

Amendments to the 2004 Constitutions and Statues

STATUTE 46

Approved by the 2015 General Assembly

- a) Prior to the election of the Superioress General, the Superior General consults all the members of the General Council, the Visitatrixes and the Provincial Councillors.
- b) The Superioress General with her Council tallies the names proposed in the consultations. The result is presented to the members of the General Assembly by means of a list. Each Sister remains free to vote for a Sister who is not on the list.

STATUTE 49

Approved by the 2009 General Assembly

- a) The number of General Councillors and the criteria for this choice are determined, according to the needs of the Company, by the Superioress General with the consent of her Council, after consultation of the Visitatrixes during their inter-assembly meeting.
- b) The number of General Councillors and the criteria for the choice that have been determined are communicated to the Visitatrixes before the Provincial Assemblies.
 - During the Provincial Assembly, the Visitatrix informs the members of the Assembly of the decisions of the Superioress General with her Council. The Visitatrix then organizes a consultation in view of proposing possible candidates.
 - The Visitatrix with her Council chooses from among the names suggested candidates to propose to the Superioress General.
 - The Superioress General with her Council establishes the lists of names which will be presented to the members of the General Assembly according to their membership group, at the time of discernment for the elections of Councillors.
 - The discernment process used in the General Assembly is specified in the Directory of the General Assembly.
- c) For the election, an absolute majority, calculated according to the number of members present, is required for the first and second ballot; a relative majority suffices for the third ballot. In the case of a tie, there will be a fourth ballot. If the tie remains, the Sister oldest in vocation or, if need be, in age will be elected.

d) The General Councillors, who understand that they are sent in service of the Company:

- Reflect on subjects that are significant for the life of the Company,
- participate in Council meetings and deliberate on the affairs of the Company by:
 - contributing information that they have,
 - entering into a process of discernment in view of a decision to be made,
 - giving their opinion or their consent, according to the case in question and in conformity with the Constitutions and Statues,
 - implementing the decisions made by the Superioress General with the opinion or consent of the council.

- are a link between the Provinces and the Superioress General. This link consists of:
 - promoting communion among the Provinces, the unity of the Company, while respecting valid diversity,
 - encouraging a sense of belonging to the Company,
 - supporting the Visitatrix and her Council in their responsibility for animation and formation,
 - making known the needs and difficulties that the Provinces experience.

- Assume the responsibilities given to them by the Superioress General and make, by delegation, the regular visitation of the Provinces every five years, or the extraordinary visitation.

e) The organization of the General Council is determined by the Superioress General, in agreement with the General Councillors, based on the priorities and needs of the Company.

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