

OS tilled by the Wisdom of God
and rooted in our
contemplative prayer, communal study and
life in community, we challenge heresies of
local and global domination, exploitation,
and greed that privilege some, dehumanize
others, and ravage Earth.

We confront our racist attitudes
and root out racist practices
in our lives and systems.

We confront systems
where women are
denied freedom, equality,
and full personhood.

We walk in solidarity with people
who are poor
and challenge structures
that impoverish them.

We practice non-violent
peacemaking.

We promote lay leadership
and shared decision-making
for a renewed Church.

We live right relationships with
Earth community.

We claim the communal authority
and responsibility of our
Dominican heritage.

AD e commit ourselves
to live this Vision.

General Chapter 2004,
Reaffirmed at General Chapter 2010 and 2016.

Additional Recommendation of the General Chapter:

*We propose that the General Council
in collaboration with institutional
leaders:*

- *Explore evolving modes of sponsorship that challenge and prepare lay leaders to assume increased responsibilities as our partners in mission.*
- *Provide formation materials and other resources to assist local mission effectiveness personnel as needed in educating and promoting our charism within the institution.*
- *Educate our membership about the responsibilities of sponsorship.*



Adrian Dominican Sisters General Chapter 2016

...a great hope
in common

— Teilhard de Chardin, SJ



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Mission

AD n the mission of Jesus
we Adrian Dominican Sisters
discover and identify ourselves
as women called together
to share faith and life
with one another
and sent into our world
to be with others
bearers and recipients
of his love,
co-creators
of his justice and peace.

Adrian Dominican Constitution and Statutes, 1.6

Vision

AD e Dominican
Preachers of Adrian
impelled by the Gospel
and outraged by the injustices
of our day
seek truth;
make peace;
reverence life.

General Chapter 2016 Enactments

Rooted in the Gospel, we recognize our own spiritual longings and those of the world. We commit to deepen our spirituality and to engage with others in prayer and presence in order to witness to the mystery of God in our midst.

Proposed Strategies:

1. Create opportunities for spiritual enrichment, communal dialogue, and theological studies, informed by the experience of people who are poor; women; racial, religious, and cultural diversity; and the new sciences.
2. Promote the Adrian Dominican Sisters campus and other sites as places of reflection, discussion, prayer, study, rest and conversation.
3. Expand our use of online technologies as a means to express our Dominican spirituality.

Recognizing the violence against Earth community that places our common home in dire jeopardy and intensifies the suffering of people on the margins, future generations and all creation, we will sacrifice to mitigate significantly our impact on climate change and ecological degradation.

Proposed Strategies:

1. Intensify our sustainability practices by individually and communally reducing our fossil fuel use by 30% by 2022 and collaborating in our areas to build alternative energy networks.
2. Reduce our consumption of products that have significant negative impacts on the environment, such as those using unsustainable farming practices, excessive transportation requirements, and/or disproportionate amounts of waste.
3. Implement comprehensive programming for study that integrates the moral obligation to act for the common good of people and planet, beginning with a focus on water as sacred.
4. Move towards implementation of permaculture design principles in all our Congregation properties (land and buildings), providing care of Earth and public witness.

Recognizing that racism, violence, and intolerance of diversity fuel marginalization, we pledge our lives, money and other resources to facilitate and participate in creating resilient communities with people who are relegated to the margins, valuing their faith, wisdom, and integrity.

Proposed Strategies:

1. Identify 15 sites where Adrian Dominicans are ministering to create collaborative strategies that will foster resilient communities.
2. Reassess all funds that are used to support ministries, and commit up to \$10 million for this new endeavor.
3. Use the Adrian Dominican network to advocate for systemic change.
4. Consider, individually and in Mission Groups, how we are complicit in the systems that relegate people to the margins.

Rooted in the joy of the Gospel, we will embrace and nurture our rich diversity, commit ourselves to deepening our relationships with one another, invite others to vowed and Associate life, and expand collaboration for the sake of the Mission.

Proposed Strategies:

1. Develop creative opportunities to promote understanding and respect of our diverse cultures.
2. Engage in a creative process to promote communication and further develop skills to have difficult conversations.
3. Engage in strategic initiatives that invite and enable women to discern vowed life.
4. Journey with Associates as their identity evolves.