

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE 2

Stage 2

Discernment and Nomination of DH-CLC President and Vice President

The Dong Hanh-CLC ExCo and the Election Committee would like to invite all DH-CLC members to participate in and contribute to this process by praying and discerning to nominate the President and Vice President for DH-CLC for the 2018-2021 term.

The Election Committee would like to ask all Regional Leadership Teams and all Group Coordinators to assist with this process in the dimensions of spirituality, organization, and promotion of the communal solidarity.

Nomination Procedure

March 18 - April 14, 2018

During this stage, each group is invited to pray and discern to nominate one candidate each for the roles of DH-CLC President and Vice-President. (Refer to “Suggested Format for Nomination Meeting” at the end.)

According to DH-CLC by-laws:

1. All DH-CLC groups can participate in the nominating process. Each group is considered one Elector.
2. Criteria to be a nominee:
 - a. Be a DH-CLC member, has made permanent CLC commitment (President role); has made temporary or permanent commitment (Vice President role);
 - b. Be an active DH-CLC members for at least 5 years (President role), or 3 years (Vice President role);
 - c. Has made the 19th Annotation, or has attended multiple 5-8 days retreats.
3. The term for President and Vice-president is three (3) years. A person can serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms in any position.
4. After the communal discernment, each group needs to send the results of its discernment for nomination to the Election Committee no later than **April 14, 2018** (refer to attached “Nomination and Report Form”).
5. The list of nominees needs to be approved by the DH-CLC Ecclesiastical Assistant.
6. The Election Committee will contact and forward to the nominees these results which are very essential for the nominees to bring into their prayers and discernments.
7. Any members who feel the call to serve the community in these positions are strongly encouraged to nominate themselves to these positions. In this case, these self-nominees must obtain recommendations from two (2) DH-CLC members and must fulfill the required qualifications for the respective position as noted in “Criteria to be a nominee” above.

Questions and Answers

1. Can I make a nomination as an individual?
Except for the self-nomination, the Election Committee will only accept the nomination from each Elector (a DH-CLC Group)
2. Can my group nominate a member from another region?
Yes, provided that your group knows well the individual, his/her spiritual life, family, service, and his/her love for the Community.
3. Whom can my group contact to find out more details about certain people we want to consider for nomination?
Please contact the Regional Chair or the Election Committee.
4. Is there any limit on the number of nominees?
Each group can nominate one person for the President, one person for Vice President.
5. Can we nominate the incumbent President and Vice-President?
Yes, provided that the incumbents have not served in their positions for more than two consecutive terms.

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Suggested Format for Nomination Meeting

Preparation:

Before the meeting, the group members need to thoroughly read the compilation of vision and hopes for DH-CLC that are posted on the DH website.

The objective of this meeting is to help the group to discern the most suitable candidates who will lead DH-CLC in the next three years on its journey of becoming a more effective apostolic community. The fundamental principle here is not the decision by the majority but the consensus of the group regarding the outcome of the discernment. It is advisable for the group to invite a group guide or one who is not a member of the group to facilitate the communal discernment process to avoid any kind of distraction.

We trust the process will help the community find out God's will for DH-CLC, thus it is critical for electors and nominees to go through the process with interior freedom in order to listen and to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance. If preferred, the following prayer can be used:

Dear Holy Spirit, we ask for your light and guidance in this sharing and discernment meeting. Grant us your wisdom and love, so that we could honestly share our thoughts and desires in the spirit of love and support. Help us to be in communion with You, and may our love for You bond and unite us as one body. We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- 2. Current Vision and Hopes for DH-CLC**

The group review the vision and hopes for DH-CLC which were posted on DH website and focus on the ones that stand out.

- 3. First Round sharing.**

Invite members to nominate one for President and one for Vice President. It is not necessary that each member has to nominate, but when someone nominates, he/she is invited to share his/her discernment regarding the nominee’s spiritual life, family life, service life, love for Dong Hanh Community, and the gifts/talents of the nominee which can address DH-CLC’s current reality and needs.

Everyone is asked to listen prayerfully, to remain open so he/she can be free to change his/her own position for a more reasonable analysis and discernment.

- 4. Second Round sharing.**

Everyone is invited to share in this round after listening actively to the sharing in Round One regarding those most suitable for the roles of President and Vice President. If the group listens actively and remains open, then it is most likely that there will be shifts in positions from the First Round, and a consensus will gradually surface.

- 5. Third-round sharing (optional)**

After listening to each other, invite the group to listen deeper to what God says to him/her, the group, or the larger community at this moment. Perhaps a confirmation from the consensus, or a sense of God’s presence and at works.

- 6. Confirmation of Consensus and Report.**

If a consensus is apparent, the facilitator can summarize and ask the group to confirm it.

If a consensus is not apparent, the facilitator can present the group with two (2) options:

- a) The group will take the sharing into further prayer and cast the vote at the next meeting.
- b) The group will take a vote now to confirm the nominees.

- 7. Evaluation/Examen**

- 8. Closing prayer**