives](#) may become a chapter director.

Do we have to meet in a church?

No. Many chapters meet in churches, but many also meet in restaurants, cafes, libraries, community centers, university campus facilities, etc. Some directors prefer non-church locations in order to provide a more "neutral" environment to attract non-Christians. We leave meeting location to the discretion of the director.

When and how often would we have to meet? How long should meetings be?

Chapters run semi-autonomously, so the director may decide when, where (see above), and how often to meet. Chapters are considered "active" if they meet at least once per month. Meeting length is also at the discretion of the chapter director. Most meet for between one and two hours, though meetings with lots of participation on a topic of interest have been known to last much longer.

Is there a particular curriculum chapters follow?

No. Chapter directors decide the direction of the chapter's discussions. This allows chapters the flexibility to tailor lessons to their particular needs. Christian apologetics touches on all facets of life in one way or another, so the range of topics covered will naturally be very broad. So long as the chapter discussion accords with the mission of the chapters, it's all good.

There's a chapter near me. Can I still open another chapter?

We may approve the opening of a new chapter in locations where one already exists, particularly in areas with large populations (for example, see the directory listings for Tucson, AZ and Tulsa, OK).

What if I have to move?

Every chapter must be led by a certified chapter director. If the director moves, the chapter either passes to another certified chapter director or dissolves. The certification also never expires, so a chapter director may set up a new chapter wherever he/she moves. Because there's always the risk of a director moving or stepping down, we encourage each chapter director to recruit and train up an assistant chapter director to help share the load of leadership, provide encouragement when things get difficult, and, if need be, step into leadership should a director move or step down.

Can there be more than one chapter director per chapter?

Yes. Several of our chapters have multiple chapter directors. Having more than one director increases continuity and allows for distribution of the leadership responsibilities, such as lesson preparation, teaching, outreach, and networking.

Can children attend meetings?

Anyone who can benefit from the meetings may attend. It may be wise to ask the chapter director for the topic in advance to prepare children with necessary background knowledge or to avoid meetings on topics of a sensitive nature.

Does Reasonable Faith provide any tools to help new chapter directors get started?

Yes. Reasonable Faith recently launched a new program called "Chapter-in-a-Box." This is a set of materials provided at no cost to directors and designed to give new chapters the best

start possible, to help to professionally brand them as Reasonable Faith chapters, and to set them up for continued success. The materials include the following:

- Glossy flyers
- Business cards
- A retractable stand-up banner
- A flash drive loaded with Reasonable Faith video content
- An RF logo table cloth
- A customizable information poster
- An RF logo collared shirt for the director
- RF Chapter logo T-shirts for early attenders
- RF logo pens

Are there ways to get connected to other chapter directors?

Yes. Communication between chapter directors occurs most frequently in the chapter directors Facebook group to which new directors are automatically added. All active directors are also given an official Reasonable Faith email account to use for organization-related purposes. Directors also receive a bi-monthly newsletter on various chapter updates. The chapters frequently use the Zoom livestreaming program for video calls. And many directors meet in person every year at the Annual Chapter Directors Meeting which occurs in conjunction with the Evangelical Philosophical and Theological Societies (EPS/ETS) conference.

What are some other benefits of opening a chapter?

In addition to being officially connected to the Reasonable Faith organization, local chapters have access to a veritable treasury of benefits including the following:

- A certificate of completion signed by Dr. Craig
- An official website chapter directory listing
- Free books for director edification
- An open invitation to the Annual Chapter Directors Meeting, attended by Dr. Craig
- Networking assistance from the National Chapters Director
- An official “firstname.lastname@reasonablefaith.org” email account
- And more!