

**REGIONAL MEETING NED 2019**

**VOTES**

**Common fund**

1. We desire to create a new common fund of the Order which would bring together the money freed up from suppressed monasteries.

YES 0                      NO 15                      ABSTENTION 0                      **rejected**

2. We wish to maintain and further develop the existing structures of the Order for financial management (Finance Committee) and mutual aid (Commission of Aid).

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously accepted**

3. We want the money from suppressed monasteries to be managed by the Finance Committee so that it can be reallocated to the patrimony of other monasteries in need. The Commission of Aid remains responsible for distributing this money.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously accepted**

4. We want the monasteries' voluntary contributions to the Commission of Aid to be used solely to education, health care and the facilitation of economic independence.

YES 13                      NO 1                      ABSTENTION 1                      **accepted**

5. We recommend that both commissions will make greater use of external experts.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously accepted**

**Revision Cst. 67 and Cst. 34bis**

6. We accept the proposed text of Cst. 67 redacted by the Law Commission.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously accepted**

7. We ask the Law Commission to look for a better insertion of Cst. 34bis in the existing text of Cst. 34.

YES 14                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 1                      **accepted**

8. We ask to mention in the text of Cst. 34bis the statute on accompanying fragile communities.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0      **unanimously  
accepted**

9. No. 3 of the proposed Cst. 34bis should only be mentioned in the statute on accompanying fragile communities.

YES 13                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 2      **accepted**

**Statute on Accompanying Fragile Communities.**

10. We propose as the first sentence of paragraph 8: "If, after all these efforts, the situation of fragility persists, the Father Immediate and/or the Superior, a commission of the General Chapter, Father General, will bring the situation to the particular attention of the General Chapter".

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0      **unanimously  
accepted**

11. We propose as the first sentence of paragraph 10: "If the situation of the community still does not improve, the General Chapter, at the request of the community, the superior, the Father Immediate, a commission of the General Chapter or of the Abbot General, may proceed to the suspension of the exercise of autonomy of the community."

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0  
**unanimously accepted**

12. We welcome the figure of a monastic commissioner.

YES 13                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 2      **accepted**

13. We propose as a new formulation of paragraph 14: "If the situation of the community improves and the community and/or Father Immediate are of the opinion that the exercise of autonomy can be resumed, the Father Immediate advises the General Chapter on this matter".

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0  
**unanimously accepted**

14. We ask a clarification on paragraph 17 as to whether this vote is obligatory or optional.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0      **unanimously  
accepted**

15A. We would prefer the vote referred to in paragraph 17 to be obligatory.

YES 4                      NO 9                      ABSTENTION 2      **rejected**

15B We would prefer the vote referred to in paragraph 17 to be optional.

YES 8                      NO 5                      ABSTENTION 2                      **accepted**

16. As the wording of paragraph 20, we propose: "To consider the suppression of a monastery, the General Chapter requires a written report from the Father Immediate".

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

17. We request a working paper on numbers 22, 23, 24 in the proposed Statute, taking into account such situations as a suppressed motherhouse, a motherhouse of another culture and language, and the legal and financial implications for the receiving community. The study would evaluate also if Statute 67.2.a meets the realities of the individuals and communities involved.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

#### **Cor Orans**

18. We desire that there be the same legislation in the Order for monks and nuns as far as possible and that no artificial differences are introduced between us just to be in line with Cor Orans.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

19. We request a working paper for the General Chapter 2020 with concrete proposals for adaptation of our current legislation and/or requests for dispensation with regard to the requirements of Cor Orans.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

20. In order to arrive at this working paper, we are asking for a survey among all the communities of the Order, both nuns and monks, on the points of Cor Orans that affect our own legislation.

YES 14                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 1                      **accepted**

#### **Election Abbot General**

21. Before electing a new Abbot General, we would like to have a broad discussion on the role and functioning of the

Abbot General in the light of our current needs and expectations.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

22. We are asking for a working paper on this subject.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

23. Because of the broad discussion about the role and functioning of the Abbot General, we expect the election to take place in the second half of the General Chapter 2020.

YES 14                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 1                      **accepted**

24. We demand that the new Abbot General and his Council, before the General Chapter of 2023, will make proposals regarding the structure and functioning of the Council of the Abbot General (composition, permanence, accommodation, etc.).

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

#### **Varia**

25. We ask for a revision of Cst. 39.2 with regard to the participation of both the male and female superiors of daughter houses in the abbatial election.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

26. We ask for an evaluation of the changes or delegations of paternity made by the General Chapter 2017.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**

27. We ask that the issue of the prevention of transgressive behaviour be included in no. 16 of the Statute on the Regular Visitation.

YES 15                      NO 0                      ABSTENTION 0                      **unanimously  
accepted**