



COMMUNICATION # 2

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TO: MLC NATIONAL RESPONSIBLES

RE: DELEGATE CRITERIA FOR 6th INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Dear friends,

Twenty years ago today was the opening of the first International Meeting of Marianist Lay Communities in Santiago, Chile. This first meeting was the foundation for our international community of communities. Each international meeting has helped to solidify our global identity, our Marianist family spirit, and our mission in the Church and in the world. We offer prayers of gratitude for all the gifts of these past twenty years!

Preparations have begun for our 6th International Meeting in Lima, Perú. We will gather as an official Assembly from January 26 to February 2, 2014. Our theme is ***Faith of the Heart in the Heart of the World.***

Isabel Duarte Quapper, our Regional Responsible for Latin America, met with the preparatory team in Lima last month. Marianists from our MLC in Lima, Callao and La Libertad will be working with our International Team to prepare for the meeting. We thank Isabel and all our sisters and brothers in Perú for the work that has already been done, and ensure them of our gratitude, support and prayers.

The first step for you, as National Responsibles, is to begin the process of choosing Delegates. Delegates are the most important participants in our International Meeting. Here are some criteria to consider in your selection.

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Number of Delegates

Each country with an officially recognized MLC is entitled to one Delegate. If your country has more than 200 members, then you may have one Delegate for every 200 members.

Your Regional Responsible will inform you of the number of delegates allowed for your country.

Responsibilities of a Delegate

Each national organization chooses their Delegate or Delegates. Delegates represent their country at the Assembly. Therefore, it is important to choose a person who is both a committed member of their Marianist Lay Community and has an active involvement in and- or knowledge of the present reality of Marianist life in your country.

Only Delegates have voting rights in the Assembly. Voting procedures are used for ratifying official documents, meeting procedures, amendments to our Statutes, and International Team elections.

Delegates bring the gifts and spirit of their countries to the International Meeting. And, they bring the gifts and spirit of the International Meeting back to their country. It is important to choose women and men who will represent your communities well, and will be eager to share the international experience when they come back home.

Delegate Scholarships

We have some funds available for Delegate scholarships, but they are limited. Each delegate will be expected to pay their own Registration Costs. (Registration Costs include meeting expenses, room and board.) We will inform you of the Registration Costs as soon as they are available.

Delegates can apply for travel scholarships. Scholarships will be given based on need and availability of funds. Only one delegate per country can apply for a scholarship. This is to ensure that all countries have representation. Scholarship monies will be distributed at the meeting.

Supporting your delegate is a concrete sign of support for our International Meeting. We have one year before our meeting, so we encourage you to begin raising funds now.

Delegate registration forms and scholarship applications will be sent to you in April, 2012.

Regional Responsibles

In the upcoming weeks, we will be preparing a web-page at www.clm-mlc.org for all our International Meeting information and materials. Please feel free to contact your Regional Responsible or myself at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

We pray in thanksgiving for all our past International Meetings. Each was a gift, a source of hope and energy for our international community of communities. And we pray with confidence that the Holy Spirit will guide us all as we prepare to meet in Lima!

We do all in union with Mary for the mission of her Son,

Affectionately,

Isabella R. Moyer

