

Proposed Enactments



Awakening *Despertar* *Pagkamulat*

GENERAL CHAPTER 2022

Awakening, Despertar, Pagkamulat

Prayer for General Chapter 2022

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O Divine Awakening,
stirring our hearts
opening our eyes
enlightening our minds.

We embrace your unfolding Presence
in each *encuentro* with one another,
with all those in need,
and with Earth, our common home.

We dare to risk
the transformative change
that is being asked of us
as we co-create the future.

O Divine Awakening,
enkindle our creative fire.
Awaken us to Love.

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Preamble

In these transformative times of global chaos and Paschal hope, accompanied by epochal shifts in religious life, we Dominican women preachers of the Gospel – richly diverse and united in Spirit – are emboldened to take part in the evolutionary awakening of human consciousness so urgently needed for the common good of our world, Church, and Earth home. We commit to taking our part in this awakening through these Enactments.



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Spirituality Proposed Enactment

Rooted in our Dominican tradition, and growing more conscious of our evolving universe, we seek to embrace fresh new understandings of Christian spirituality unfolding in this twenty-first century and commit to living into the transformation these understandings will require, personally and communally, as we continue our sacred spiritual journey.



Spirituality Strategy 1

Design methods to facilitate in-depth study of how awareness of evolution generates shifts in consciousness, and conditions and changes our understanding of God, Christ, Church, Christian Life and Spirituality.



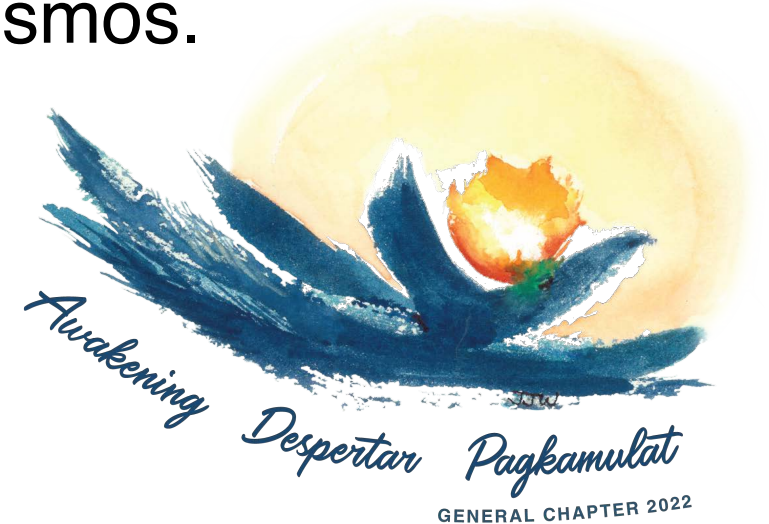
Spirituality Strategy 2

Continue to participate in structured, contemplative conversations, sharing the rich fruits of our study with one another and those we encounter.



Spirituality Strategy 3

Engage with others in creating and celebrating rituals, common prayer, and liturgical worship that reflect today's deepening Christian theology of God as experienced through our expanding understanding of the cosmos.



Diversity Committee

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Diversity Proposed Enactment

Rooted in the joy of the Gospel, we will embrace and nurture our rich diversity and commit to deepening our relationships with one another and with others for the sake of the Mission and the Beloved Community.



Diversity Strategy 1

Recognizing racism, white supremacy, colonialism, classism, and regionalism as heresies which underlie systems that oppress and fracture the Beloved Community, we call ourselves to become an anti-racist community and study to understand the impact these heresies have on societal structures, including religious life.



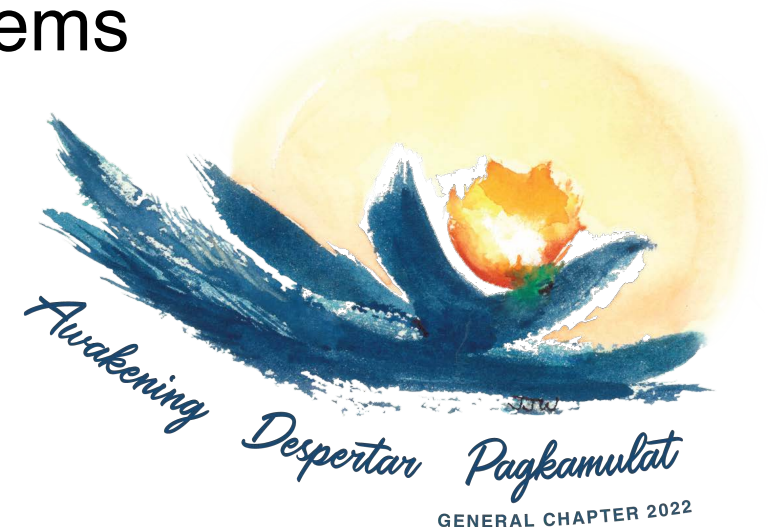
Diversity Strategy 2

As a congregation we will walk with immigrants in their struggle, working towards systemic change in immigration policy and committing our resources to the needs of immigrants in various ways including witness, advocacy, direct service, presence and education.



Diversity Strategy 3

Promote the joys, implications and requirements of living in a multiracial democracy by re-living and redefining “itinerancy” to place ourselves structurally, physically and/or virtually in community with people marginalized by systems of oppression, establishing intercultural communities where we can live and do mission together.



Sustainability Committee

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Sustainability Proposed Enactment

We commit to embrace the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform as an essential focus of the Congregation for the next six years.



Sustainability Strategy 1

Deepen our contemplative presence and practices and share our understanding through ecological education in our ministries in the light of our charism to preach the truth.



Sustainability Strategy 2

Recognize the breadth of integral ecology in *Laudato Si'* and act to confront systems of domination that impact people who are poor, women, immigrants, and people of color.



Sustainability Strategy 3

Mitigate our impact on climate change and ecological degradation by individually and communally reducing our fossil fuel use and carbon footprints each year to conform with goals of the Paris Agreement to keep global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Centigrade.



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Women Proposed Enactment

Recognizing the injustice caused by patriarchy which maintains the subordinate status of women and girls throughout the world, we will strive to dismantle/transform patriarchy to attain gender equality and women's full and equal participation and decision making in every aspect of Church and society.



Women Strategy 1

Awakened to our own complicity in patriarchy, we call one another to engage in educational research and practices to deepen our awareness of patriarchal structures and recognize our contributions to it for the purpose of developing strategies and actions to dismantle/transform patriarchy.



Women Strategy 2

To establish a Women's Commission to raise our consciousness and address concerns of the subordination of women and to engage in collaboration with existing groups and agencies involved in bringing about gender equality and freeing women from patriarchy.



Women Strategy 3

We commit to study inclusive language and promote/practice and implement the use of inclusive language in our thinking, speaking, writing, preaching, advocating, and praying.



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Dominican Life Proposed Enactment

We, Joyful Dominican Preachers, are searching for a new communion by continuing to deepen relationships. Trusting in the Spirit and embracing the tremendous gift of our charism and our rich diversity, we invite others to become part of a beloved community.



Dominican Life Strategy 1

We reaffirm our commitment to vowed Dominican life and engage in dialogue among ourselves and other religious to discern how we are called to live it out in this day, promising our prayer and resources.



Dominican Life Strategy 2

We will work collaboratively with other Dominican congregations in vocation, formation, ministry, and community living.



Dominican Life Strategy 3

We commit to creating intentional communities of hospitality and mission that can welcome seekers, discerners, and newer members, who are striving to respond to God's call.



Recommendation for General Chapter

We recommend that the Sisters on campus be engaged in a comprehensive study of resident life.

