

Regional Meeting Process - 2015

Some of the best practices that were shared at the Pre Chapter meeting for a successful Regional Meeting include:

1. Do place the Regional Meeting as a top priority.
2. Set aside sufficient time and choose a site where the meeting might take place with the least amount of interruptions.
3. The meeting needs to gather a “critical mass” of the brothers – consider smaller regions gathering with other regions.
4. Encourage the brothers to come prepared having reflected on the material.
5. Be attentive to the attitude we come to the meeting with, is it conducive to being open to the Holy Spirit, and are we taking counsel? Is it an attitude of gospel joy? Are we attuned to the fact that this is about personal conversion?
6. The members of the General Cenacle are responsible to insure good facilitation and reporting of the Regional Meeting.



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First moment: Prayer

- We suggest that the prayer at the beginning of the meeting not be rushed but significant in time and content. A possibility to consider is a reflection on Acts XIV call to conversion. Other options to consider are the General Cenacle prayer and a reflection on Pope Francis’ *“Joy of the Gospel”*.

Second moment: Context

- Members of the General Cenacle should share their hopes and dreams as well as what took place at the Pre Chapter. Elicit from the brothers their hopes and dreams. It is important to stay focused on the material provided and allow other issues to emerge at the end of the meeting.

Third moment: Taking counsel

In giving due consideration to each of the themes, please consider the following:

1. Reflect on and discuss each theme.
2. What is your summary response as a region? Do you affirm or not affirm this theme?
3. Give an indication of the numbers of support and non- support in your region?

Fourth Moment: Proposals

Every member of the Congregation has the right to bring proposals to the General Cenacle. Each proposal benefits from the experience of taking counsel. The Region may be a place for the taking of counsel on proposals. Proposals need to be submitted no later than March 15, 2015 to Steve Vesely for the coordinating committee.

Format for the proposal:

1. What is the issue? (community, ministry etc...)
2. What is the specific proposal?
3. How does this benefit the renewal of our life and mission as Missionary Servants?
4. With whom was counsel taken? (provide names)
5. Attempt to keep the proposal as concise as possible.