



## COMMUNICATION 2

September 12, 2017. Feast of the Holy Name of Mary

To: MLC NATIONAL RESPONSIBLES

RE: DELEGATES and SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 7<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Dear friends,

Next summer we will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our MLCs in Santiago de Chile. Our international community of communities was born there. We have walked a lot since then.

Each international meeting has helped to consolidate our global identity, our Marianist family spirit and our mission in the Church and in the world. We thank God for the gifts received during these years!

Preparations have begun for our 7<sup>th</sup> International Meeting. We will meet as an official assembly from August 12 to 18, 2018 in Seoul, South Korea. Our theme of reflection will be "**Walking Hand in Hand: The Gift of Laity to the Marianist Family**".

The local team is working intensely in the organization of the meeting. We thank Susan, our Regional Responsible for Asia, and all our sisters and brothers in South Korea for their work, generosity and enthusiasm. We assure them of our gratitude, support and prayers.

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

- **Number of Delegates**

Each country with an officially recognized MLC is entitled to one Delegate. The number of lay Marianists in the country determines the number of final delegates, one more for every 200 members. Your Regional Responsible will inform you of the number of delegates allowed for your country.

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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**

Each country will have to pay Registration Costs (these include meeting expenses, accommodation and board) and travel expenses of their delegates. We will inform you of the exact Registration Costs as soon as they are available.

We have some funds available for travel scholarships, with the aim of ensuring the presence of at least one delegate per country. Delegates can request them if they need it. Scholarships will be given based on need and availability of funds. Only one delegate per country can apply for a scholarship. Scholarship monies will be distributed at the meeting.

Supporting our delegates is a concrete sign of being a community. We have almost a year before our Meeting, so we encourage you to begin raising funds now.

Delegate registration forms and scholarship applications will be sent to you shortly.

By the end of November, we will post all the information and materials of our International Meeting on our website [www.clm-mlc.org](http://www.clm-mlc.org) Please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Responsible or myself at any time if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

May Mary our Mother accompany us along the way! May the Holy Spirit guide us all as we prepare to meet in Seoul!

Affectionately,



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