

Dong Hanh-CLC National Assembly 2018
Election of Dong Hanh-CLC President and Vice-President
Term 2018-2021

I. Forming Election Committee 2018

Every three years, Dong Hanh-CLC ExCo forms an Election 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:

1. Prepare necessary materials to assist Dong Hanh-CLC communities in their communal discernment;
2. Contact regional leaders to invite local communities to participate in the nomination and election processes.
3. Register the local communities that will participate in the election process at the National Assembly.
4. Assist local communities in their discernment and nomination processes. Finalize the list of nominees received from participating communities.
5. Notify nominees and their spouses (if married) of their nominations and invite them to discern for the acceptance of the nomination.
6. Collaborate with the Dong Hanh Ecclesiastical Assistant (EA) and other spiritual directors to assist the nominees in their discernment.
7. Coordinate the election process at the 2018 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 committee, and the leadership team will fill the vacated positions with other members.

II. 2018 Election Schedule

The election process will proceed through 4 stages:

Stage 1: February 21 - March 17, 2018

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: March 18 - April 14, 2018

Local community communal discernment for nomination of candidates. Refer to **Supplemental Notes 2** (to be distributed during Stage 2)

Stage 3: April 15 - May 12, 2018: Nominees personal discernment for the acceptance of nomination.

May 12: Last day for the Regional Leaderships to submit the list of Groups in their region that will participate in the 2018 Election, either in-person or absentee vote.

Stage 4: May 24 - May 17, 2018: Election at the 2018 Dong Hanh National Assembly

III. Invitation

The Dong Hanh-CLC ExCo 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 2018 -2021 term.

Please send your inquiries and inputs to the Election Committee at: **dh-bbc2018@googlegroups.com**

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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE 1

Stage 1

Communal Discernment for the vision and hope for our DH-CLC

- *What hopes and aspirations do I have for the future of DH-CLC, my group, and myself?*
- *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 Community. The reports from the groups' discernment helps future leadership team to realize the desires and needs of the Community; it also helps in the discernment for the nomination of candidates to the new leadership team during Stage 2.

SUGGESTED 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 at Present

The facilitator may give the group an overview of formation activities, ministries, and directions that DHTN has been undertaking at the present time.

- Formation: CRW, Elected Leadership, Guide Course, Lightworks facilitators, SEED Source
- Ministry: Lightworks, MRW, SEED
- Spirituality: Ignatian Silent Retreats, 19th Annotation
- Activities: Annual Regional gatherings, Leadership meetings, Summits of Ministries

3. Praying / Discerning

The facilitator proceeds to help the group to be still and rest in God before entering the discernment on desires for self, the group, and DH-CLC with respect to three dimensions: Spirituality, Community and Mission. The facilitator should ask each person to 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 group his/her aspirations. The group is invited to listen and receive the sharing prayerfully because the purpose is not to judge whose thoughts are correct or more accurate, but rather to help each other in identifying the authentic desires that may enrich the life of the Community. 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. Third-round Sharing (optional)

After listening to each other, invite the group to listen deeper to what God says to him/her or the group at this time.

7. Summarizing the Sharing

Each group shall prepare a report of the discernment and forward it to the Election Committee no later than **March 17, 2018**. In the spirit of community, all the groups' summaries will be posted on DH-CLC website: <http://www.donghanh.org/main/baucu.htm>

8. Brief Evaluation/Examen of Consciousness

9. Closing prayer