



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IFC-TOR COUNCIL 2013

### I. COMMUNICATION

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1. Seek ways of connecting with (other) Federations;
2. Designate ONE council member with responsibility for public relations.
3. Link the IFC-TOR web-site with other websites of common interest.
4. Pass information from the outgoing IFC-TOR council to the incoming council.
5. Consciously use modern mass media in every possible form.

### II. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1. Diversify the Assembly prayer and worship with various cultural expressions of the faith;
2. Put more energy and time into cultural exchange during the Assembly. The final statement is important, but it's not the only goal.
3. Allow the conversation in language groups free rein (The process is too Western/literary, and not sufficiently rooted in orality of story-telling.)
4. Have some "stand-up testimony" in full assembly, from persons of various cultures, preferably BEFORE the formal presentations, embodying ways people already own the theme.
5. Invite speakers on Franciscan themes, and have participants, including young members of the Franciscan family, from various continents on a panel to reflect on our Rule and Life.
6. Invite people from other confessions or religions to share their experiences and give input on common Franciscan values (e.g., peace, justice, care of creation).
7. Consider having a Portuguese language group and Portuguese translation at the next General Assembly.
8. Use channels of social communications/Catholic media during the assembly.





**IFC-TOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013**

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### III. NEEDS

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1. Make “experienced formators” available as “travelling animators” for countries in need of help?
2. Develop a way that congregations in need can receive funds from other institutes.
3. Develop or repeat programs (Itinerant School) to train formators.
4. Promote continental gatherings of the general ministers between assemblies.

### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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1. Consider allowing General Council members to serve as IFC-TOR Councilors (Statute 8.2.4).
2. Continue encouraging the congregations who do not participate in the IFC to join or collaborate.

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