

**The 2015 Dong Hanh-CLC National Assembly
Election of Dong Hanh Leadership Team
Term: 2015-2017**

I. Forming Ad Hoc Committees for the 2015 Election of Dong Hanh Leadership Team

Every three years, Dong Hanh Leadership Team forms an ad hoc committee to coordinate the nomination and election processes at the Dong Hanh National Assembly. The election committee is made up of representatives from each region and is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- ❖ Prepare necessary materials to assist local Dong Hanh-CLC communities in their communal discernment;
- ❖ Coordinate with regional leaders to invite local communities to actively participate in the nomination and election processes;
- ❖ Register the local communities that will participate in the election process at the National Assembly;
- ❖ Assist local communities in their discernment and nomination processes;
- ❖ Finalize the list of nominees received from participating communities;
- ❖ Notify nominees and their spouses (if married) of their nomination and invite them to discern for the acceptance of the nomination;
- ❖ Work with the Dong Hanh Ecclesiastical Assistant (EA) and other spiritual directors to assist the nominees in their discernment;
- ❖ Coordinate the election process at the 2015 National Assembly;

Members of the election committee will **not** be exempted from being nominated to positions of Dong Hanh President or Vice-President. If any members of the election committee are nominated, they will withdraw themselves from the election committee, and the leadership team will fill the vacated positions with other members.

II. Election Schedule

The election process will proceed through 4 stages:

STAGE 1	From March 9 - March 29, 2015	Local community communal discernment on DH aspirations and visions with respect to the three dimensions: Spirituality-Community-Mission. Refer to enclosed Supplemental Note 1.
STAGE 2	From March 30 - April 26, 2015	Local community communal discernment for nomination of candidates. Additional Supplemental Notes to be distributed during stage 2.
STAGE 3	From April 27 - May 25, 2015	Nominees personal discernment for the acceptance of nomination.
STAGE 4	From May 28 - May 31, 2015	Election at the 2015 Dong Hanh National Assembly

III. Invitation

The Dong Hanh-CLC Leadership Team and the election committee would like to invite all local communities to actively participate in the election process as outlined above so as to communally pray and discern for the election of new Dong Hanh President and Vice-President for the 2015-2017 term.

Please send your inquiries and inputs to the Election Committee at:
dh-bbc2015@googlegroups.com

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE 1

Stage I - Communal Discernment for the vision and hope for Dong Hanh Community

What aspirations do I have for the future of DH-CLC Community and my own local community? What dreams do I hold for my own future? What or how can I contribute to fulfill these hopes and visions? Answering these questions is an attempt to search for a positive vision on the future of our Dong Hanh Community as well as our own desires. Discernment upon these aspirations by Dong Hanh communities will not only help future leadership team to realize the authentic desires DH communities have for its future, but it will also help in the discernment for nomination of candidates to the new leadership team during Stage 2.

SUGGESTIVE FORMAT FOR A COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT MEETING

1. Opening prayer – If desired, the following prayer may be considered:

Come Holy Spirit, enlighten and guide us as we make this discernment together. Grant us wisdom and love, so we may whole-heartedly share our thoughts and aspirations in a loving and supportive spirit. May we be in communion with God, and may the love of God unite us together as one. We ask for these in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2. A look at DH-CLC Community at present.

The facilitator may give the community an overview of formation activities, ministries, and directions that DH-CLC community has been undertaking at the present time.

3. Discernment for Desires.

The facilitator proceeds to help the group to be still and rest in God before entering the discernment on desires for the DH Community, their local community and their own individual desire with respect to three dimensions: Spirituality, Community and Mission. The facilitator should ask each person write down his/her thoughts to help the sharing be more coherent and succinct.

4. First-round Sharing.

Each person is invited to share with the community his/her aspirations. The community is invited to listen and receive the sharing prayerfully because the purpose is not to judge whose thoughts are more accurate, but rather to help each other in identifying the authentic desires that may enrich the life of Dong Hanh Community (Life-enhancing desires). The facilitator will need to closely monitor the sharing to keep it from becoming a debate and take note of key things from each sharing.

5. Second-round Sharing.

After a few minutes of silence, each person is invited to share and confirm what he/she feels after listening to the sharing in the first round.

6. Summarizing the sharing.

After the conclusion of the sharing, the community shall prepare a report of the discernment and forward it to the election committee no later than March 29, 2015. To be in communion with all DH communities, the election committee will post all sharing on Dong Hanh website for all communities to view.

7. Brief evaluation/Examen of Consciousness.

8. Closing prayer.