



Recommendations from the General Assembly for 2009 – 2013

INITIAL AND LIFELONG FORMATION

A. Proposal: That the IFC-TOR council and staff continue the Itinerant School of TOR Spirituality, giving priority to countries, regions, and language groups presently without access and opportunities throughout the world. Continue to include education in non-violence, integrity of creation and other relevant topics and incorporate the evangelical life and the Franciscan theological tradition. Encourage the development and use of audiovisual and internet resources.

B. Proposal: That the IFC-TOR consider offering international programs for formation personnel and/or brothers and sisters in formation.

C. Proposal: Re-engage members in the study of our Rule and Life, beginning with Chapter IX on the “mission”.

Proposal: Bring newer members to Assembly 2013.

Proposal: Create, new resources for initial and ongoing formation and publish and make-known existing ones.

COMMUNICATION

- Proposal: Create a committee to:
- i. develop strategies for reflection and action at the grass roots level about becoming a “disturbing presence” in our world today;
 - ii. promote greater Franciscan visibility, voice and vision in the world and the Church through personal/institutional relationships and the world-wide-web;
 - iii. inform and invite members to respond to global emergencies and critical situations.

JPIC

Proposal: Identify and give concrete expression to ways that the brothers and sisters can be a “disturbing presence” in facing contemporary challenges and crises.

Proposal: Through word and work promote innovative dialogue in the areas of:
peace and reconciliation

ecumenism

- iv. diversity of cultures, peoples, religions and denominations
- v. care of the poor and of the earth

Suggestions:

Maintain some form of contact with the congregations who have withdrawn their membership.

Have the IFC-TOR inform the members about the pressing needs for pastoral ministers to assist those currently living in these “frontier” communities.

Continue to identify new TOR congregations and invite them to join the IFC-TOR.

Continue to work towards retrieving the original brother-sister relationships among the branches of the Franciscan family.