Elements of Governance

Leadership Council - Number to be discussed at April CC
Chapter - To be addressed at April CC

Model A

Coordinating Council
- Reps elected at large and number TBD
- Meets twice a year.
- Is inclusive of sisters and associates.
- Purpose of CC: see Constitutions Article 108

Assembly
- Meets twice a year.
- Is inclusive of sisters and associates.
- All are encouraged to participate at their level of capacity: participant, participant observer, observer, and prayer partner.

Community Circles
- Community circles are encouraged to self-organize and continue meeting to build and strengthen relationships, for faith sharing, socialization and support.
- Will not be a part of the governance structure.

Model B

Hybrid model for transition

Coordinating Council
- Two options for the election of CC representatives:

1. Circle Rep - If a circle decides to continue as a governmental unit, it will elect one representative from their circle. No other at large rep can be elected from that circle.
2. A community circle does not continue as a governmental unit, then each sister will elect representatives at large.

Both options will exist in this plan for election of representatives to the CC.

- Number of elected reps TBD
- Meets twice a year.
- Is inclusive of sisters and associates.
- Purpose of CC: see Constitutions Article 108

Assembly
- Meets at least once a year.
- Is inclusive of sisters and associates.
- All are encouraged to participate at their level of capacity: participant, participant observer, observer, and prayer partner.

Community Circles
Each community circle will have one of two options:
- To remain as a governmental unit providing a rep to the CC and adhering to the constitutional requirements of membership for a circle.

OR

- They will have the option of not continuing to function as a governmental unit and electing representatives at large.

Community circles who do not remain as governmental units are encouraged to self-organize and continue meeting to build and strengthen relationships, for faith sharing, socialization. and support.

Model C

Consultors Circle
- Create a Consultors Circle that will act as advisory to the LC in areas of Chapter Directions, life, mission, and common good of the congregation.
- Meets quarterly with the leadership council.
- Term and number TBD
- Majority elected, some appointed
- Includes at least one associate.

Assembly
- The Assembly becomes the place of mutual accountability between the Leadership Council and membership.
- The Assembly replaces the Coordinating Council.
- Meets twice a year.
- Is inclusive of sisters and associates.
- All are encouraged to participate at their level of capacity: participant, participant observer, observer, and prayer partner.
- Attendance as a participant requires a two-year commitment i.e., 4 assemblies.

Community Circles
- Community circles are encouraged to self-organize and continue meeting to build and strengthen relationships, for faith sharing, socialization and support.
- Will not be a part of the governance structure.

The Blessing Circle will remain a non-governmental circle that supports the congregation through their ministry of prayer.

Model A	Model B	Model C
PROS of Model A **Coordinating Council** • Retains a representative and intermediate form of governance. • Specified term of three years for CC reps **Assembly** • Continues to provide participation and feedback for all who are in attendance. See Constitutions Supplement S-1 and S-2. • Is inclusive of sisters and associates. **Community Circles** • As non-governmental units eliminates the need to elect reps in community circles and to meet minimum number of members in Mission Circles. • Agendas are determined by each circle.	**PROS of Model B** **Coordinating Council** • Retains a representative and intermediate form of governance. • Specified term of three years for CC reps • Provides a transitional hybrid option of representation at CC. **Assembly** • Continues to provide participation and feedback for all who are in attendance. See Constitutions Supplement S-1 and S-2. • Is inclusive of sisters and associates. • This model provides the option for a hybrid form of representation at CC with at large reps and governmental circle reps.	**PROS of Model C** **Consultors Circle** • Provides the opportunity for shared leadership between the Leadership Council and membership. • Provides input and consultation from members to leadership and vice versa. • Widens the circle of leadership. **Assembly** • Provides immediate and direct participation and responsibility for governance by each member. • Is inclusive of sisters and associates.
CONS of Model A **Coordinating Council:** • Reps not accountable to a circle but to the whole • May not have enough individuals willing to serve on the CC • New methods of communication between CC and members will need to be determined. **Assembly** • Because it is two times per year, it will mean more resources expended (housing, time, etc.). **Community Circles** • Commitment to community circles may not be as motivating if not connected to governance.	**CONS of Model B** **Coordinating Council** • Adjustment to a hybrid form of representation • May not have enough individuals willing to serve on the CC • New methods of communication between CC and members will need to be determined. **Community Circles** • Commitment to community circles may not be as motivating if not connected to governance. • Agendas will be more dependent on circle initiation for non-governmental circles.	**CONS of Model C** **Coordinating Council** • Loss of representative form of governance as we have known it **Community Circles** • Commitment to community circles may not be as motivating if not connected to governance.